

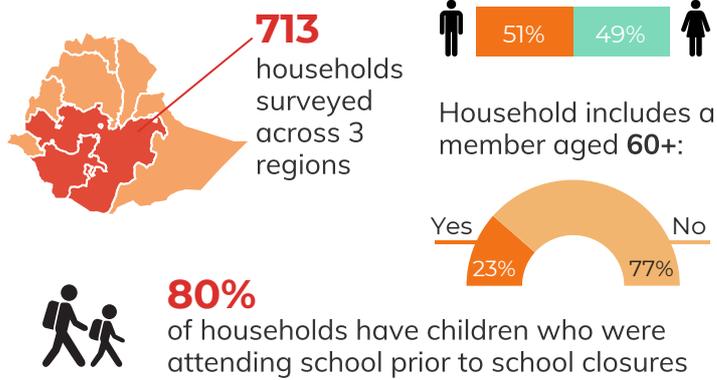


COFFEE FARMERS AND COVID-19 IN ETHIOPIA

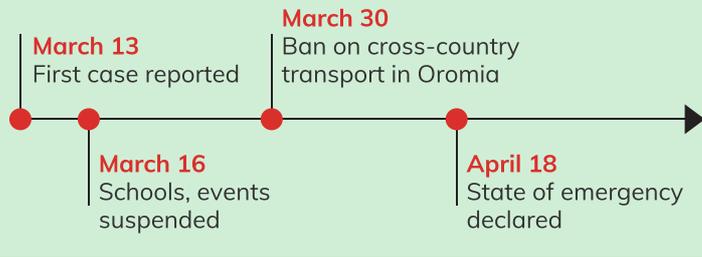
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Coffee farming households in Ethiopia

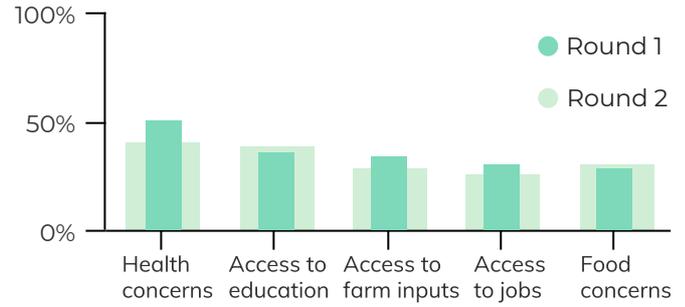


COVID-19 timeline



COVID-19 knowledge and concerns

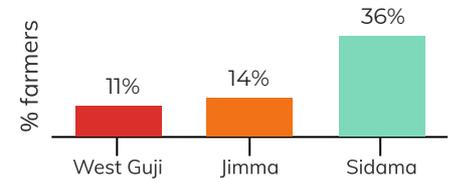
Farmers' top COVID-19 concerns:



1 in 4

farmers are **unaware** that a person without symptoms can spread COVID-19

A higher share of farmers in **Sidama** report **food availability** as one of their greatest COVID-19 concerns compared to other regions:



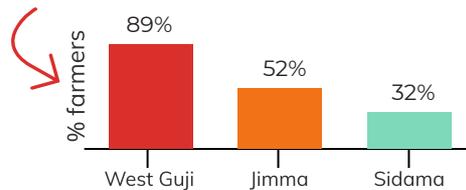
How have coffee farming households been affected so far?

57% of households have **lost income** as a result of COVID-19 since the outbreak began.

1 in 3 households that sell crops reported challenges doing so in the 7 days preceding the survey due to:

- fewer customers
- issues with transport
- difficulties social distancing

40% of farmers experienced **issues with transport when shopping for food**. These issues were experienced by a particularly high share of farmers in West Guji.



1 in 8 farmers reported **difficulties accessing coffee farms**

Qualitative findings suggest coffee farming is also affected by:

- 1 lack of finance to hire labor to do weeding and composting
- 2 low availability of workers
- 3 restrictions on public gatherings

"Due to the increase price of transport we cannot sell our coffee on [the] market. We sold at village with low price."

- Coffee farmer, Jimma

How do households cope?

88% of households report using coping strategies to cover basic needs. These vary by region:



Farmers feel they are **worse off** compared to one year ago, but are **optimistic** about the future

