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

Coffee farming households in Uganda

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

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
- May 20: Transport restrictions lifted
- July 27: Motorbike taxis able to carry passengers, with restrictions

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

1 in 5 farmers are not aware that COVID-19 can be spread by someone who does not experience visible symptoms

Awareness of COVID-19 preventative measures is higher among male farmers

- 85% of male farmers can identify 3+ preventative measures
- 75% of female farmers can identify 3+ preventative measures

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?

- 86% of farmers believe they are worse off financially
- 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

61% of households report lost income from coffee farming income since the outbreak began, due to:

- Restrictions on movement and transportation
- Which limit farmers' choice of buyers
- Leading to reduced prices

Compared to one year ago...

When asked about their financial well-being in a year's time...

- 65%
- 50%