Coffee farming households in Zimbabwe

- 189 households surveyed
- 71% of households have children who were attending school prior to school closures
- 49% men, 51% women
- 1 in 2 households include a member aged 60+

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COVID-19 knowledge and concerns

Farmers' top COVID-19 concerns:

- 77% Health concerns
- 39% Unable to get farm inputs
- 38% Unable to sell crops
- 20% Children can't go to school
- 18% Not enough food

- 1 in 4 farmers are not aware that COVID-19 can be spread by someone who does not experience visible symptoms
- 1 in 3 households in Zimbabwe-South districts do not have access to a health care facility within 1 hour travel time from the household

How have coffee farming households been affected so far?

- 85% of households have lost income as a result of COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Top sources of income loss:
  - Sale of cash crops other than coffee: 75%
  - Non-farm business: 28%
  - Sale of excess food crops: 11%

- 1 in 8 households report going to bed hungry at night due to lack of food

How do households view their financial situation?

- Compared to one year ago...
- When asked about their financial well-being in a year’s time...
- Access to emergency finance is low, especially for women

- 88% of farmers believe they are worse off financially
- 47% of farmers believe they will be worse off than they are now
- 19% of men and 13% of women report they could raise emergency finance in the next month

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- 74% of households report challenges selling crops in the 7 days preceding the survey. Key reasons:
  - Fewer customers: 53%
  - Issues with transport: 52%
  - Other, incl. currency depreciation: 22%
  - Shop/market closures: 10%

- 28% of households report lost coffee farming income due to COVID-19 since the outbreak began.