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Smart Work (More Remote, Lower Cost)

Which smart work practices will remain after the crisis? How can we optimize for safety, productivity, and effectiveness while realizing cost savings?

- Who should work remotely in my organization?
- What should the newly balanced model be?
- Which tools do we need for remote collaboration?
- How do we keep motivation and productivity high?
- Can we translate changes to OPEX savings?

Find the right balance between on-site and remote...

On-site work benefits

- Easier communication and social interaction
- Better group creativity and problem-solving
- More “chance” encounters yielding potential benefits

Remote work benefits

- Easier social distancing
- Lower infrastructure costs
- Better environmental footprint
- Reduced commuting and travel time

and pull the right levers to make it work...



for safety, productivity, effectiveness, and cost savings

Example

Insurance company

~40%

target for remote work

~20-40%

reduction in number of desks¹

~10%+

reduction in leasing expenses

~20-40%

reduction in travel expenses

1. Based on 0.6 desks/employee
Source: BCG

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Physical and Mental Health

How do we ensure employee safety?
How can we manage increased stress and make working models sustainable?

- What physical health and safety measures should be maintained for rebound preparation?
- What mindfulness and mental health measures can help employees improve their wellbeing and performance?
- What innovative tools can we leverage to optimize for customization and access?



Ensure physical health—non-negotiable for operations

- 1 | Update emergency protocols
- 2 | Create transparency for workforce
- 3 | Increase hygiene standards
- 4 | Guarantee social distancing
- 5 | Track infection chains

Example | App manages operational safety



Safe@Work

- Targeted information
- Crowd density alerts
- Contingency staffing
- Workspace management
- Compliance monitoring
- Self-reporting
- Infection tracing

Foster mental health—more critical than ever

Example | Service provider offers employees mental health training

Mental health training	Stress management	Positive thinking	Collective intelligence
	Habit review	Asking for help	Mindfulness
	Psychological safety	Emotion regulation	...



- +22% Employee focus¹
- 30% Stress level²
- 50% Burnout rate²

1. Mayer (2018): Mastering Digital Transformation with Mindfulness; SAP Blog (n = 650) 2. Aikens (2014): Mindfulness Goes to Work Impact of an Online Workplace Intervention; Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (n = 89)
Source: BCG

Flexible Workforce

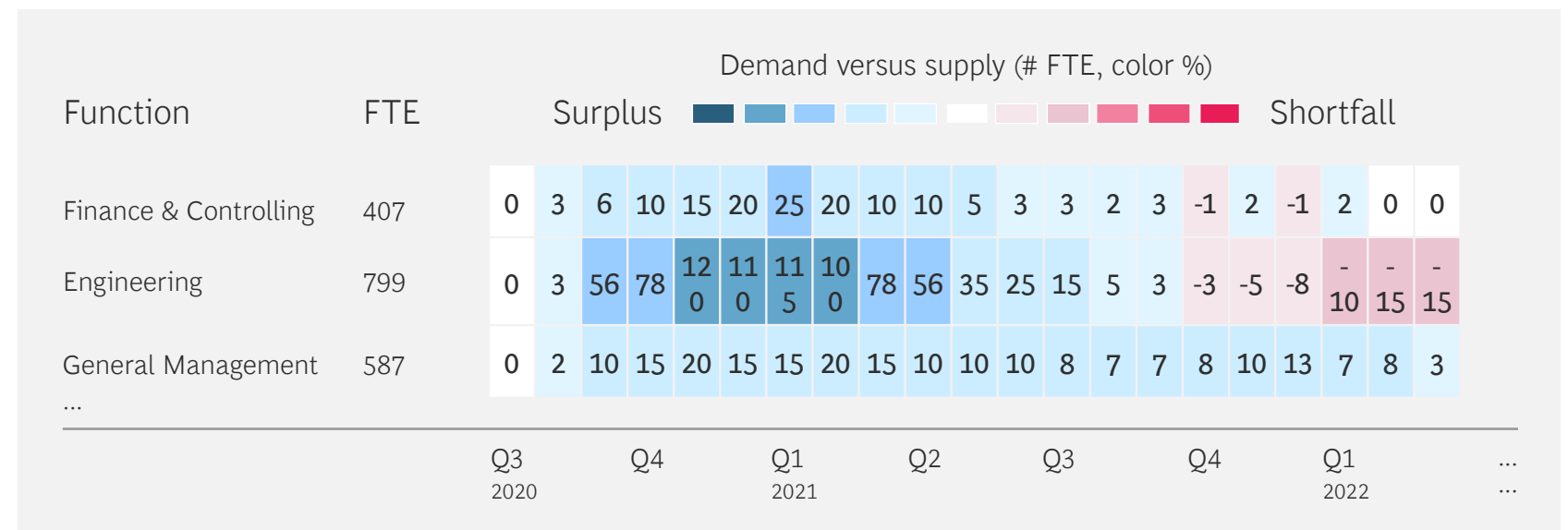
How do we translate the changing business demands to dynamic workforce adjustments?

- Which areas are most **critically affected** by smart work?
- Do we **expect capacity gaps and surpluses** in any of the areas?
- What measures can we take to **manage the gaps**?

Understand changing demand and the impact on staff functions...

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Surpluses and shortfalls
per function
month by month
via planning model



then manage the surplus/gaps proactively

Reduce employee capacity

- Reduce overtime
- Extend vacations
- Furloughs, leaves
- Short-time work
- Terminate contractors
- Stop hiring/promotion
- ...

Optimize personnel factor costs

- Leverage governmental support
- Delay/reduce voluntary payments
- Reduce other expenses (e.g. travel)
- (Re)negotiate tariffs
- ...

Repurpose workers for other activities

- Insource: replace ext. with int. workers
- Second people to other organizations
- Pool talents across or within industry
- Support pro bono work
- ...

Ramp up/shift capacity

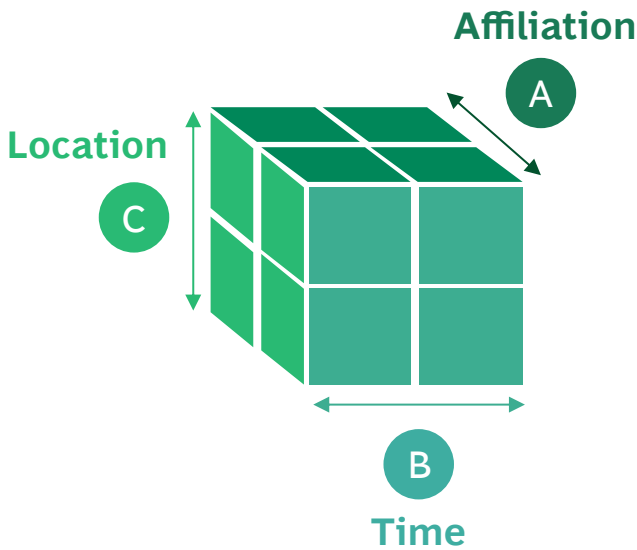
- Bring back alumni/part-timers
- Offer inducements
- Leverage talent platforms
- Expand automation of work
- ...

Example | Companies Leverage Flexible Work Models in Three Dimensions



3 Flexible Workforce

Dimensions of flex-work models



A Affiliation

Contracted ↔ Contingent

Leverage flex-talent options: use gig economy platforms, share workforce with partners in your ecosystem, etc.

Example
Pharmaceutical company

Uses on-demand talent
Rapid spin up/down of research teams in changing clinical trials results in much lower cost

B Time

Full-time ↔ Part time

Individualize flex-time options, such as part time work adapted to team specifics, life stages, and nature of work

Example
Facilities management firm

Introduces flex-time
Initiative lets employees craft individual flex-time work options with their managers

C Location

Onsite ↔ Remote

Introduce flex-location options, such as offering remote work adapted to needs, possibilities, and nature of work

Example
Health care provider

Pilots remote working
Call center staff leveraging special at-home technology saves space and attract better global talent

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New Paradigm for Skills and Talent

How can we quickly up- and re-skill our talent in line with changing ways of working and business demand?

- Which skills are becoming more critical and should be **development priorities**?
- How do we assess **employees' current skill level**?
- What should an **integrated learning journey** look like?
- How do we **source talent** in the New Reality?

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Determine who needs which skills in the future...

and source proactively

Illustrative

Capabilities	Digital					
	Digital Business		Digital HR		Adv. Analytics	
Job function	Digital business models & ecosystem		Build employee journeys		Robotic process automat.	
1 Lead/Global Business Partner	A	A	B	A	A	B
2 Talent Attraction (incl. student)		A	B		B	B
3 Learning Program Manager	A		E			B
4 ...						

☐ Not directly relevant
 ☒ A Awareness "I know"
 ☒ B Basic "I can apply"
 ☒ E Expert "I can teach"



Bring back

Alumni talent pools

Borrow

Gig economy and contract labor

Buy

Tech-enabled recruiting

Ro(bot)

Automation

Build

Training and development

Example | Household products retailer builds offline workers' digital skills

Majority of salesforce skilled for sales in 150 **offline stores**

Offline sales limited due to **shutdown**

Digital skills lacking for acceleration of online sales



Virtual training to drive customer acquisition on third-party online tools

Conversion of offline staff to digital salesforce within one week



Acquisition of **~20k** new customers

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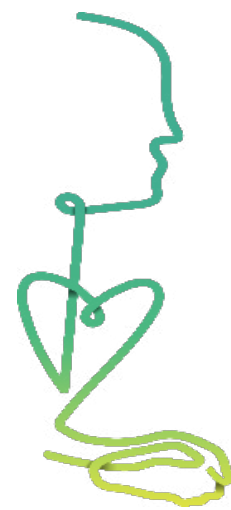
Leadership with Head, Heart, and Hands

What have we learned about our firm's leadership capabilities in this crisis and how can we prepare it for the future?

- What do leaders need to **do now**?
- How can we build capabilities of **frontline leaders**?
- How can we **drive behavior change**?

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Envision, inspire, and execute on three topics and timelines



Head

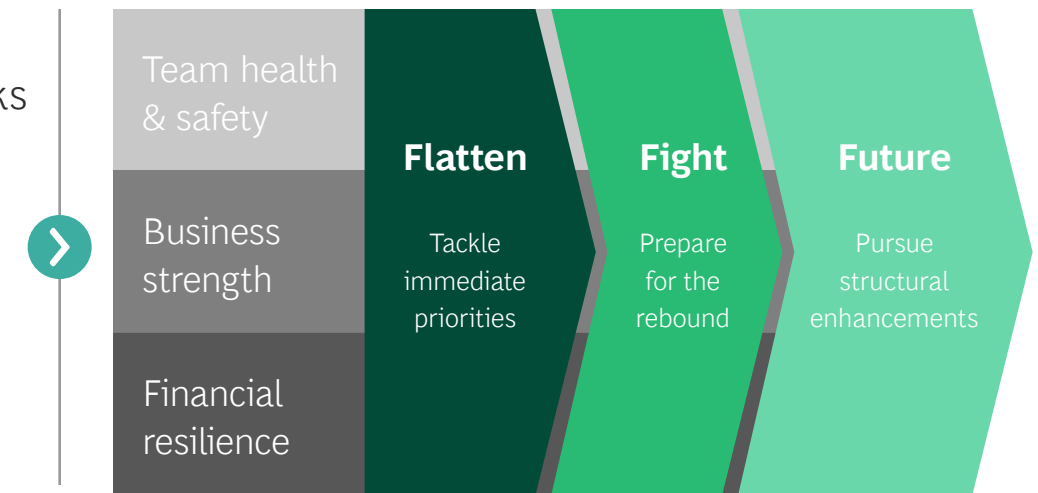
Envision the future and focus on the big rocks

Heart

Inspire and empower your people

Hands

Execute and enable with agility



Example | Mining company uses head, heart, hands to communicate to employees



Head

CEO announces plans for **business continuity**

Recruiting director **lowers** intake **targets** but **continues campaign**

Plant manager **limits production** but **pursues maintenance**



Heart

Coworker mobilizes sponsorship for **community support projects**

Board members communicate via **video messages from home**

Team lead checks-in with team members via **daily video chats**



Hands

COVID task force regularly **updates work guidelines**

Line managers **push changes** in work schedules **via employee app**

Directors host **town hall meetings** to directly **address concerns**

Source: BCG

Purpose-Driven Culture

What did the crisis teach us about our organization's purpose and culture and how should we shape it for the future?

- How should we **lean into our purpose** and vision?
- Do we need to **adapt our culture**?

Link purpose, strategy, and culture to succeed in the new reality



Example | Supermarket leans into purpose in reaction to COVID-19 crisis

Purpose

“Feed the Nation”



Updated strategy and culture

› launched **new ways to deliver groceries** to customers

› created dedicated **call center for** customers who **cannot shop online**

› implemented faster payments to **secure cashflow of smaller suppliers**

Resilient and Bionic Organization

How can we rapidly simplify our operating model to prepare for the new reality?

- How can we **increase productivity** with a new operating model?
- How can we **simplify the organization** quickly and reduce costs?
- How do we enable more **agile ways of working and increase resilience**?

Pull key levers to accelerate org design for the new reality...



following five-step logic

- 1** | Rapid **assessment** of current state and future needs to prioritize areas of focus
- 2** | Finding the 'Big Rocks'—**no-regrets moves** for rapid cost take out
- 3** | Defining **meaningful changes** to the operating model for the New Reality
- 4** | **Accelerated implementation** across the full organization
- 5** | Start of transition to **Resilient and Bionic Organization** with agile and digital structure, processes, and talent

Leaders Must Assess Current Capabilities and Strategic Importance as They Chart Their Priorities



A Quick assessment of current capabilities and strategic importance of New Reality topics

			Current capabilities				Strategic importance			
			Low		High		Low		High	
1	Smart work (more remote, lower cost)	Realize the cost upsides ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Physical and mental health	Promote wellbeing and resilience ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Flexible workforce	Make your planning dynamic ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	New paradigm for skills and talent	Create an adaptive learning ecosystem ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Leadership with head, heart, hands	Lead with empathy and direction ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Purpose-driven culture	Align purpose, vision, and values ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Resilient and Bionic organization	Simplify your operating model ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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B Identification and prioritization of key initiatives and next steps

