

MIRACLE CHARITY FOUNDATION'S COVID-19 RAPID NEED ASSESSMENT & SENSITIZATION



AGENDA



PROJECT SUMMARY

OBJECTIVES

Miracle Charity Foundation's objective for the month of May, 2020 was to do a general assessment on Covid-19 to better understand the population on awareness, preparedness, level of protection before sensitization. We planned to assess before determining the needs of affected population.

RESULTS – GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE & INFORMANTS' DETAILS

- We assessed a total of 890 male and female populations 413 & 477 respectively in 2 divisions, 8 sub-division & 31 communities in the SWR.
- Highest count of surveys were done in Fako Division at 68% due to the highest number of sub-divisions selected. Surveys were carried out in 6 days from May 1st to May 6th, 2020. Informants were Internally displaced persons, host communities and legal migrant.
- Age groups involved were young adults, middle age adults and old adults 448, 351 and 91 respectively.

RESULTS – DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

- 99% of informants are aware of the pandemic while a non-material % of 1 are not. It therefore, means certain means of communications regarding the spread of Covid-19 actually went through leading to the probability of majorities getting involve in preparedness and prevention of the spread.
- Highest % of population within targeted areas level of prevention & preparedness lies on 3 most methods; Increasing hygiene through covering of faces with masks, Avoiding crowded and congested areas & Increasing hand washing with soap and sanitizers. But there exist other preventive measures almost not applicable.
- Research shows that television is the highest current tool of learning. Second highest centers around internet & online learning which normally has been very common to some higher institutions. This method of learning has been communicated more to the public due to the present Covid-19 pandemic.
- Government is the highest provider of education during the pandemic while caregivers/parents turn to be the second.
- Aged persons (28%) are most vulnerable during this period. Displaced, refugee or returnee with a total of 22% seen as 2nd most vulnerable group alongside children.
- There is high probability that the population of our said geographic coverage are currently going through starvation. During data collection, some informants insisted on abuse from government authorities during this difficult period thereby aggravating the situation. Covid-19 has become a stigma to some persons thereby reducing social activities and other engagements. 13% of total population complained of lack of learning opportunities.
- Majority of population are aware of hotlines put in place by the state and other international bodies. During sensitization, NGOs and other groups should remind the population on other possible means of protecting services.
- Feedback from field shows that majority population are experiencing increase in food and transport prices. Reducing number of meals is currently the highest method of coping with 22% of totals. Others chose to borrow and also consuming stock of seeds meant for next season due to financial constraint.
- Majority of the population have received nothing as far as assistance relating to Covid-19 pandemic is concern.

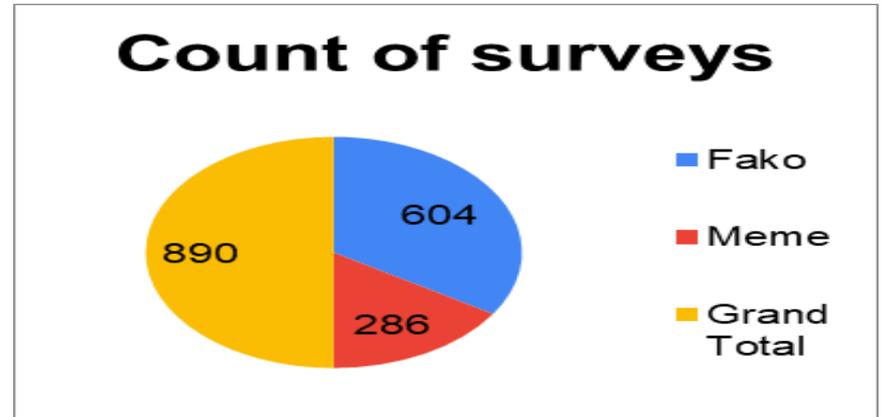
GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AND INFORMANTS' DETAILS

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

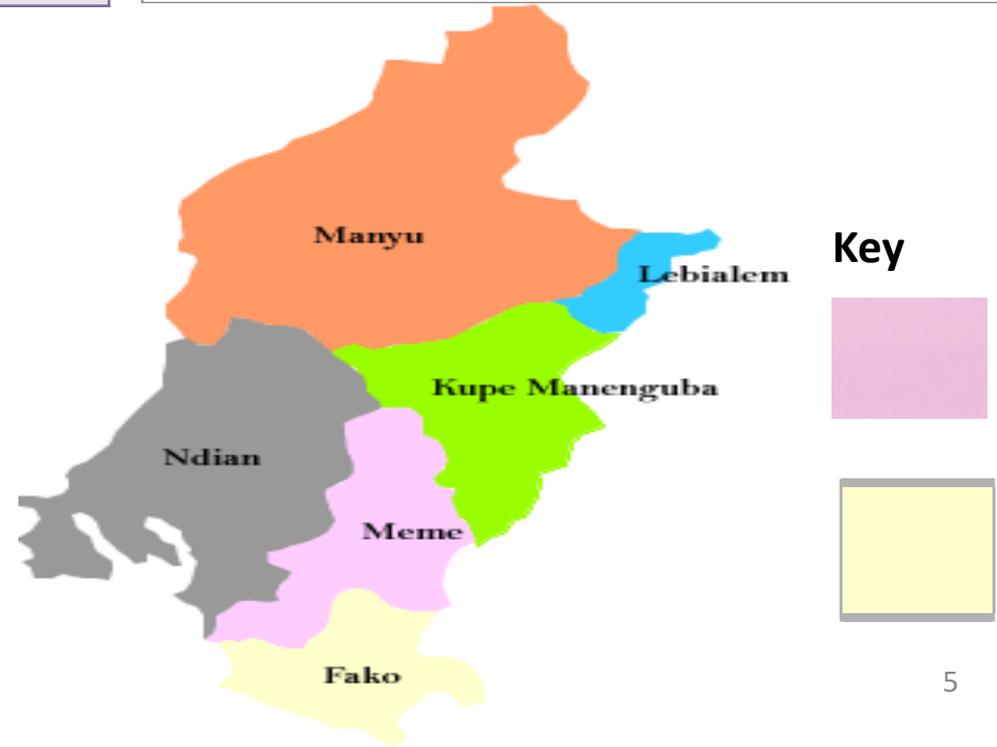
SOUTH WEST REGION

Count of surveys per division

Division	Count of surveys	% of surveys
Fako	604	68%
Meme	286	32%
Grand Total	890	100%



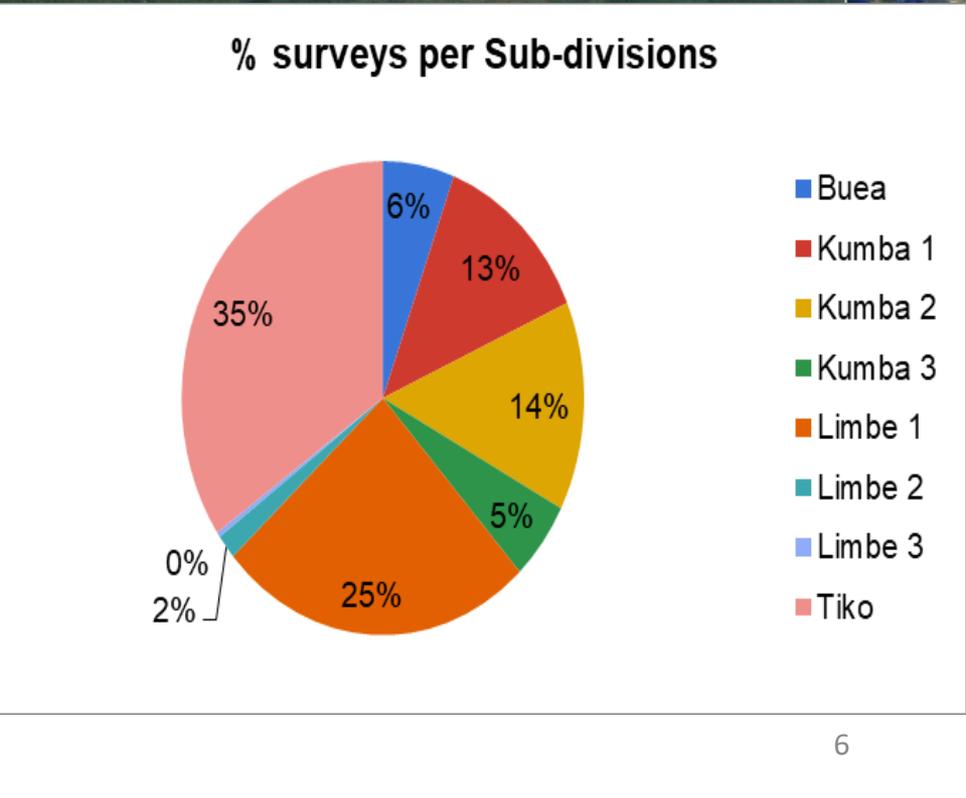
Highest count of surveys were done in Fako Division at 68% due to highest number of sub-divisions selected. Ratio was 3:5 being for Meme and Fako respectively summing up to 8 sub-divisions. 31% of total surveys carried out in Meme. Please, see beside map of SWR indicating selected divisions.



Sub-divisions selected within Fako & Meme



Sud-division	% of surveys per SD
Buea	6%
Kumba 1	13%
Kumba 2	14%
Kumba 3	5%
Limbe 1	25%
Limbe 2	2%
Limbe 3	1%
Tiko	34%
Total %	100%



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Targeted communities - Locations

Communities	Latitude	Longitude
Bakoko	4.02109	9.20769
Bojoke	4.07291	9.19007
Bokwai	4.08657	9.31707
Bosumbu	4.04668	9.21441
Bota	4.01266	9.1929
Botaland	4.01693	9.17594
Cassava farms	4.01852	9.20999
Church Street	4.01575	9.21131
Dibanda	4.11506	9.30815
Dockyard	4.00104	9.21164
Down beach	4.00392	9.21088
Garden	4.04157	9.2054
Half mile	4.01567	9.20803
Isokolo	4.01786	9.17553
Kumba 1	4.61317	9.44479
Kumba 2	4.63906	9.44718

Targeted communities - Locations

Communities	Latitude	Longitude
Kumba 3	4.59896	9.45866
Mabeta	3.99276	9.21633
Mawoh	4.01174	9.2194
Mbende	4.01779	9.20753
Mile 1	4.0271	9.21104
Mile 2	4.04043	9.21154
Mile 4	4.05889	9.23367
Motowo	4.00828	9.2174
Mutengene	4.09001	9.31717
Naanga	4.13301	9.22302
Newtown	4.01244	9.21618
Ngeme	4.01574	9.1481
Ombe	4.07936	9.28947
Sapa road	4.00661	9.20936
Towe	4.0245	9.21303

Targeted communities – ground level

Limbe 1,2 & 3 Sub-Division



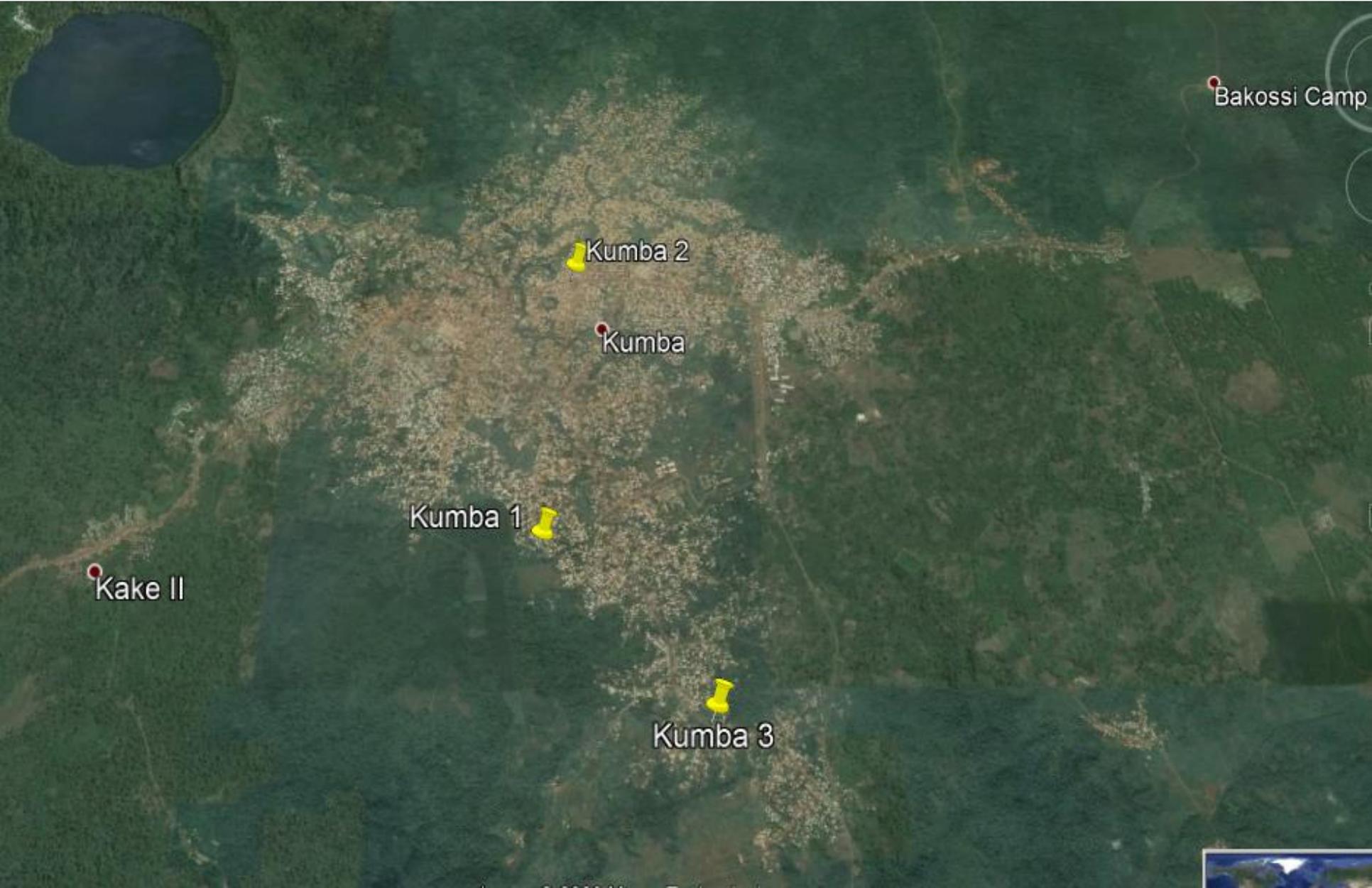
Targeted communities – ground level

Buea & Tiko Sub-Division Sub-Division



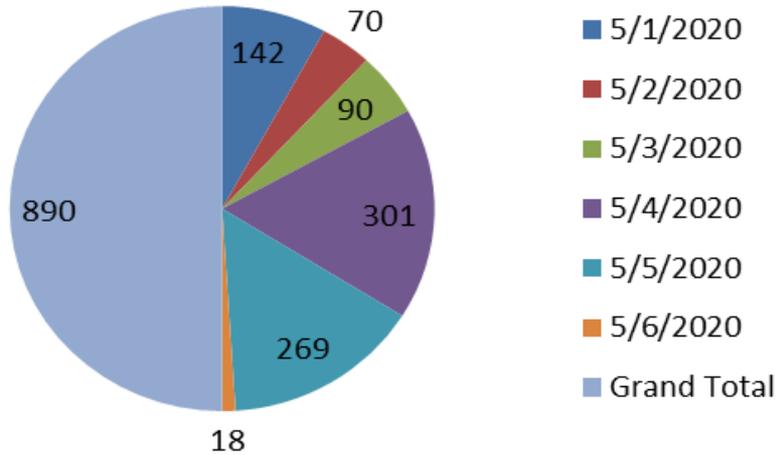
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Kumba 1,2,3 Sub-Division Sub-Division

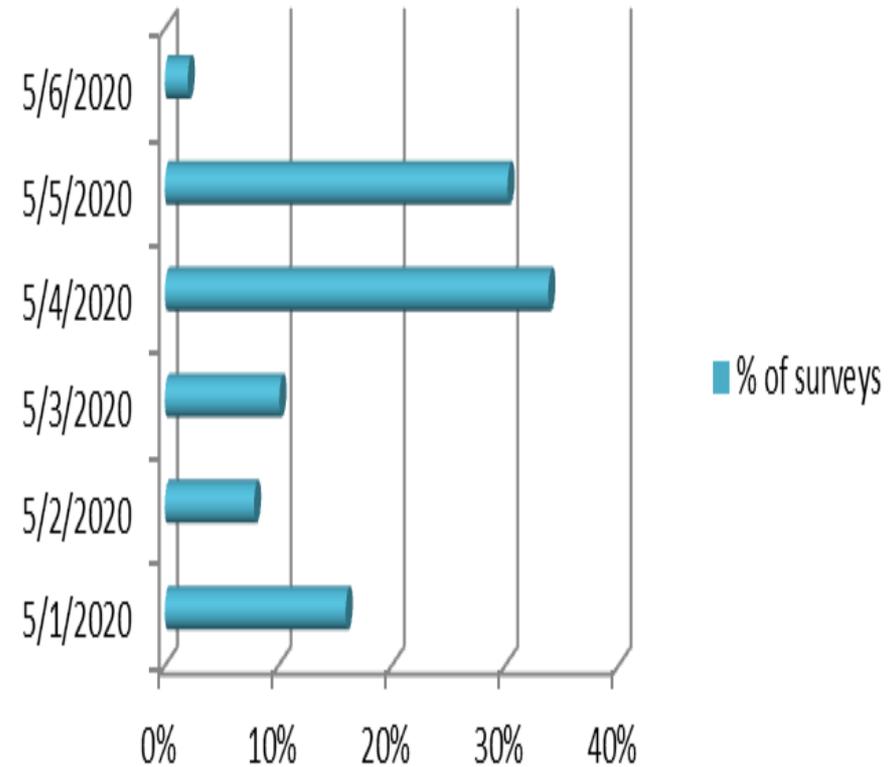


Dates of survey established

Count of surveys

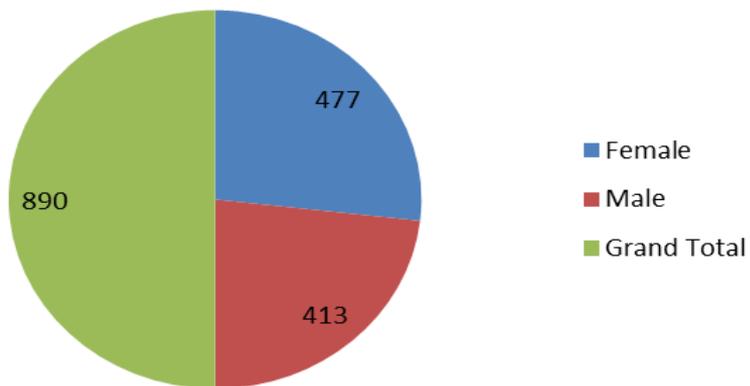


Daily productivity-total established surveys

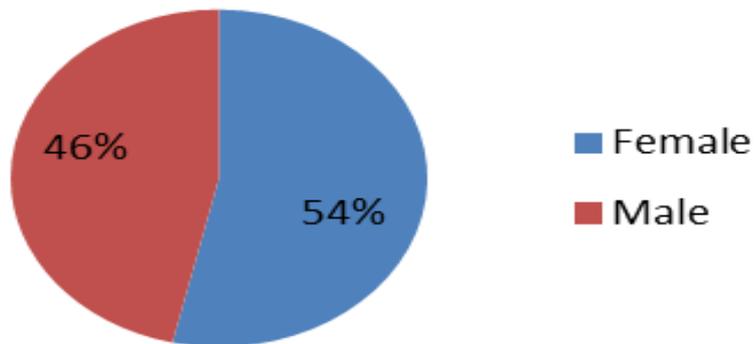


Gender breakdown of informants

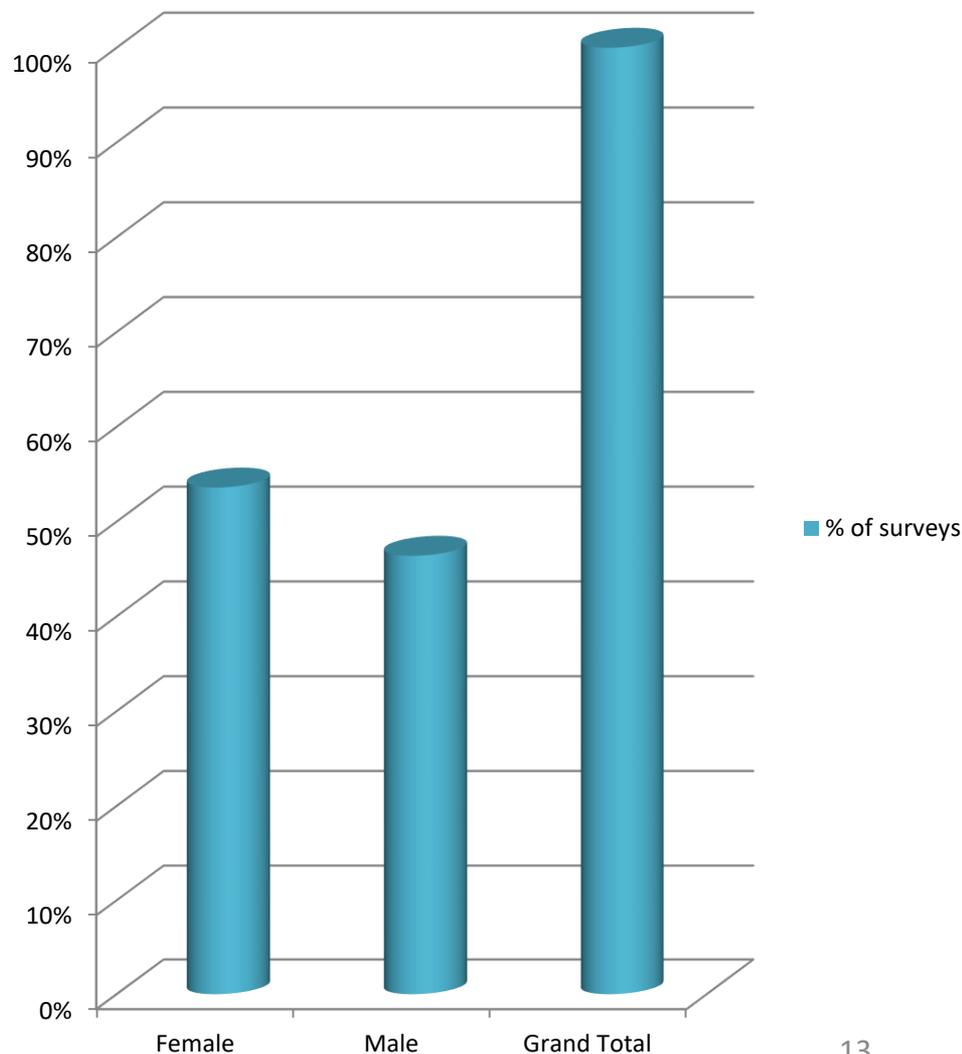
Count of surveys



Gender split



% of surveys

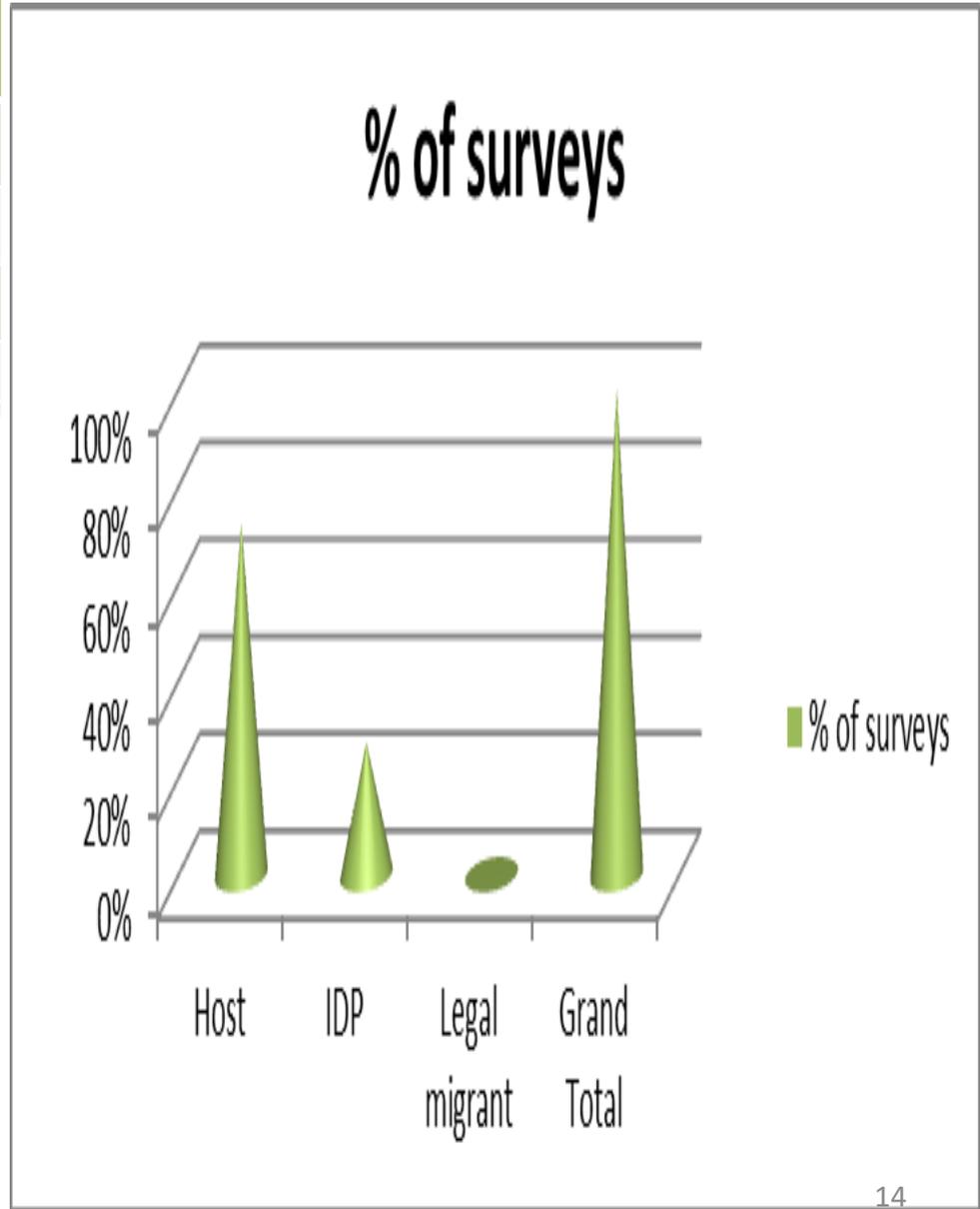


Informant's status

Informant's status	Count of surveys	% of surveys
Host	646	73%
IDP	243	27%
Legal migrant	1	0%
Grand Total	890	100%



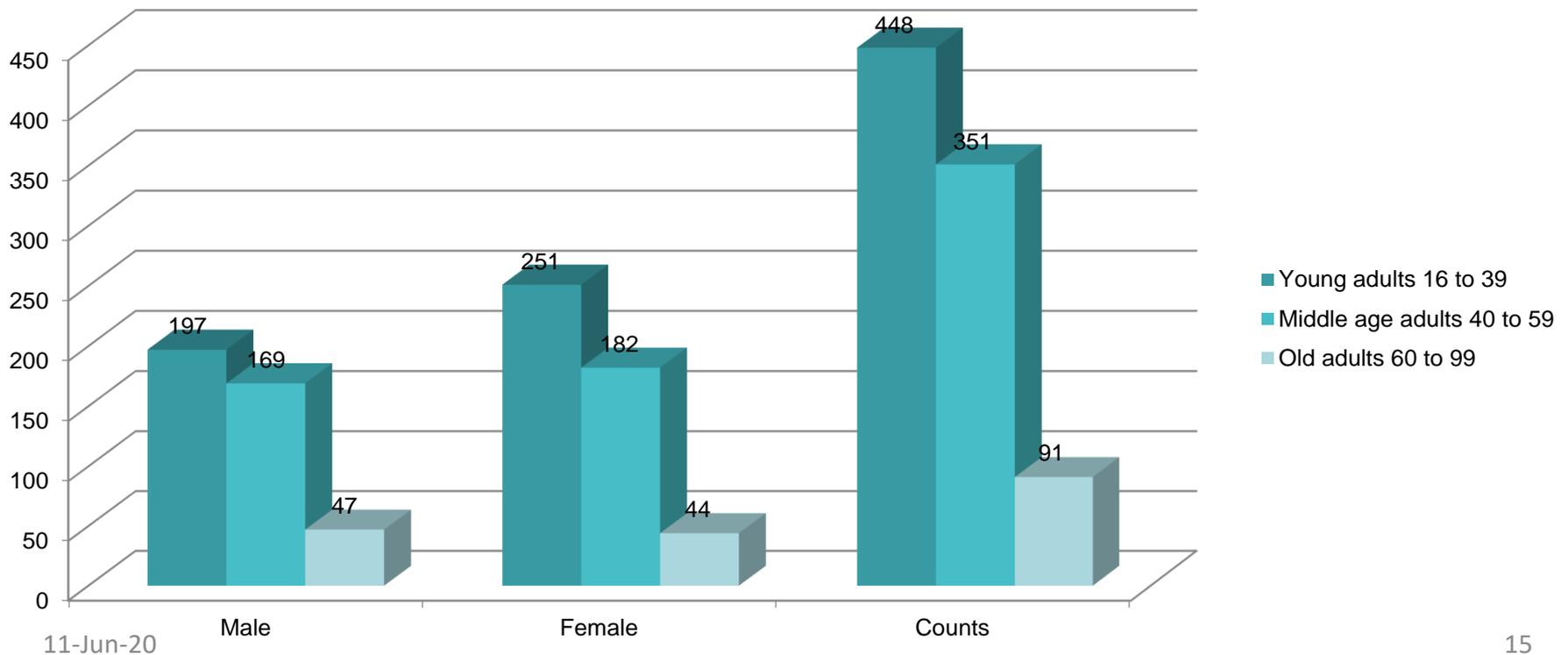
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Age groups involved

Age groups	Range	Male	Female	Counts
Young adults	16 to 39	197	251	448
Middle age adults	40 to 59	169	182	351
Old adults	60 to 99	47	44	91
Total		413	477	890

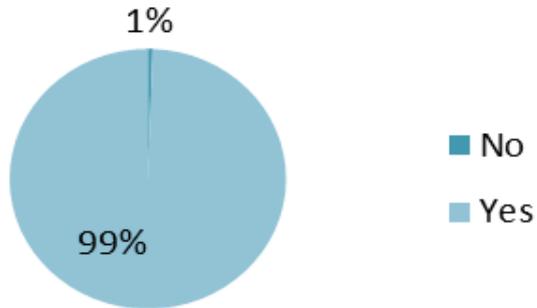
Note	Min/Max
Minimum	16
Maximum	86



DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

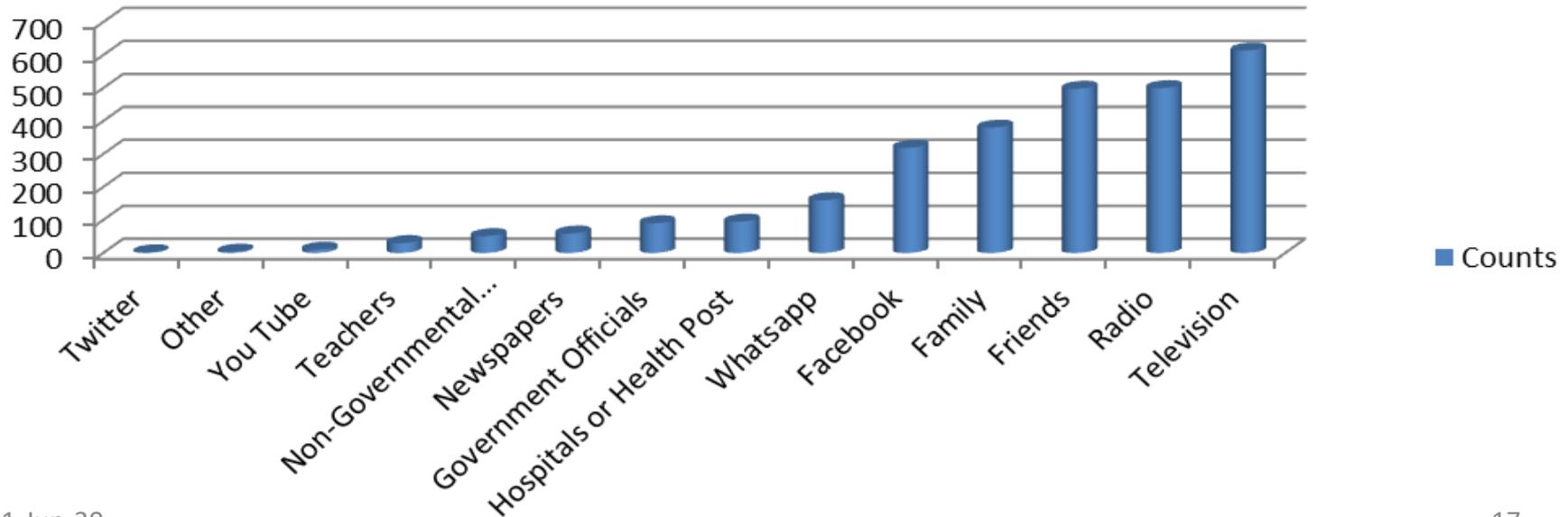
Level of awareness of Covid-19 pandemic

% awareness



99% of informants are aware of the pandemic while a non-material % of 1 are not. This shows a positive feedback to our study at this level. It therefore, means certain means of communications regarding the spread of Covid-19 actually went through leading to the probability of majorities getting involve in preparedness and prevention of the spread. Details of preparedness and preventions are highlighted in the next slide. Below are the various communication tools used and strength of each. Television, radio, friends, family, Facebook & Whatsapp are best media of creating awareness to the society in regards to the pandemic.

Counts



Level of prevention & preparedness of Covid-19 pandemic

Method of prevention and preparedness	Counts	% totals
stocking up on non-food items	4	0%
Other methods	5	0%
Stocking up on food items	13	0%
Staying informed from the government or non-governmental organizations	43	2%
Sharing information about the infection with my friends	61	2%
Avoiding touching, sitting or standing close to others	71	3%
Sharing information about the infection with my family	116	4%
Increasing hygiene through cleaning surfaces	138	5%
Increasing hygiene through taking care not to cough and sneeze around others	201	7%
Increasing handwashing with soap and sanitiser	637	23%
Avoiding crowded and congested areas	687	25%
Increasing hygiene through covering my face with a mask	771	28%

Highest % of population within targeted areas level of prevention & preparedness lies on 3 most methods;

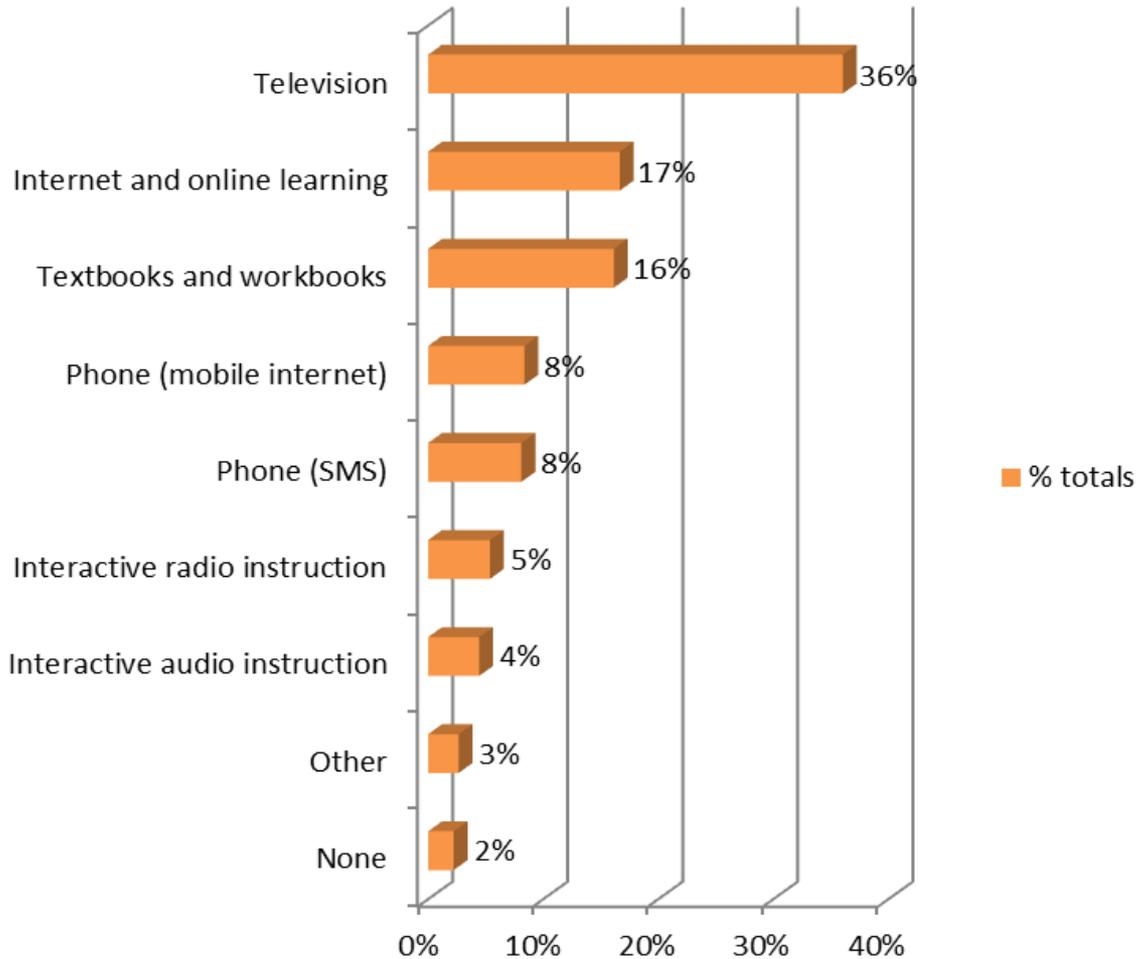
- Increasing hygiene through covering of faces with masks
- Avoiding crowded and congested areas
- Increasing hand washing with soap and sanitizers



Promoting learning during Covid-19 pandemic 1.1

Means and tools

Means of learning/tools



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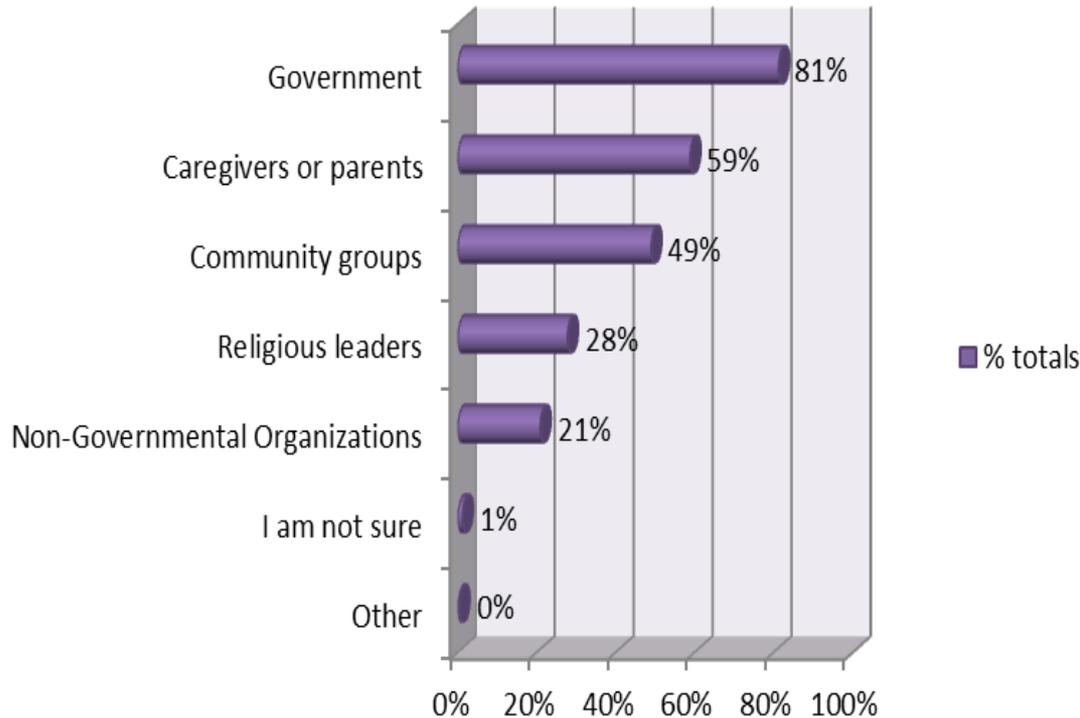
Research shows that television is the highest current tool of learning. Second highest centers around internet & online learning which normally has been very common to some higher institutions. This method of learning has been communicated more to the public due to the present Covid-19 pandemic. Text & workbooks turn to be the 3rd most valuable source of learning though in past years i.e before the outbreak of the virus, pupils, students and others have been using this medium. Rest of tools are not material base on results of this assessment which are;

- Phone (mobile internet)
- Phone (SMS)
- Interactive radio instructions
- Audio learning and others.

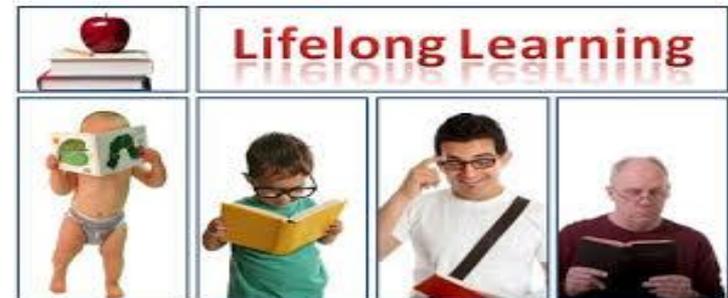
Promoting learning during Covid-19 pandemic 1.2

Providers/Education assistance during Covid-19

Providers of education assistance (% totals)



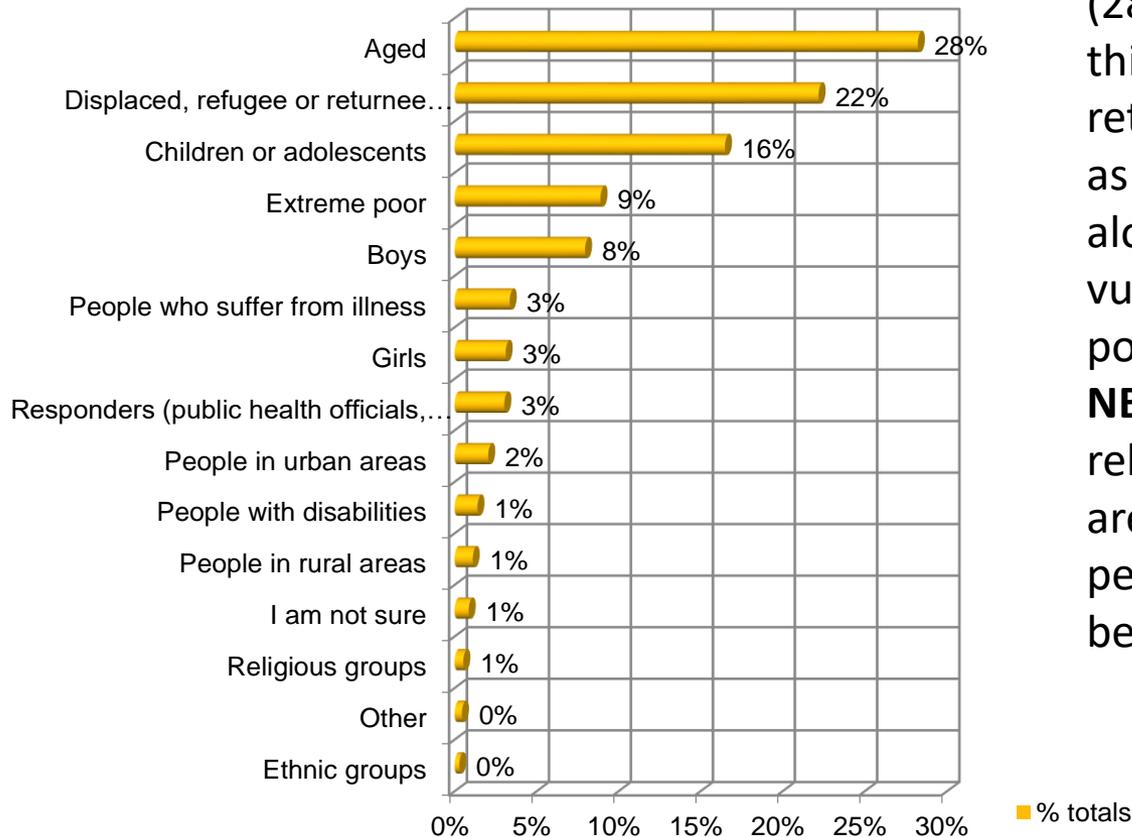
Government is the highest provider of education during the pandemic while caregivers/parents turn to be the second. Looking at the result, community groups have been extending similar assistance during this difficult phase of the year not leaving out religious leaders ahead of Non-Governmental Organizations. This may be as a result of little or no funds to carry out massive assistance as planned.



Protection during Covid-19 pandemic 1.1

Who is at the highest risk of harm during the Covid-19 pandemic?

% count of groups with highest risk of harm in regards to Covid-19

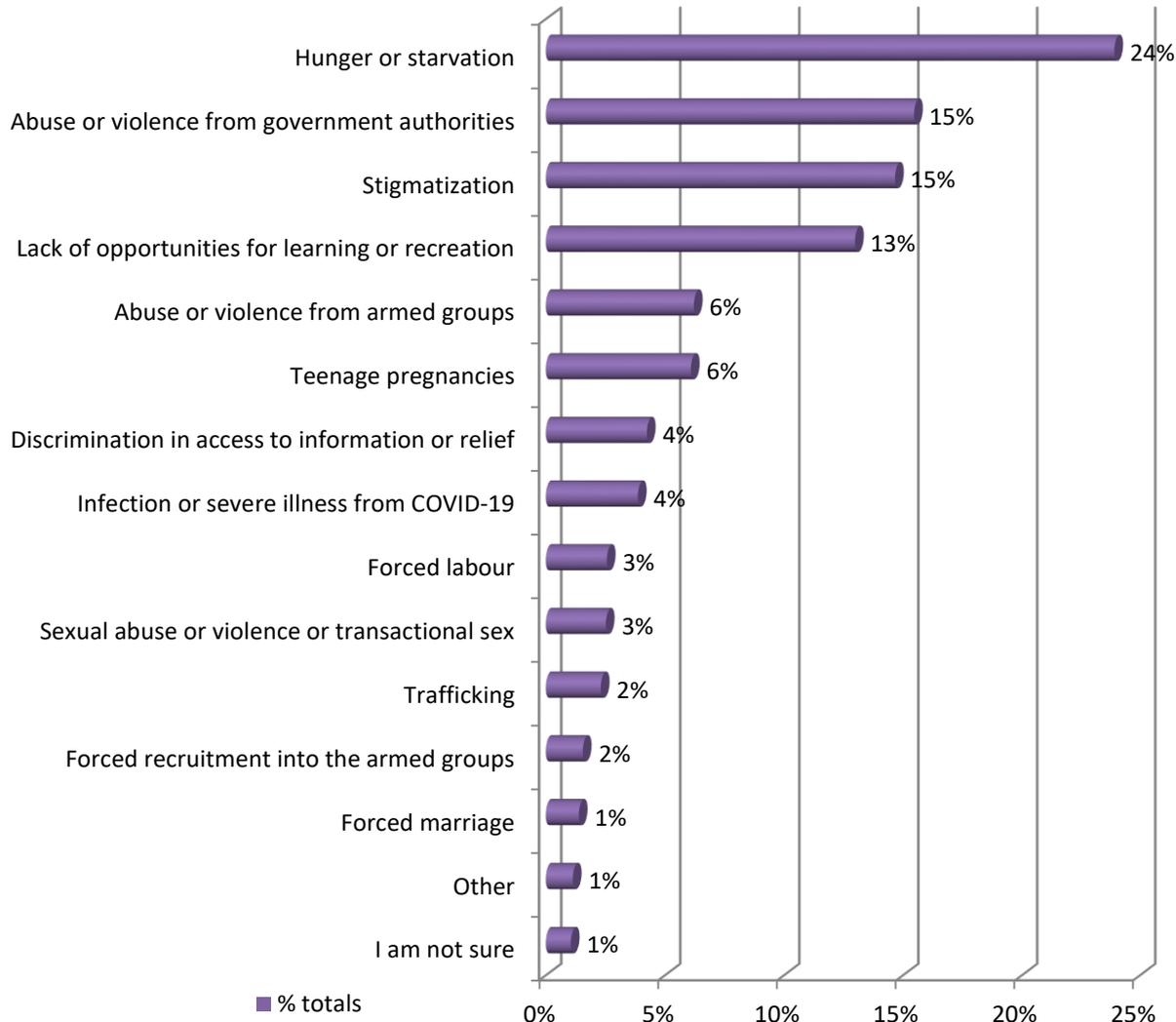


Below graph shows **aged persons** (28%) are most vulnerable during this period. Displaced, refugee or returnee with a total of 22% seen as 2nd most vulnerable group alongside children. 4th most vulnerable group links to extreme poor.

NB. It has been realized that religious groups, people in rural areas, people with disabilities, people in urban areas, girls turn to be almost free from harm.

Protection during Covid-19 pandemic 1.2

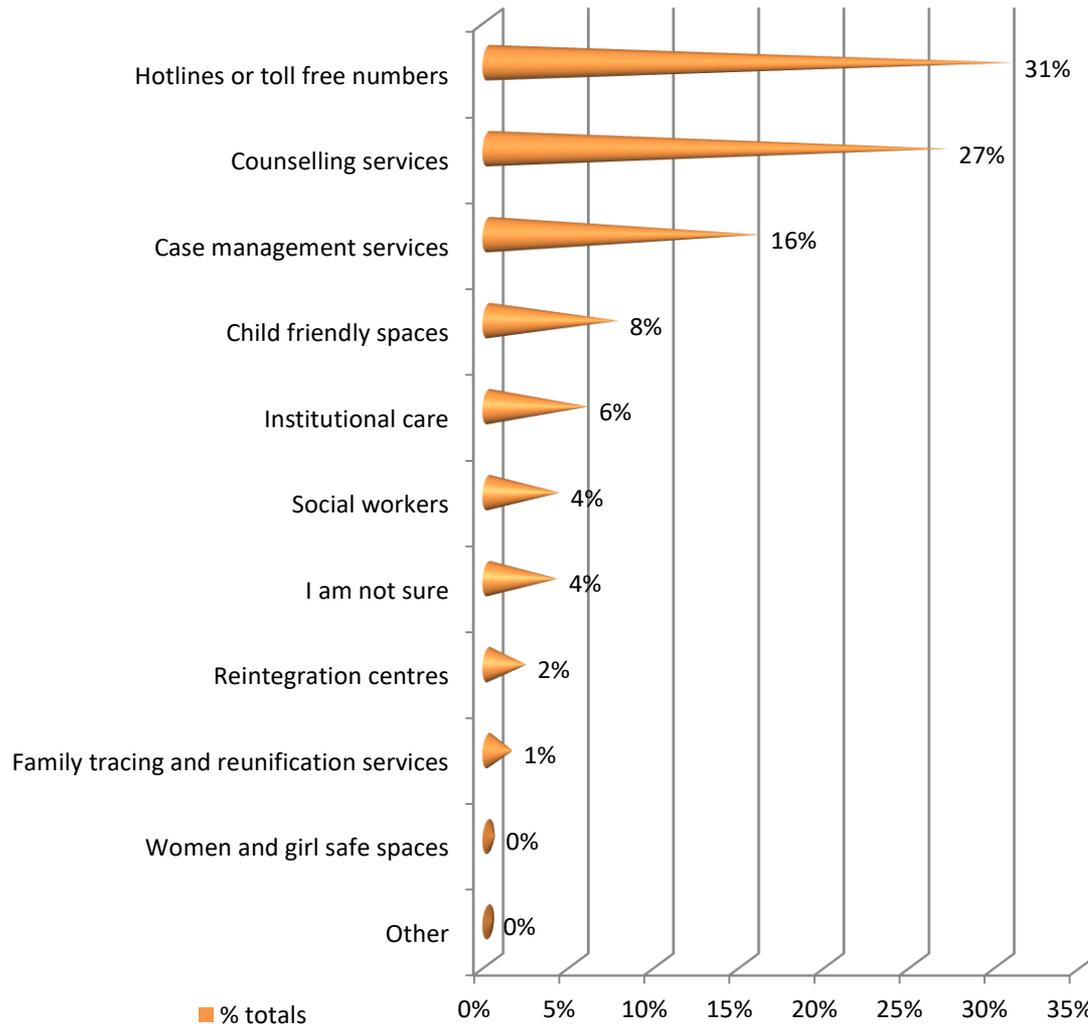
What type of harm could the population experience?



There is high probability that the population of our said geographic coverage are currently going through starvation. During data collection, some informants insisted on abuse from government authorities during this difficult period thereby aggravating the situation. Covid-19 has become a stigma to some persons thereby reducing social activities and other engagements. 13% of total population complained of lack of learning opportunities. Education slow down has been one of the main problems during this period but base on the effort from the government, caregivers or parents, community groups, religious leaders and some NGOs, has currently moved to the 4th position.

Protection during Covid-19 pandemic 1.3

Protection services during Covid-19



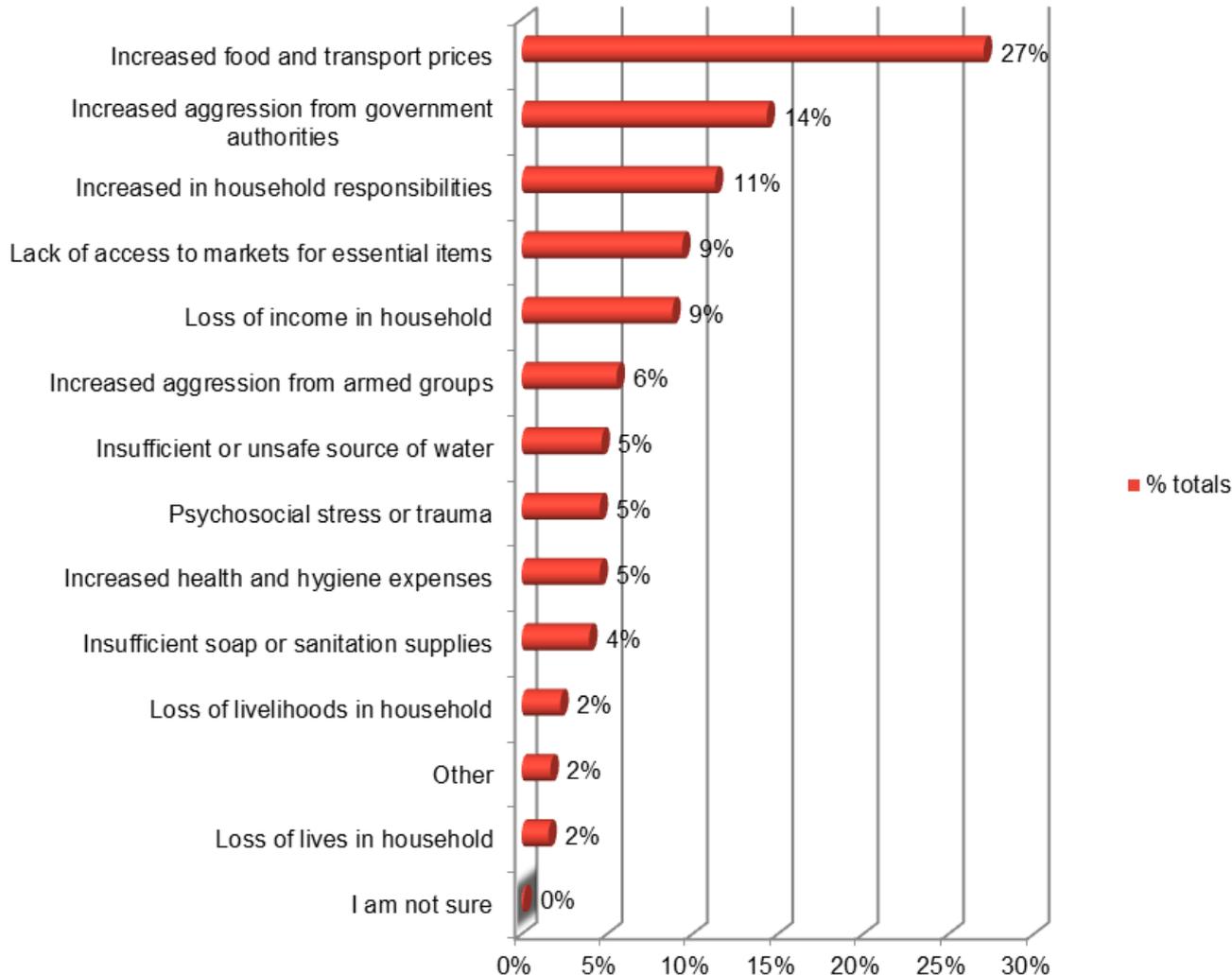
The level of sensitization on protection services were define in various points. It shows that majority of population are aware of hotlines put in place by the state and other international bodies. During sensitization, NGOs and other groups should remind the population on other possible means of protecting services such as;

- Child friendly spaces
- Institutional care
- Social workers
- Reintegration centers
- Family tracing & reunification services

if applicable in our communities.

Protection during Covid-19 pandemic 1.4

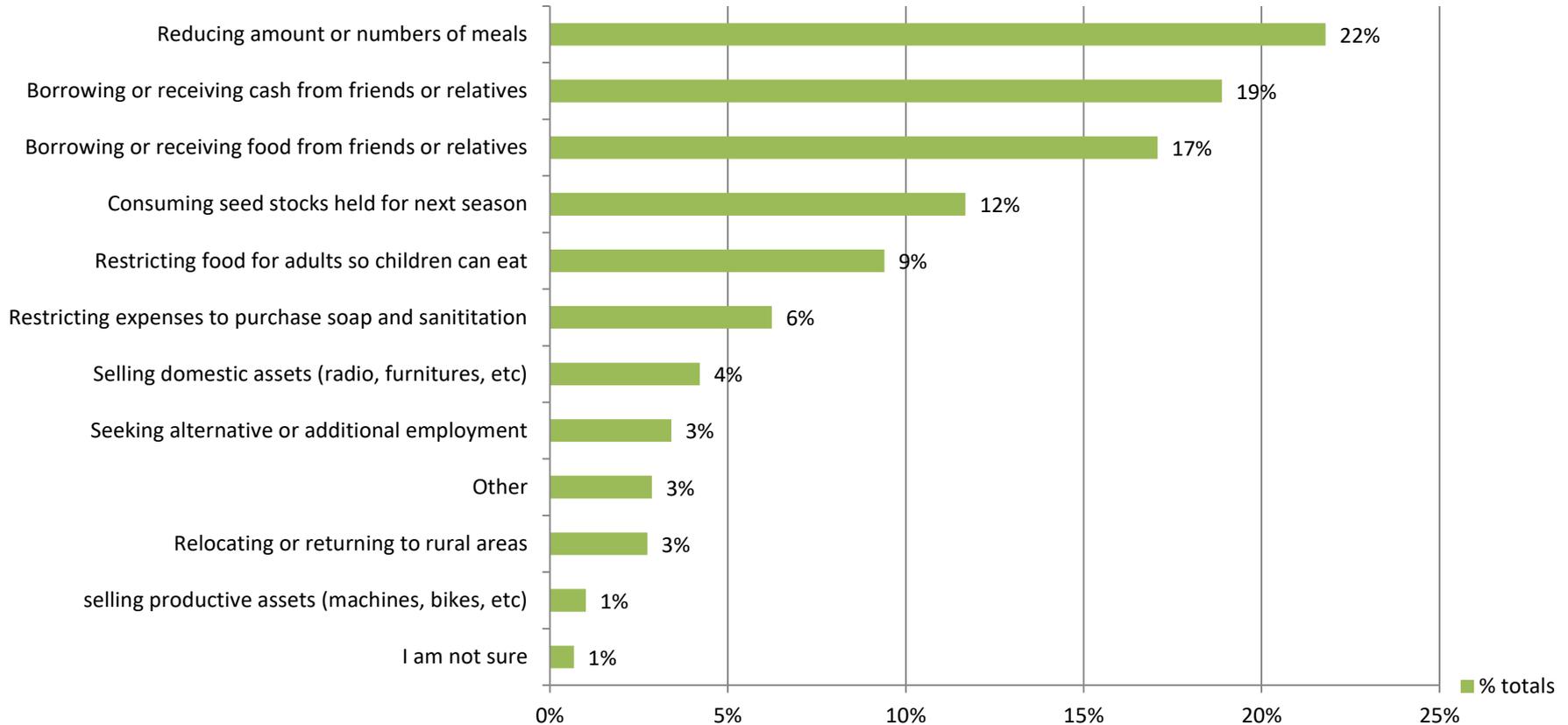
Result of assessment



Feedback from field shows that majority population are experiencing increase in food and transport prices. 2nd issue during this threat still lies on aggression from government authorities as seen in 1.2 of protection slides. In order to mitigate this particular issue, UN in collaboration with NGOs should share information with the government. Household responsibilities has increased so far as not all members of certain homes are currently working. High rate of staff redundancy has actually contributed to this issue. Lack of access to markets for essential items is also a problem. That shows some areas of interest on especially food insecurity may be solved in kind instead of cash.

Increasing coping capacities during Covid-19 pandemic 1.1

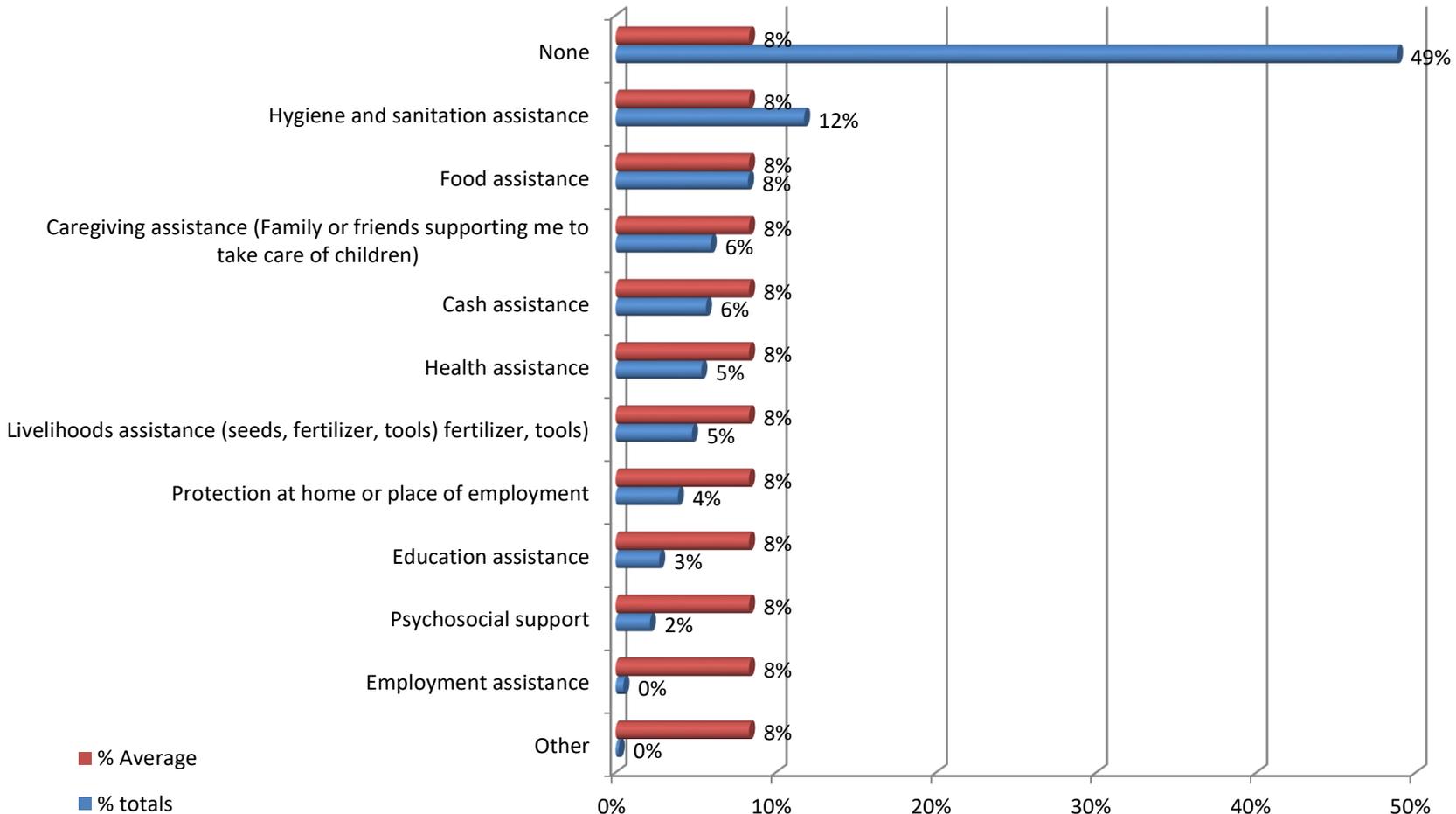
Method of coping during Covid-19



Reducing number of meals is currently the highest method of coping with 22% of totals. Others chose to borrow and also consuming stock of seeds meant for next season due to financial constraint. Restricting food for adults so that children can eat has also not solved the problem of food insecurity. Purchase of soap and sanitizers has equally contributed to increase in daily expenses. Population movement to rural areas in an attempt to cut down expenses though at a lower rate. 27% of IDPs were interviewed with some affected by the pandemic instead of the Anglophone crisis through qualitative feedback.

Increasing coping capacities during Covid-19 pandemic 1.2

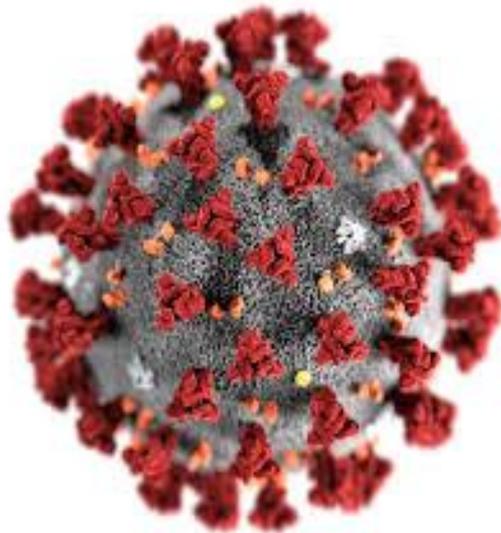
Types of assistance already received during covid-19



12 types of assistances inclusive of “None” were considered during the assessment with an average of 8% (bars in red). 2% of informants have received psychosocial support from others. Education assistance is at a lower rate 3% which if special recommendations are not introduced, literacy rate may drop in a long run. Majority of the population have received nothing as far as assistance relating to Covid-19 pandemic is concern.

Covid-19 sensitization

Covid-19 sensitization was carried out in the South West Region in **2 Divisions, 8 Sub-divisions** and **31 communities**. Miracle charity Foundation's goal in regards to the pandemic was to **sensitize 1 person per household** so that they could pass same message to entire home. **Targeted number of households was at 1000**. Based on our **past data analyzed in September, 2019**, average number per household was at 5 hence the **probability of 5000 persons to receive in maximum of a week**. **Current assessment data / sensitization was carried out in 6 days meeting up to 890**. The plan was to establish surveys by so doing assessing the informant on knowledge concerning awareness and preparedness which has been explained in previous slides. 890 persons sensitized to give a total of 4450 after transmitting similar messages to entire household. **477 females sensitized alongside 413 males**.



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COVID-19 General Prevention

Protect yourself from all infectious diseases by using these precautions.

- Stay home when you are sick
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals
- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds or longer and dry hands with a clean towel or air dry
- Wear a cloth face cover when going out in public
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands or after touching surfaces
- Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- Clean and disinfect "high touch" surfaces often
- Call before visiting your doctor



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