

COFFEE FARMERS AND COVID-19 IN UGANDA

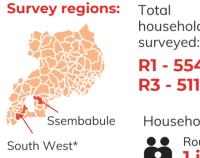
Survey rounds 1 - 3 | August 2020







Coffee farming households



households surveyed: R1 - 554

R1 R3

Household size is stabilizing

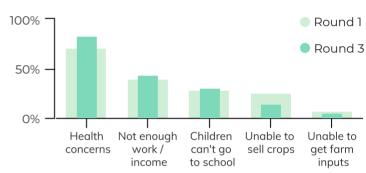
• • Round 1 1 in 5

Round 3 1 in 10

households reported a new member

COVID-19 concerns

Farmers' top COVID-19 concerns remain consistent over time:



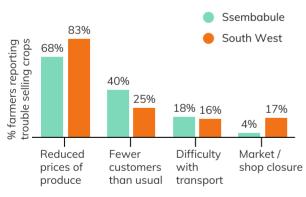
How have coffee farming households been affected so far?

35%

*Mbarara, Ntungamo

and Sheema districts

of households report challenges selling crops in the last 7 days (round 3). Reasons for this differ by region:

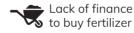




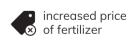
Fewer farmers report lost income from coffee farming, coinciding with the end of harvest

26%

31% of farmers report applying fertilizer in round 3, of which 1 in 3 report difficulties doing so due to:







How are households coping?

8 in 10

households report using at least one coping strategy to cover basic needs (round 3). The top two strategies are:



using savings



relying on less preferred or cheaper food

Farmers' optimism about the future is rising

% of farmers who believe they will be better off financially in one year than they are now:

Region	Round 1	Round 3
South West	23%	32%
Ssembabule	39%	54%

60%

of farmers report they could raise **emergency finance** in the next month if needed - though a gender difference persists



could raise emergency finance (R3)