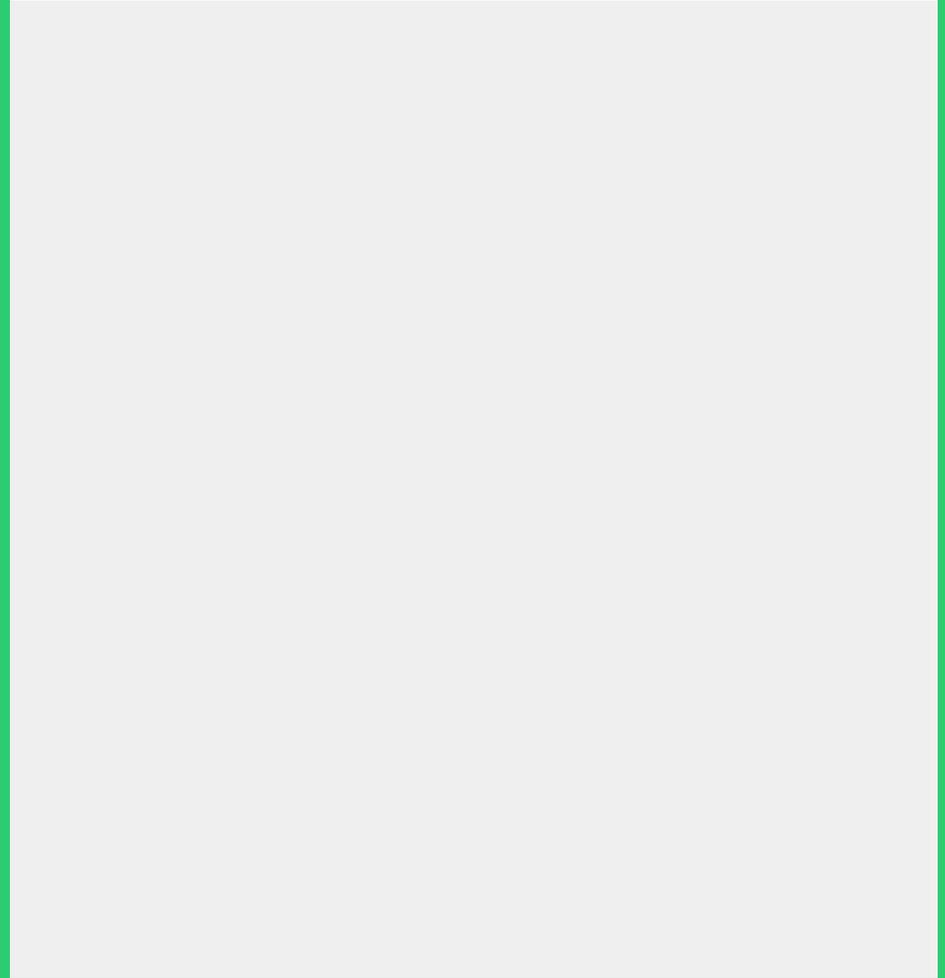


COVID-19 IMPACT ASSESSMENT SURVEY FINDINGS

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Background

Practical Action (PA) is implementing the Planting for Progress (P4P) project which will reduce poverty and enhance food and nutritional security of 2,640 farmer households in Bulilima and Gwanda districts.

- 70% female.
- 960 irrigation and dry land farmers (direct beneficiaries)
- 1680 dry land farmers (indirect beneficiaries)
- 2 sand dams (1 per district)
- 12 solar powered irrigation gardens (6 per district)

Covid-19 led to the suspension of all contact activities and disrupted the normal functioning of the communities

Purpose

The purpose of the survey was to:

1. Assess the immediate socio-economic impacts of the Covid-19 across different groups.
2. Gather information and verify the diverse coping mechanisms the communities were adopting as an adaptation to the pandemic in the 2 project districts.
3. Assess the knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) of the beneficiaries on the Covid-19

Methodology

Design

- Mixed methods design
- Survey tool administered through the Kobo Toolbox

Population

2640 SHFs drawn from Wards 2, 20 & 21 and 16, 19, 21 & 24 in Bulilima and Gwanda districts respectively

Sampling

Multi-stage stratified sampling technique was employed

Methodology cont

Sampling procedure (Raosoft Sample Size Calculator:
(<http://www.raosoft.com/>)

Population (SHFs)	Confidence level (%)	Margin of error (%)	Sample size
2640	95	5	336

Owing to the Covid-19 conditions the sample size was reduced to 80 and the success rate was 86%

Data collection procedure

Pre-selected garden sites and surrounding villages. Survey tool administered in vernacular

Methodology cont

Data analysis

Quantitative data – descriptive statistics (Excel Pivot Charts, SPSS)

Qualitative data – thematic analysis (coding, identification of themes, patterns, frequencies, conclusions)

Ethical and Safeguarding Issues

Observed entry protocols, participant-centred ethics (informed consent, voluntary participation, privacy), humanitarian principles, Covid-19 protocols

Findings and Recommendations

Key findings

1. While the Covid-19 is a national and global disaster, in the surveyed wards it remains a hazard (as of July 2020).
2. Both males and females suffered disproportionately from ***disrupted livelihoods and distorted markets.***
3. Communities aware of the pandemic
4. Poor state of preparedness both at household and community levels
5. Access to PPE was a challenge
6. Food insecurity worsening because of lockdown

Recommendations

Based on the findings the survey recommended the following:

1. Home-based care training for care givers (self-isolating cases)
2. Addressing food insecurity through the implementation of the Household Integrated Food Production (HIFP) model
3. Strengthening medium to long term livelihood strategies such as ISALs to ensure communities become more fluid
4. Training communities in soap/detergent and mask production using local materials
5. Water points rehabilitation to be prioritized across the two districts
6. PA is currently engaging with potential markets and developing a virtual market meeting place to reduce post harvest losses once production kicks off

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