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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SURVEY ON ORGAN DONATION: BLACK, MIDDLE EASTERN AND MAGHREBIAN COMMUNITIES UNDER-REPRESENTED**

**Montreal, April 22, 2025** — As part of National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week from April 20 to 26, Transplant Québec today announced new data on the perception of organ donation and organ donation intentions among Quebec's five largest cultural communities. According to a survey conducted by Léger, a greater propensity for donating organs after death was observed among Indigenous and Latin American communities (80%) compared to their Caucasian counterparts (close to 75%). Conversely, the lowest such propensity was observed among members of Black (just over 40%) as well as Middle Eastern and Maghrebian communities (about 50%).

"With this survey of cultural and religious communities in Quebec, we wish to better understand perceptions of organ donation and transplantation and the motivations and apprehensions related to it. The data collected will be essential in that it will allow us to further refine our actions and activities with an eye to reaching an even greater proportion of the population," explained Martine Bouchard, Executive Director of Transplant Québec.

Black, Middle Eastern and Maghrebian communities stood out compared to the other communities surveyed. Among the different factors that can influence the intention to donate organs, religion may have a role to play. In fact, a significant proportion of believers, specifically Christians and Muslims from these communities, state that they would not donate their organs, which suggests that religious beliefs can influence this decision.

#### **A lack of information attesting to the importance of awareness promotion**

While the intention to donate organs after death is lowest among Black, Middle Eastern and Maghrebian communities, it was also among these communities that the highest number of respondents (about 60%) stated that they were poorly informed about the steps to take to make their intentions known. This tendency is inversely proportionate among Indigenous communities, where 63% of the people surveyed stated that they were well informed.

"These results attest to the need to continue our awareness and information activities with the Quebec population and all the province's cultural and religious communities. Transplant Québec is committed to this process and wishes to step up its actions in light of the data revealed by this survey. We have all the tools to ensure that Quebec reaches its full potential so that more lives are saved," added Martine Bouchard.

Given that Quebec wishes to improve its performance in relation to organ donation and transplantation, notably through the adoption of a specific and comprehensive law, it is important for the law to provide concrete solutions, including for improving existing methods of making one's intentions known regarding organ donation after death through the establishment of a single online window that simplifies the consent process.

### At a glance

- The perception of organ donation is positive **for an average of more than four in five people** from Asian (84%), Indigenous (84%), Latin American (82%), Caucasian (76%), and Middle Eastern and Maghrebian (74%) communities. Respondents from the Black community hold the least positive perception (60%).
- **A strong majority** of people from Indigenous (82%), Latin American (79%) and Caucasian (74%) communities intend to donate their organs after death.
- **Fewer than one in two Black people (41%) and one in two Middle Eastern and Maghrebian (51%) people** intend to donate their organs after death.
- Indigenous (63%) and Caucasian (55%) respondents are those that **consider themselves well informed** about the steps to take to make their final wishes known.
- Conversely, Middle Eastern and Maghrebian (63%), Black (56%), Latin American (52%) and Asian (47%) communities are among those that **consider themselves to be poorly informed**.

### About Transplant Québec

The Minister of Health and Social Services has mandated Transplant Québec to save lives and improve the health of persons in need of a transplant by coordinating the organ donation process, ensuring the equitable allocation of organs, supporting best clinical practices through consensus building and the mobilization of its partners, and promoting organ donation in society. Transplant Québec strives to ensure that as many Quebecers as possible who are waiting on an organ can receive a transplant in a timely manner.

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