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# Impacts of the COVID-19 crises on rural household in Côte d'Ivoire

Insights from a phone survey

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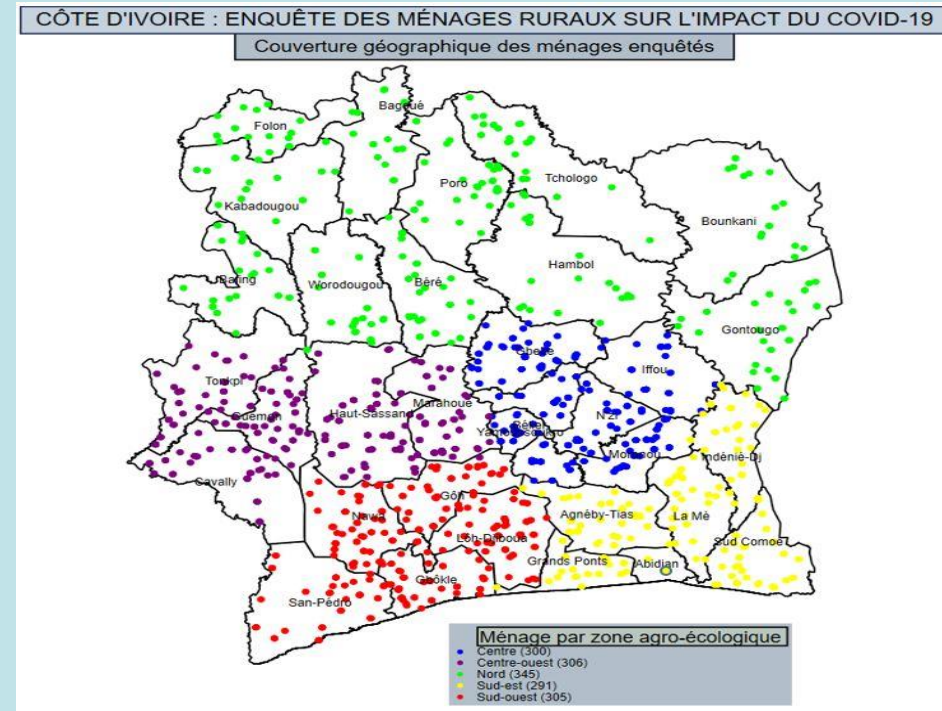


# Context

- First case of Covid-19 on 11 March
- Up to now, about 21000 positive cases
- Measures against Covid-19:
  - Bar and restaurants shut down
  - Curfew from 9pm to 5am
  - Isolation of Abidjan, the economic capital
- Support measures to the economy decided by the government
- => few information about impact in rural areas

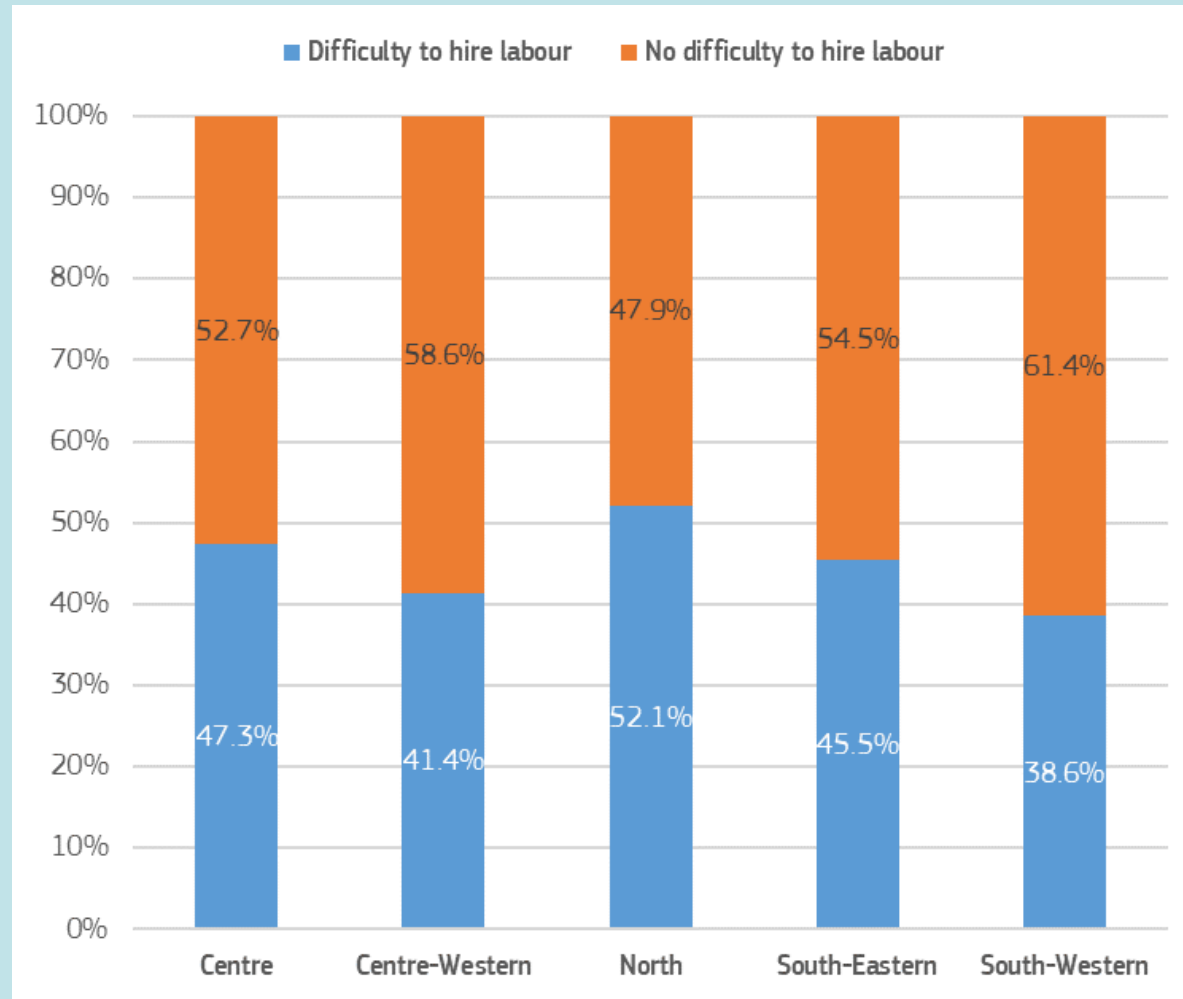
# Survey design and sample

- Survey organized by phone to a sample of rural households already surveyed in 2019
- 1547 surveyed households
- Survey designed and conducted over a very short time
- Use of phone interview + CATI considerably reduced collection time



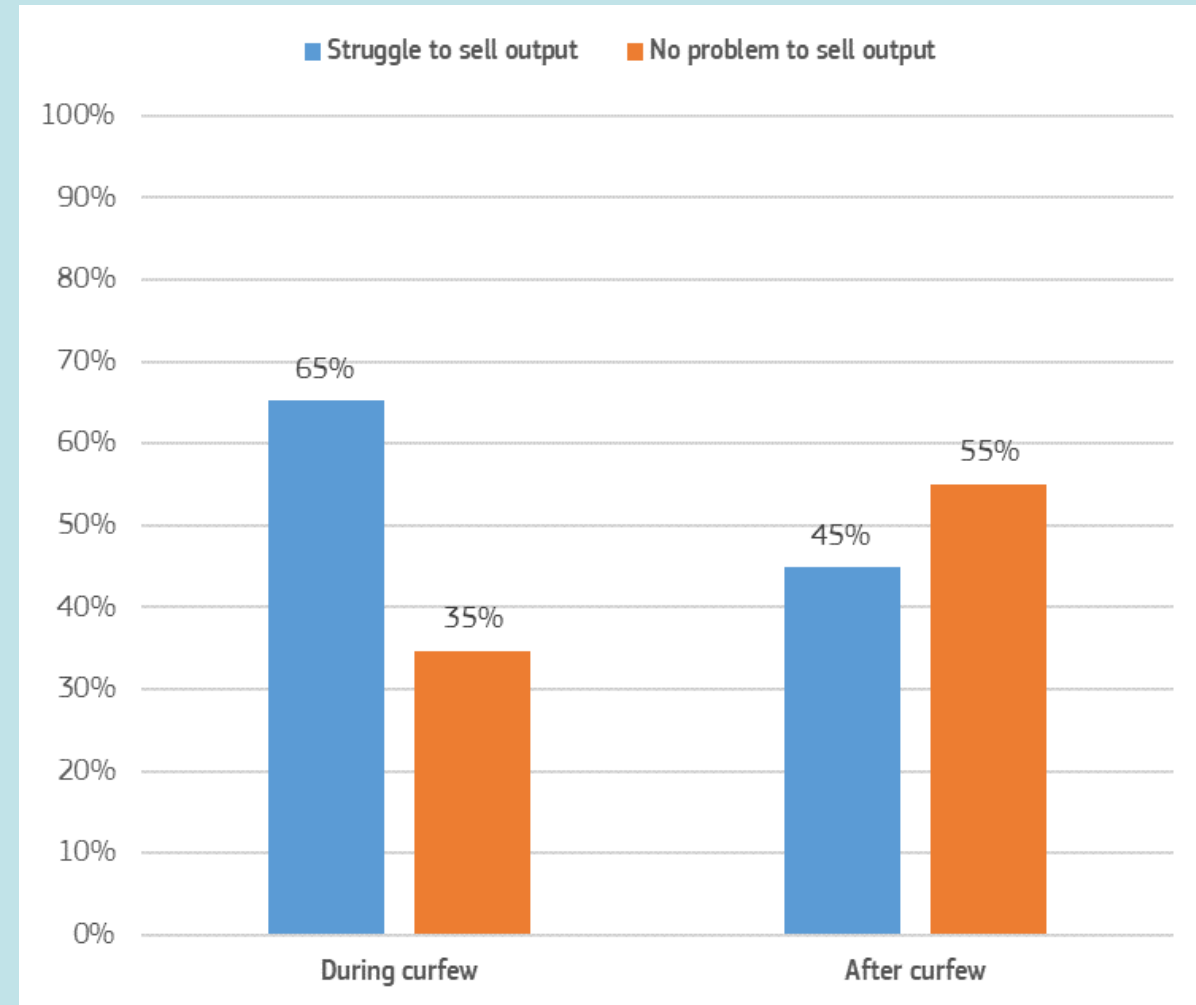
# Impact on access to labour

- 44.7% of respondent experienced difficulties to hire labour for agricultural work in the farm-fields during the lockdown
- Cocoa and cashew fields are the most affected
- 51.4% of households also reported difficulties to acquire inputs (fertilizers and herbicides)



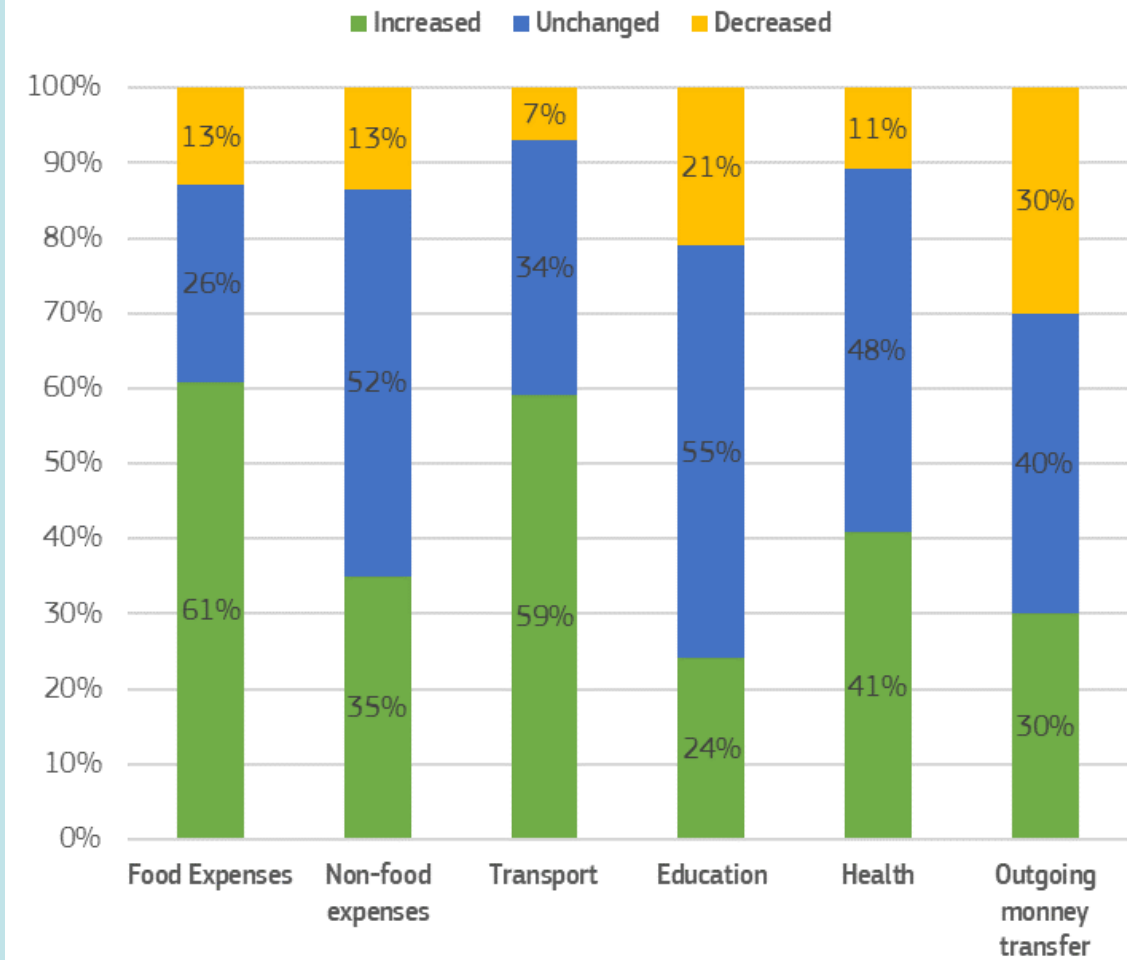
# Impact on sales

- Two third of rural HH reported difficulties to sell output during lockdown, while this decrease significantly after the measures were lifted
- Cocoa and cashew by far more affected
- Western regions less affected



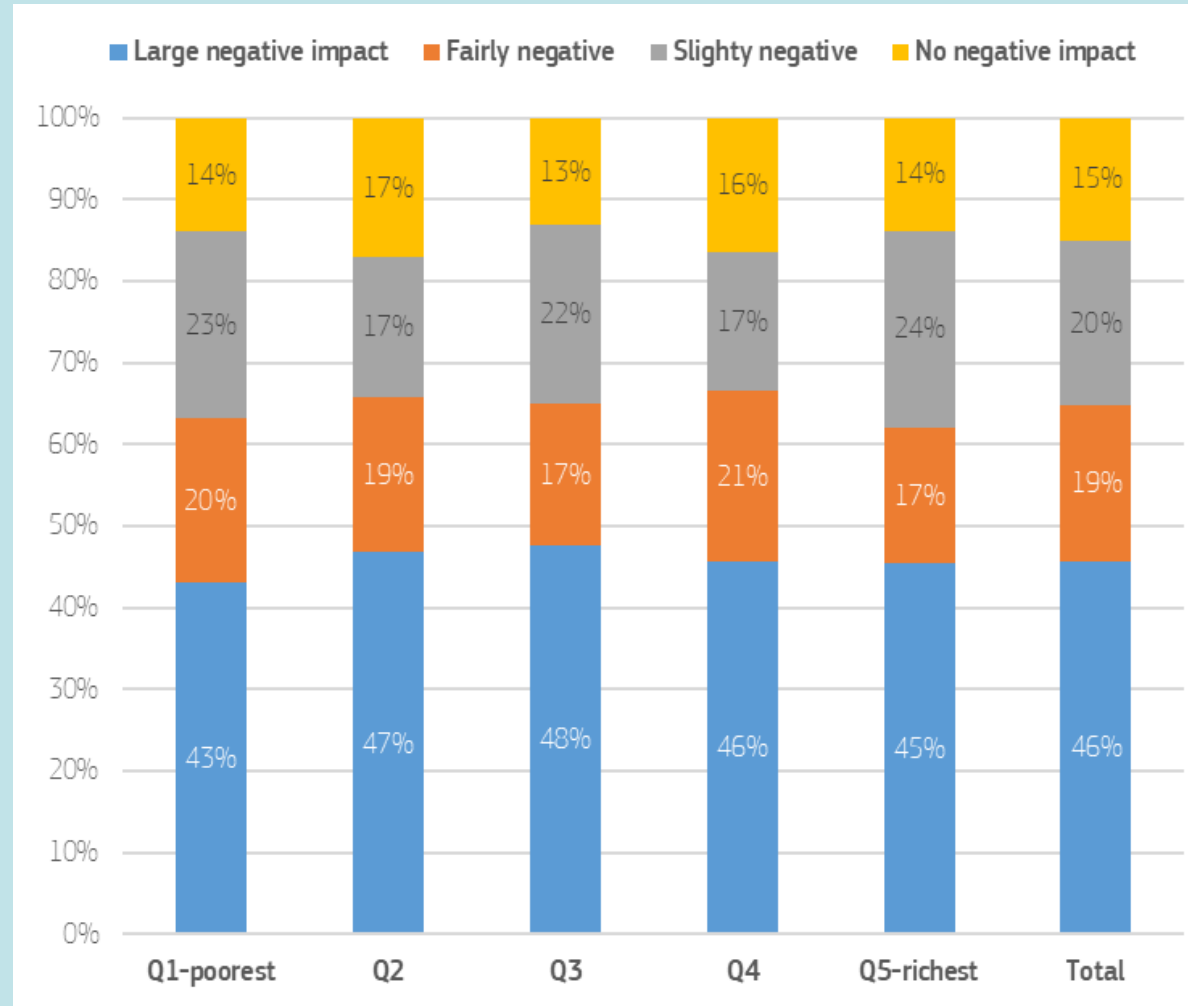
# Impact on expenses

- Food consumption and transport have registered the largest increase
- Health expensive have increased for 40% of households
- One third of HH have decreased outgoing transfers
- Education is less affected



# Impact on income

- Overall, about 85% of household report negative impact on income
- 45.7% qualified this impact as severe
- Rate rather constant across income quintile
- Western regions slightly less affected





# Main findings and conclusion

- Survey implemented quiet fast, cheap and replicable
- Rural households in Côte d'Ivoire were worried and have been affected by Covid-19 pandemic
- The impact is coming from the travel restrictions (closed borders, isolation of Abidjan) which affected individual movements; this has generated difficulties to hire labour and sell output
- The previous is to be linked to the importance of informal trade flows and migration
- Because of the timing of the restrictions, cocoa and cashew farmers are among the most affected (harvest season)
- No impact registered on Food Security, further research may be needed



# Any questions?

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