

# SAGI – REGIONAL FORUM –FIG 2021

## EFFECTS OF COVID-19

Covid has had a devastating impact on the Survey profession in South Africa.

- We already had a weak economy and then had a hard lockdown including a full business closure for some time.
- The effects are different across different age demographics of the profession.
  - Those close to retirement, brought such forward or reduced operations to consulting to clients from home – no intention of upscaling again.
  - Well established practitioners downscaled (staff and in many cases offices),
  - Younger professionals financially forced to close business (lack of wide client base to sustain their practices).

Overall: High unemployment of surveyors, few Jobs available, new work (contracts / projects) not sufficient for the market.

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South Africa has a very good number of graduates from universities, but for many, there exists no or little employment opportunities or article positions. Disillusionment amongst the youth, newly graduated and or young professional is very high.

While the numbers of Women graduates is climbing – it remains low and challenging in terms of encouraging women to take up the profession. Employment of women tends to be largely in the Public sector and very few in the Private sector.

The effects of Covid on SAGI as an association has been mixed,

- Due to Government and Business needing to talk – associations have formed “value sector chains” to represent entire sectors as a single voice. Thus, widening understandings between role-player’s, establishing permanent groupings and links to others.
- SAGI has experienced a slowdown of new members, but increased reliance on the association for direction and guidance by members.