COFFEE FARMERS AND COVID-19 IN UGANDA
Survey round 1 | July 2020

Coffee farming households in Uganda
- 554 households surveyed
- 47% men, 53% women
- 84% of households have children who were attending school prior to school closures
- 1 in 4 households include a member aged 60+

COVID-19 knowledge and concerns
Farmers' top COVID-19 concerns:
- 71% Health concerns
- 39% Not enough work/income
- 28% Children can’t go to school
- 25% Unable to sell crops
- 7% Unable to get farm inputs

COVID-19 timeline
- March 13: First case reported
- March 18: Schools closed, public events banned, lockdown started
- March 22-25: Public transport suspended, curfew in place
- July 27: Motorbike taxis able to carry passengers, with restrictions
- May 20: Transport restrictions lifted

How have coffee farming households been affected so far?
- 76% of households have lost income as a result of COVID-19 since the outbreak began.
- Top sources of income loss:
  - Sale of excess food crops
  - Coffee farming
  - Non-farm business

How do households view their financial situation?
- Compared to one year ago...
  - 86% of farmers believe they are worse off financially
- When asked about their financial well-being in a year’s time...
  - 33% of farmers believe they will be worse off than they are now
- 58% of farmers report they could raise emergency finance in the next month if needed - and this is more common among men

“If boda boda were not restricted I would have harvested my coffee from farm. Also I would have taken the already harvested coffee to the market.”
- Coffee farmer, South West

85% of male farmers can identify 3+ preventative measures
75% of female farmers can identify 3+ preventative measures
1 in 5 farmers are not aware that COVID-19 can be spread by someone who does not experience visible symptoms