Coffee farming households

71% of households have children who were attending school prior to school closures

* top-up sample of 50 households added in R2

COVID-19 timeline

March 21 First case reported
March 23 Public events banned, borders closed
March 27 Nation-wide lockdown
May 16 Longer working hours allowed
July 16 Health concerns are decreasing over time, while concerns about access to farm inputs, markets and food are rising
July 21 Curfew in place
July 28 Scheduled school reopening postponed indefinitely

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How have coffee farming households been affected so far?

From July to August, coffee farmers in the study regions are harvesting, weeding, and applying mulch to their farms.

How are households coping?

70% of households report using coping strategies to cover basic needs. The top strategies are food-related:

- relying on less preferred or cheaper food
- reducing the size or number of meals
- borrowing food or cash

63% of farmers report difficulty accessing coffee farm inputs such as manure/compost, tools and machinery in the last 7 days – up from 43% in round 1

1 in 2 farmers report harvesting coffee at this time of year (round 3). Of these, 39% report difficulties harvesting due to COVID-19 measures. Top difficulties were:

- lack of finances to hire labor
- increasing cost of laborers
- difficulties visiting coffee farms due to restrictions on movement

Uncertainty about future financial wellbeing is growing

% of farmers who are unsure of their financial wellbeing in a year's time:

Round 1: 24%
Round 3: 31%