

SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS OF COVID-19 IN FOUR AFRICAN COUNTRIES

CHAT TRANSCRIPT

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Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hi Everyone, the webinar will get started in about 45 minutes. I will be setting up, but please re-join the room in about 15 minutes.

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Also, you can download the slide deck prior to the webinar by clicking "Webinar Slide Deck" in the file downloads pod.

Hellen Opie: Thanks Adam

Hellen Opie: Hi ,am Hellen OPie from Uganda. Working with the National Agricultural Research Organization

kaoutar ait lahaj: Hi I am Kaoutar , I am from Morocco. Working with the High Atlas Foundation

Aftab KHAN: HI all. Aftab here International consultant based out of Islamabad. Lookign fiorward to a great session. Thanks for organizing

Aftab KHAN: Thanks for the welcome

Robert Matengula: Hi , I am Robert Matengula from Malawi working with USAID

Aftab KHAN: sun is setting but the webinar is shining :)

ASFAW AGERU: Hi, I am Asfaw from Eldoret, Kenya

Aftab KHAN: Indeed lokoing forward to it.. I have worked in the field suppotyng women farmers impacted by the COVID19

Lucy Mwaura: Hello it's Lucy from CIPKenya

ASFAW AGERU: Thanks

Lucy Mwaura: Thank you

Olusola Olufemi: Olusola Hello everyone from Nigeria/Canada

Olivia Agbenyega : Hello I am Olivia Agbenyega from Ghana teaching in a university (KNUST)

Charlie Amoia: hi it's Charlie from Sokoine University of Agriculture (Tanzania)

Solomon Gelalcha Woyessa: Hi My Name is Solomon from FAO Subregional Office for Eastern Africa, based at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Aftab KHAN: When are we going to start Adam?

Solomon Gelalcha Woyessa: Thank you

Aftab KHAN: ok great

Solomon Gelalcha Woyessa: I am not so familiar with this version of Adobe Flash Player. I could not make use of my ear phone; the computer audiospeaker is working without my wish. Can you provide a hint of how I can activate my earphone please

Olusola Olufemi: Right now in Canada but of my work is conducted in Nigeria. Thanks

Solomon Gelalcha Woyessa: I got it now

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Greetings Everyone! Zachary Baquet with USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security in DC

Tom van Mourik: Hello everyone, greetings from sunny and very mild Netherlands, this is Tom van Mourik from KIT Royal Tropical Institute in the Netherlands

Tom van Mourik: it's 17 degrees celsius, very warm for the time of year.

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): For folks just joining, please introduce yourself in the chatbox and take a minute to fillout the polls.

Kimani Humphrey Wanjohi: Hi everyone . Humphrey from World Concern tuning in from Ndjamena in Chad

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Welcome Humphrey! Thank you for joining today

Paul Allertz: good afternoon, Paul Allertz from Arua - Uganda

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Hello Paul! Good afternoon

Paul Allertz: Good afternoon Zachary

Domisian Mabula: Habari, I am joining from Arusha, Tanzania. Last month my contract ended from working with SNV Tanzania.

Beatrice Gakuba: good afternoon Beatrice Gakuba from AWAN AFRIKA Nairobi

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): If you want to have the slides for today's webinar, you can download them from the top window on the screen.

Mevayero Umukoro: Good afternoon, Meva from Nigeria. Has the session started? I cant hear anything

Eric Tegei: Hi everyone. Eric Tegei from Kenya Seed Company Ltd-Kenya

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Hi Habari and Beatrice, thanks for joining!

Dick Tinsley: Dick Tinsley, from Colorado. hearing loud and clear

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Welcome Eric!

Eric Tegei: Thanks Zachary

LESLEY PERLMAN: Hello all

Dick Tinsley: Thank you

Alyssa Killingsworth: Hi all! Alyssa Killingsworth with Convoy of Hope in Missouri, excited to listen in today

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Glad you could join us, Alyssa!

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): For folks just joining, please introduce yourself in the chatbox and take a minute to fillout the polls.

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Christopher Bowden: Hi everyone, Chris joining from the University of Manchester, UK!

Luciano Trani: hi this is Luc from Uganda

Stefan Epp-Koop: Hi everyone, Stefan Epp-Koop here from Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Barbara Stoecker: Hello....Barbara Stoecker from Oklahoma State University

Mamadou Mamadou: Mamadou Baro from the University of Arizona: Hi everyone.

Phil Steffen: Good morning! Phil Steffe, FEWS NET in Washington, DC.

Liette Vasseur: Hello: Liette Vasseur from Brock University, Ontario, Canada

Harold Tarver: Harold Tarver, USDA/FAS

Ian MacNairn: Ian MacNairn AFR/SD at USAID

Mark Freudenberger: Hi, I'm Mark Freudenberger. I'm a project manager for the USAID AMPR project in the Central African Republic implemented by Tetra Tech. We have been looking at the impact of the pandemic on the artisanal gold and diamond mining sector and the nexus with food security, security, and public health in the southwest of the country.

Matthew Thielker: Matthew Thielker USAID/RFS/CN

Phil Steffen: @Stefan Epp-Koop, please give my greetings to Jim Cornelius at the CFGB.

Paul Mason: Hello, This is Paul joining from Albany, New York

Anne Swindale: Anne Swindale USAID/RFS/PAE/AL, Washington DC

Katelynn Folkerts: Hello all, Katelynn Folkerts from Mennonite Economic Development Associates. Happy to be here!

Isabel DoCampo: Hi everyone, I'm Isabel DoCampo with Root Capital, joining from NYC

Kelley Whitson: Kelley Whitson State AF/ERA

Elon Gilbert: Good morning from Western Montana

FOUZIA NASREEN 2: Hi, this is Fouzia joining from Ontario, Canada.

Kris Gorham: Kris Gorham RFS/OCS

Jeannette Kah Le Guil: Good morning. I cannot hear. Thanks

Judith Appleton 2: Judith Appleton. Hi from UK

Stefan Kachelriess-Matthess: Good day to all!

Roland Charles: Roland Charles, VSO global rural lead

Phil Steffen: Is there sound?

Bryce Leary: Bryce Leary from RFS/OCS/MEL joining from DC. Good morning all!

Simon Foster: Simon Foster, Producers Direct

Lawrence Trouba: Larry Trouba USDA/FAS

T.S Amjath Babu: Amjath Babu, CIMMYT, CGIAR

Anne Lutomia: Greetings from East Lansing, Michigan.

Lara Evans: Lara Evans, USAID, RFS/C4R

Sara Higgins: Sara Higgins, Leland Hunger Fellow with Catholic Relief Services

Sara Duran: Hi from El Salvador, Sara Duran with Fintrac Inc

James Yazman: Jim Yazman - USAID retired, Boynton Beach, Florida

Karen Kent: Hi all Karen Kent from University of Rhode Island

David Mbugua: Good morning, hereis David Mbugua connecting from Toronto.

Stefan Kachelriess-Matthess: OK

Meron Asfaha: Meron Asfaha from USAID/RFS/PAE, hello all!

Cathy Michler: Kurt Michler from Wisconsin, USA

Elizabeth Leiby: Hi Jeannette and Phil, the audio just started. Can you hear now? If not, try double checking your speakers. Let us know if you continue to have issues.

Natia Gigiashvili: DeGA/Washington, DC

Rachael Herpel: Rachael Herpel, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA

Stephen Mink: Where does one find the "file downloads pod?"

Anne Swindale: we can hear you

Kristina Evans: Kristina Evans, USAID/DDI/LFT

Modibo Traore: Modibo Traore from USAID/Mali

Thomas Tichar: Thomas Tichar, Wageningen University & Research, the Netherlands

Christina Feller: Christina Feller joining from Utah on behalf of Living With Peace Kenya

Evaline Franks: we can hear you

william Anderson: Hi Everyone, I'm Bill Anderson from Staunton, VA in US -- School for Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech University. I'm a former USAID Foreign Service Officer with long-term field assignments in Senegal, DRC-Congo, Tanzania, and Eritrea.

Abdeljalil MOUHAFID: Hi! Abdeljalil MOUHAFID from Morocco

Dick Tinsley: we hear you

Yibeltal Tiruneh: Yibeltal Tiruneh, Crop, NRM and Irrigation Team Leader at FAO Ethiopia

Blake Stabler: Blake Stabler, USAID, BHA/FSL

alessandra galie: Hi, Alessandra Galie, Senior Scientist -Gender at the Intl Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)

Simone Buechler: Simone Buechler, CRS

Lisa Lauxman: Lisa Lauxman, Consultant, Wash. DC - former USDA NIFA Center for Int'l Programs

Ricard Gine: Good afternoon, Ricard Giné, from SIWI Stockholm International Water Institute

Isabelle Baltenweck: hello, Isabelle Baltenweck, International Livestock Research Institute Nairobi, nice to be here

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Welcome Yibeltal, Blake, and Alessandra! Thank you for joining us

Paul Miller: Paul Miller, Lutheran World Relief

Faith Owuor: Faith Owuor, International Medical Corps

Bethy Picton: Hello everyone, I'm Bethy Picton working at the Energy Saving Trust on our project Low Energy Inclusive Appliances (LEIA), as part of Energy for Access.

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Hi Ricard and Isabelle!

Birgit Habermann: Birgit Habermann, Post doc scientist, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Hear you great!

Leslie Otto: Leslie Otto, CRS

Maurits Servaas: Maurits Servaas, GOAL Uganda

Jonathan Schofield: Jonathan Schofield - CRS

Guy Sharrock: Guy Sharrock, CRS

Karyn Fox: Greetings - Karyn Fox, TANGO International

Tina Pruna : Tina Pruna, ADRA International

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Welcome Paul, Faith, and Bethy!

Debashish Chanda: Hi, this is Debashish Chanda, CIP, Bangladesh

William Warshauer 2: Will Warshauer from TechnoServe

Rita Mumm: Greetings to All from Rita Mumm, UC Davis African Plant Breeding Academy and the African Orphan Crop Consortium

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Thank you All for joining us today! We appreciate your participation

Martine Berger: good afternoon, Martine Berger, private sector adviser in Malawi, but joining from my homecountry the Netherlands

Vicki Morrone: Hi all, Greetings from Michigan USA, I'm @Vicki Morrone, Michigan State University-Malawi Africa RISING and McKnight and Niger Challenging Soils- USAID

Jennifer Lisher : Greetings from sunny Charleston, SC. Jenny Lisher from MCC, Department of Policy and Evaluation, Ag and Land

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Glad to have folks joining us from around the Globe

Vicki Morrone: How do you adjust your sampling for the many families who do not have phones?

Stefan Kachelriess-Matthess: Director of Forest and Environment Programme - Cameroon and next Director of CGIAR support project (FIA) of German Development Cooperation commissioned by BMZ

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Hello Jennifer, Vicki, and Martine! Welcome!

Rosemary Okoh: Greetings from Nigeria

Anthony Mangeni: Anthony Mang'eni ,CRS

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Greetings Rosemary and Anthony!

Ebna Habib Md. Shofiur Rahaman 2: Hi all , this is Sohag from CIP Bangladesh

Aftab KHAN: Great to see rigorous methodology of the survey

Lloyd Banwart: Hi all, Lloyd Banwart with TANGO International | The IDEAL Activity.

Emmanuel Dzisi: greetings from Agbenoxevi Farms Ghana

Leslie Otto: Is this panel data? What is the sample size?

Shymaa Aboshosha: Good Evening all ,

Hawo Abdi: Hello everyone greetings from Kenya

Richard Rapier: Richard Rapier, USAID Water for Africa through leadership and institutional support (WALIS) program

Shymaa Aboshosha: Ms. Shymaa Aboshosha , Seed Varieties Registration Committee , Plant Variety Protection office , Egypt , sh_z9@hotmail.com, Mob. : +201006825230

Curt Reintsma: Curt Reintsma, RFS, USAID/W

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): If you have questions, please ask them in the chatbox.

Leslie Otto: Is this HH monitoring only?

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Welcome Richard, Shymaa, and Curt! Good to have you join us!

LESLEY PERLMAN: @Leslie Otto: what is being discussed now is Household, though the World Bank is also carrying out firm surveys, some of that will be discussed later.

Florence Egal: Florence from Rome/France. have been working on impact of COVID19 on local food systems.

Paul Allertz: It could be that the knowledge is there, but little effect on behaviour

Paul Allertz: Universal practice in Uganda: I think that's really not true

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): If you joined recently, please note that the webinar is being recorded and post-event resources will be emailed to participants and put up on Agrilinks.org

Ida Djenontin: Ida Djenontin from Michigan State University, Department of Geography

Lourdes Martinez: Did you ask questions about misconception about food?

Melchizedek Mokaya: Hallo Anna: When pelople reported that they had changed thier behaviors. Was this folowed by any observational studies?

Isabelle Baltenweck: people may be misreporting for fear of negative consequences, so giving the 'official' answers is a safe option

Beatrice Gakuba: awan afrika has conducted a study on impact of covid19 on women and youth owned agribusinesses

T.S Amjath Babu: For reference, here is the link to our new report with FAO on COVID impacts on agri-food system in Bangladesh using mainly phone surveys:
<http://www.fao.org/3/cb1018en/cb1018en.pdf>

LESLEY PERLMAN: @Melchizedek Mokaya: no observational methods were used.

Vicki Morrone: will you be sharing about the respective health care systems, those that have less health care access have less knowledge (less opportunity to be treated if infected with COVID 19)?

Aftab KHAN: Where can i write questions @Adam

william Anderson: I'm partcularly interested in how your research (and research methods) relate to drivers of instabilityy and conflict in fragile states and sitations in Africa and other regions. There are initiatives in the US to focus more on crisis and conflict prevention. in foreign assistance and foreign policy..

Leah Berkowitz: hi all, Leah Berkowitz from Trickle Up here.

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: @Aftab, you can write your questions here in this chat pod, we are copying them down to be asked during the Q&A session

Beatrice Gakuba: we can share the findings check www.awanafrika.org

Leslie Otto: Was the income change compared to changes to the same time last year?

Aftab KHAN: Really enjoying great presentation by Anna. Africa has 41% Mobile Phone Specific Gender Gap...How did you avoid a gender biasness in the survey?

Jessica Oyugi: Greetings all, Jessica Oyugi from UNICEF Uganda country office... please take a look at this portal with public available data completed on Uganda addressing vulnerabilities amidst COVID-19 <http://aida.dalbergdatainsights.com/> user: moh and pswd: datacovid19

Leslie Otto: in other words - do we know if this is related to COVID or other in country changes?

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Thanks for sharing @Jessica!

Beatrice Gakuba: 91% had loss half of their income between March and July

Hawo Abdi: can we get the slides after the end of the training

Vicki Morrone: Talip can you plz share link to paper (that should address many of our questions) you mentioned in your presentation?

Lloyd Banwart: <https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/955251604433596591/socioeconomic-impacts-of-covid-19-in-four-african-countries>

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Thanks for your questions! We are collecting them. We will answer some in the chat box and during the Q&A period

Wiliam Warshauer: can we get a copy of the PPT at end of webinar?

LESLEY PERLMAN: @ Vicki Morrone, the paper is linked to the events page on Agrilinks. https://www.agrilinks.org/events/socioeconomic-impacts-covid-19-four-african-countries?utm_source=USAID+Bureau+for+Food+Security+%2F+Agrilinks&utm_campaign=3aefd1d191-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_11_06_04_00&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8f8d227958-3aefd1d191-56865405

Hawo Abdi: also can we get certificate

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: @Wiliam, yes, there will be a pod that has the slide deck,

Jeffrey Michler: @Vicki Morrone, details about our adjustment for families without phones are in the paper: <https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/955251604433596591/socioeconomic-impacts-of-covid-19-in-four-african-countries>

Aftab KHAN: Thank so much Lesley for Paper Link

Clara Colina: Is there a difference between how food insecurity is impacting farming vs non farming households?

Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS): Thanks @Lloyd, @Lesley, and @Jeffrey!

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hawo, there is no certificate for attendance of this webinar today

Jeffrey Michler: @Leslie Otto, yes, it is panel data. There are about 2,000 households in each country

Sara Higgins: Is data disaggregated by urban vs rural?

Dick Tinsley: how much of the food insurity is resut of marketing forces vs. lost labor due to people getting sick and not able to work for a couple weeks?

Florence Egal: To Talip, did you differentiate between rural and urban HH?

Jeffrey Michler: @Paul Allertz, yes, just because people report knowledge does not mean they are acting on that knowledge.

Florence Egal: Sorry Sara :-)

Beatrice Gakuba: is Data disaggregated by gender?and age?

Florence Egal: and Clara...

LESLEY PERLMAN: @ Sara Higgins, yes the data can be disaggregated for urban and rural.

Clara Colina: thanks lesley, thats great!

Aftab KHAN: Question: Following SOPs has been problem world wide. Nay idea which aareness/mobilizing strategies people were most responsive to use masks, social distcancing..etc?

Jeffrey Michler: @Vicki Morrone, good point about health care access. We have tried to measure this but have struggled to get good data on local health care infrastructure.

Domisian Mabula: How much did indivuduals in rural area affected with food insecurity to those in urban?

LESLEY PERLMAN: @ florence, yes the data can be disaggregated, but he may not be presenting the disaggregations now.

Jeffrey Michler: @Florence Egal, we do show some results by rural/urban and by gender. There are not as many differences as one my expect. The impacts have been fairly uniform across the population.

Paul Allertz: @ Jeffrey Michler, but Anna was presenting this universal practice!

Beatrice Gakuba: high impact on women small scale farmers and street vendors was reported by our members and respondents in the 4 countries

Vicki Morrone: This is a great overview. This report can shed light on info reception across 4 countries with many similarities and using COVID 19 as a case example!

Jeffrey Michler: @Paul Allertz, yes, I am not surprised by the difference between reported behavior and "realized" behavior. We would love a way to measure this difference.

Aftab KHAN: QUESTION TLIP > ny idea why shcool going childre hand lesser food insecurity ? bs of school lunch? but werent the schools closed?

Liette Vasseur: Do you examine the data separated by sex? have you looked at the activities of women vs men?

Jeffrey Michler: @Beatrice Gakuba, as further survey ways occur, we will be able to start measuring the severity of post-harvest loss in those countries.

T.S Amjath Babu: In countries with a clear lock-down period, we observe a U shaped pattern in reported issues like access to food, medicine etc. Are there such a dynamics observed in the target countries?

Beatrice Gakuba: yes this is a great overview and has similarities with our study

Stefan Kachelriess-Matthess: Interesting enough what important role radio seems to play.

Jeffrey Michler: @Melchizedek Mokaya, in the paper we report many of these results by urban/rural. We just lacked the time to report in the presentation today.

Vicki Morrone: every consider asking survey questions via radio just to get a perspective of those without phones?

Jeffrey Michler: @nancy taggart, we have education and age of respondent but we have not looked at this. Rather, we focused on urban/rural and gender. But this is a good question and we will take a look at this aspect.

Vicki Morrone: those families could borrow a phone to respond?

Stefan Kachelriess-Matthess: Thanks.

Leslie Otto: Given the constantly evolving nature of COVID, gov policies, lockdowns, fatigue -- the realities of these HH is very different in Nov from where we were in August, do you feel this data can be more rapidly reported on to provide quicker program/policy adaptation?

Judith Appleton 2: 1. What recommendations? 2. What surprised you?

Florence Egal: Could it also be feasible to disaggregate at subnational level (COVID prevalence, livelihoods and availability of services probably vary from one area to the other. In Italy strategies differ according to the regions based on a nationally agreed set of indicators

Willy Mulimbi: African governments haven't taken the lockdown on the same time. Have you found any effect of those lockdown measures?

Jeffrey Michler: @Beatrice Gakuba, this is a good point. We have not looked at female street vendors. This source of income is hugely important for households in these countries and are likely to have suffered hugely from COVID restrictions.

Phil Steffen: Would you have attempted the covid-19 telephone surveys in the absence of this background information from the LSMS sampleframe? Would one even attempt these surveys on a "cold-call" basis? Thanks.

Vicki Morrone: thanks

Florence Egal: Jeffrey, the informal sector is indeed particularly vulnerable

William Anderson: William Anderson: I'm particularly interested in how your research (and research methods) relate to monitoring drivers of instability and conflict in fragile states and situations in Africa and other regions. There are initiatives in the US to focus more on crisis and conflict prevention. in foreign assistance and foreign policy..

Olusola Olufemi: Any geographical or spatial considerations in how you conducted your surveys because there could be locational differences in access, affordability of households depending on where they are located, urban or rural?

Jeffrey Michler: @ Leslie Otto, yes, we very much want to report findings in the most up-to-date way as possible. However, the data will always run behind by at least 1 month. We are only now being able to look at data from September.

Beatrice Gakuba: those households without phones are most vulnerable and some had to sell their phones as their daily income was drying up because of lockdowns.

Aftab KHAN: I agree with Beatrice about phone owners

Jeffrey Michler: @Florence Egal, we have struggled to get subnational data on COVID prevalence. Nigeria provides the best data.

Leslie Otto: @jeffery michler, thank you, I can appreciate this challenge

Beatrice Gakuba: mostly households headed by single women

Anna Josephson: @Beatrice Gakuba, yes, and we are seeing that female headed households are experiencing more food insecurity.

Jeffrey Michler: @Olusola Olufemi, the surveys are nationally representative, so we can disaggregate the data to rural/urban, which we do in the paper. Looking at other subnational levels might not be representative without proper adjustment, which we have not done.

Phil Steffen: Thank you, Talip. Lack of an existing sampleframe poses lots of methodical difficulties but glad to learn that the WB and others are working on it.

Willy Mulimbi: Surely, phone ownership must be correlated with income levels

Jennifer Lisher : considering the number of ongoing impact evaluations with baseline or endline surveys happening this year and next year, do you have any recommendations that should be considered in light of the LSMS findings?

Jeffrey Michler: @Talip, yes, the differences between rural/urban was not significant in terms of income loss and food insecurity.

Jeffrey Michler: It is reported in the paper, that differences are not significant on those two metrics between rural/urban. But differences are significant by gender.

Jeffrey Michler: @Willy Mulimbi, yes, most assuredly. We outline the exact statistical methods we use to try and correct for this. But even with the statistical correction, these results should be interpreted as "lower bounds" on the impacts, because the selection bias is against the poorest households that do not own phones.

Olusola Olufemi: Availability of water, access to patent medicine vendors are serious issues in Nigeria. I wonder if the surveys reflected these?

Anna Josephson: @Willy Mulimbi, to echo @Jeff, there is more on this available in our paper - including caution on understanding and interpreting these findings, accounting for these concerns.

Aftab KHAN: The link of the paper shared by Lesley is no more in the chat.. Can someone reshare please.

Jeffrey Michler: @Jennifer Lisher, this is a good question. Hopefully it is asked by Zachary. In short, great care needs to be taken to reach as many people as possible and to adjust for non-respondant bias, which are likely to be the hardest hit by COVID

Leslie Otto: <https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/955251604433596591/socioeconomic-impacts-of-covid-19-in-four-african-countries>

Anna Josephson: @Olusola Olufemi, there are questions about availability of water in some countries, including both water for washing and drinkable water.

Rosemary Okoh: Looking at the severity of food insecurity in the post covid era in the different countries, what do you think is responsible for the very high severity recorded by Nigeria

Florence Egal: Any idea on potential population movement to adapt to the loss of livelihoods (return to communities of origin)?

Beatrice Gakuba: I share the same concern with Josephson on children missing out school it is very sad especially in Rural areas and amongs the urban poor

Aftab KHAN: Thanks Leslie

Jeffrey Michler: @Rosemary Okoh, we do not think the food insecurity in Nigeria is unique. We've seen food insecurity in the US and EU jump since COVID. But we only have pre-COVID data from Nigeria, so we can only directly compare in that country.

Olusola Olufemi: High correlation between poverty and food insecurity in Nigeria. Also most of the population work in the informal sector or are small scale farmers/family farms

Jennifer Lisher : yes, obviously there will be issues analyzing economic results from projects in light of COVID effects

Jeffrey Michler: @Florence Egal, the survey asks questions about household structure and migration. We have not seen much change so far, but as the data continues to come in we are expecting to see more pronounced population movements. This is something we are extremely interested in monitoring.

Anna Josephson: Also, @Florence Egal, we are interested in this from the perspective of income loss, as well. Particularly, related to remittances and changes in household income which may be associated with these changed migrations.

Leslie Otto: how are you controlling for other impacts, like in Ethiopia for example, and the political unrest there?

Jennifer Lisher : thank you talip

Judith Appleton 2: Re costs, how much has the phone call survey and its analysis costed?

Rosemary Okoh: Thanks Jeffrey

Richard Rapier: Great. thanks!

Jeffrey Michler: @Leslie Otto and @Judith Appleton 2, these are good questions. Talip might be able to answer this, since he is more involved in the survey delivery.

Mark Freudenberger: The World Bank DELVE initiative looks into some of these conflict/food security/livelihoods through field research carried out recently in 16 countries in the artisanal mining sector. See: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2019/06/19/shining-a-light-on-a-hidden-sector>

william Anderson: Thank you for your thoughts on my, perhaps, too general a question.

Lughano Munthali: I am looking at seasonality. In Malawi March to July is the harvest period when HHs have food. Lean period is from November to March. I can see that the other countries are in other regions. It would be interesting to do it within the lean period during the pandemic compared to same period last year. Thanks

Mark Freudenberger: A workshop on artisanal mining-conflict-state fragility will be held soon. My guess this will touch on food security and artisanal mining, a key source of livelihood for millions.

Mark Freudenberger: DELVE: <https://delvedatabase.org/>

Jeffrey Michler: @Lughano Munthali, yes! This is something that we will be able to look at as new data comes in every month.

Lughano Munthali: Thanks

Talip Kilic: Unit Cost Per Completed Interview (2020 USD Terms): Uganda: 8.70; Nigeria: 12.28; Malawi: 9.07; Ethiopia: 11.50; Burkina Faso: 7.76.

Willy Mulimbi: Totally agree with you @Talip. Farmers and non-farmers living in urban or rural settings have different coping strategies that should have an effect

Aftab KHAN: Remarks for the Panel: Despite high number of participants I am impressed with the level of interactive engagement with attendees. Really appreciate it.

Sara Duran: thanks

Stefan Kachelriess-Matthess: Thanks.

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Thank you Jeffrey!!!!

Liette Vasseur: Thank you for informative webinar

David Mbugua: Many thanks.

Jeffrey Michler: Thanks all!

Lughano Munthali: Very helpful information. Thanks

Jeffrey Michler: Great questions!

Leslie Otto: Thank you, very informative

Willy Mulimbi: Thank you guys

Simone Buechler: Thank you so much!

Anna Josephson: Thank you all! And thanks to Jeff for being so quick with all the questions.

Alexandre Monnard: Thank you, very interesting

Leah Berkowitz: thanks! very interesting work!

Richard Rapier: Merci!

Natia Gigiashvili: Thank you!

Ian MacNairn: Thanks all!

Olusola Olufemi: Excellent presentation! Thanks everyone

Olivia Agbenyega : thank you for this very informative session

Anjum Khalidi: Thank you all!

Mark Freudenberger: Thank you so much, presenters and AgriLinks.

Phil Steffen: Excellent, excellent! Thank you very much.

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Thanks Everyone!

Jack DeBoer: Thank you Anna and Talip!

Paul Mason: Thank you!

Shymaa Aboshosha: Thanks all

Domisian Mabula: Shukrani

Aftab KHAN: bye all

ASFAW AGERU: Thanks!

Talip Kilic: Thank you everyone!

Presenters Q&A

Leslie Otto: Is this panel data?
What is the sample size?

And Aftab KHAN: Africa has 41% Mobile Phone Specific Gender Gap...How did you avoid a gender biasness in the survey?

Domisian Mabula: How much did individuals in rural area affected with food insecurity to those in urban?

Leslie Otto: Was the income change compared to changes to the same time last year? in other words - do we know if this is related to COVID or other in country changes?

Willy Mulimbi: I'm just curious. Have you check food availability in terms of agricultural production in the four countries?

Dick Tinsley: how much of the food insecurity is result of marketing forces vs. lost labor due to people getting sick and not able to work for a couple weeks?

Leslie Otto: are you monitoring supply chain to understand that they can't access because they can't afford these commodities or because they aren't in the market?

Vicki Morrone: Will this info be discussed with each respective country's ministry of health? not just sent a report?

Liette Vasseur: Do you examine the data separated by sex? have you looked at the activities of women vs men?

Lourdes Martinez: Did you ask questions about misconception about food?

T.S Amjath Babu: In countries with a clear lock-down period, we observe a U shaped pattern in reported issues like access to food, medicine etc. Are there such a dynamics observed in the target countries?

Vicki Morrone: will you be sharing about the respective health care systems, those that have less health care access have less knowledge (less opportunity to be treated if infected with COVID 19)?

Aftab KHAN: Question: Following SOPs has been problem world wide. Any idea which awareness/mobilizing strategies people were most responsive to use masks, social distancing..etc?

Vicki Morrone: since you can only are able to overlay your survey with the LMS from Nigeria would you say that is the only country you can with certainty that urban vs rural communities are nearly equal for food insecurity risk.

Dick Tinsley: What is the welfare system in these countries that address the critical shortages imposed by COVID? Is it government run or individual or family

Vicki Morrone: every consider asking survey questions via radio just to get a perspective of those without phones? those families could borrow a phone to respond?

Leslie Otto: Given the constantly evolving nature of COVID, gov policies, lockdowns, fatigue -- the realities of these HH is very different in Nov from where we were in August, do you feel this data can be more rapidly reported on to provide quicker program/policy adaptation?

Florence Egal: Could it also be feasible to disaggregate at subnational level (COVID prevalence, livelihoods and availability of services probably vary from one area to the other. In Italy strategies differ according to the regions based on a nationally agreed set of indicators

Jennifer Lisher : considering the number of ongoing impact evaluations with baseline or endline surveys happening this year and next year, do you have any recommendations that should be considered in light of the LSMS findings?

Judith Appleton 2: Re costs, how much has the phone call survey and its analysis costed?

Leslie Otto: Is this HH monitoring only?

answered in chat box: what is being discussed now is Household, though the World Bank is also carrying out firm surveys, some of that will be discussed later.

Melchizedek Mokaya: Hallo Anna: When people reported that they had changed their behaviors. Was this followed by any observational studies? answered in chat: no observational methods were used.

Sara Higgins: Is data disaggregated by urban vs rural? Florence Egal: To Talip, did you differentiate between rural and urban HH? yes the data can be disaggregated for urban and rural. @Florence Egal, we do show some results by rural/urban and by gender. There are not as many differences as one may expect.

T.S Amjath Babu: When were these surveys deployed in the target countries? @ T.S. Amjath Babu. Data collection differed in each country but the earliest surveys started in May and continued on a monthly basis.

Phil Steffen: For Talip, how did the surveys define "moderate" and "severe" food insecurity? We are using the FIES (<http://www.fao.org/in-action/voices-of-the-hungry/fies/en/>) for food security estimates.

Beatrice Gakuba: is Data disaggregated by gender?and age?@Florence Egal, we do show some results by rural/urban and by gender. There are not as many differences as one may expect. The impacts have been fairly uniform across the population. The impacts have been fairly uniform across the population.

Leslie Otto: @Jeffrey, this is just data through July?

Elon Gilbert: Was an effort made to isolate the COVID impacts on food security compared to recurring seasonal patterns in food availability in each country?

Melchizedek Mokaya: Did you do any comparison in terms of access to food in the urban and rural areas? - answered in chat

nancy taggart: What is the age and/or education levels of "students"? is this primary and secondary? or does it include TVET or tertiary? - answered in chat

Phil Steffen: Would you have attempted the covid-19 telephone surveys in the absence of this background information from the LSMS sampleframe? Would one even attempt these surveys on a "cold-call" basis? Thanks.

Vicki Morrone: How do you adjust your sampling for the many families who do not have phones?

Answered in the presentation (but maybe explain a bit more?)

Aftab KHAN: QUESTION TLIP > ny idea why shcool going childre hand lesser food insecurity ? bs of school lunch? but werent the schools closed?

Olusola Olufemi: Any geographical or spatial considerations in how you conducted your surveys because there could be locational differences in access, affordability of households depending on where they are located, urban or rural?

Birgit Habermann: Difficulties accessing medicine, staple food....do people differentiate between difficulties they always have and difficultties caused by Covid? Just looking at it from an Ethiopia perspective where poor people will always face such challenges.

Willy Mulimbi: African governements haven't taken the lockdown on the same time. Have you find any effect of those lockdown measures?

Judith Appleton 2: 1. What recommendations? 2. What surprised you?

Olusola Olufemi: Availability of water, access to patent medicine vendors are serious issues in Nigeria. I wonder if the surveys reflected these?

Rosemary Okoh: Looking at the severity of food insecurity in the post covid era in the different countries, what do you think is responsible for the very high severity recorded by Nigeria

Florence Egal: Any idea on potential population movement to adapt to the loss of livelihoods (return to communities of origin)?

Richard Ravier: How will the results from the water, sanitation, and handwashing be reported out?

william Anderson: I'm particlarly interested in how your research (and research methods) relate to drivers of instability and conflict in fragile states and sitations in Africa and other regions. There are initiatives in the US to focus more on crisis and conflict prevention. in foreign assistance and foreign policy..

Leslie Otto: how are you controlling for other impacts, like in Ethiopia for example, and the political unrest there?

Clara Colina: Is there a difference between how food insecurity is impacting farming vs non farming households?