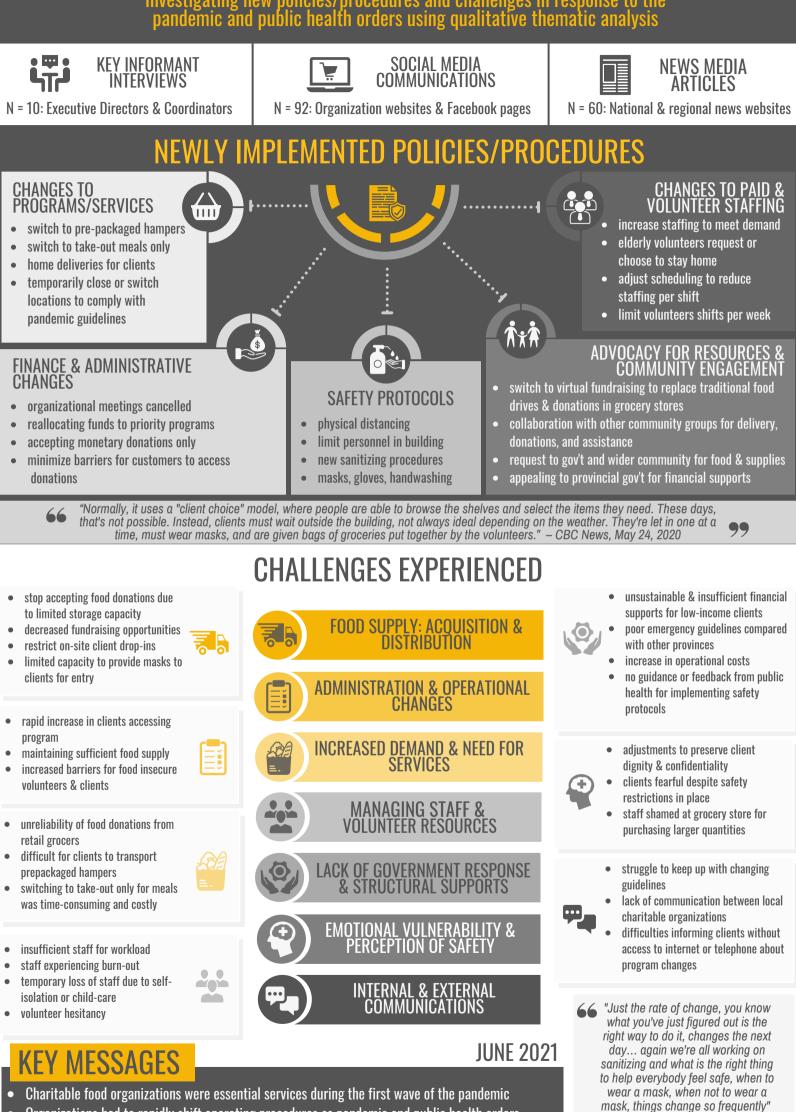
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Investigating new policies/procedures and challenges in response to the pandemic and public health orders using qualitative thematic analysis



- Organizations had to rapidly shift operating procedures as pandemic and public health orders evolved, while coping with fewer staff (paid and volunteer)
  - High stress because of the unprecedented economic changes converging with public health orders: more clients & fewer donations; lack of government support
  - Pandemic exposed how quickly food insecurity can increase, and problems with how we respond to food insecurity. Pandemic planning needs to account for food security; build 'resilient communities'

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