

NATIONAL BUSINESS RESPONSE NETWORK

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Connecting national business support to local needs

We were founded over 40 years ago by HRH The Prince of Wales and we are the oldest and largest network of our kind convening businesses on resilience, response and long-term recovery. When floods, cyber-attacks or riots strike, we match need with the enormous support that the private sector can offer. We know the impact that the private sector can have at times like these and our members tell us every day how much they want to make a difference to those most in need - that is why we have launched our **National Business Response Network** to link business support to community need in the right place, at the right time and at the right scale.

We are mobilising the collective resource of The Prince's Responsible Business Network, the 750 companies in our membership, and our partners with much needed resources, capacity and desire to help.

Community needs

Through our local connections with community groups, schools, local authorities, local resilience bodies, charities and small businesses and local leaders on the ground, the following community needs have been identified:

- **Food:** Ensuring people have continued access to food.
- **Technology:** Support to enable children to continue learning, and older people to stay connected to families.
- **Social care:** Support to vulnerable groups and older people to enable continued access to food, healthcare, social interaction and other essentials.
- **Small business support:** Resources with advice & practical tools specifically for small businesses; providing business continuity and wellbeing support through mentoring for small businesses.

Offers of support

The business resources we will be matching to community needs include:

- **Food (inc. storage and transportation):** Donations of food have been received from offices (with closed canteens), transportation providers (unused stocks) and others, with logistics and storage companies assisting with transportation.
- **IT Equipment:** Businesses are offering us end-of-life IT equipment to enable young people from low income families to continue learning despite school closures.
- **Logistics:** Help to get offers of support to where they are needed most.
- **Skills:** Much needed skills and resource to assist from manning helplines to providing advice/support to charities.

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If you are in need of support, or a business able to offer support – visit <http://www.businessresponsecovid.org.uk>, or call our hotline (provided by SecuriGroup) on 0141 285 3821.

