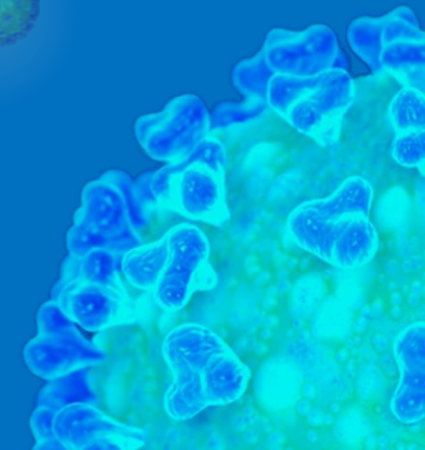
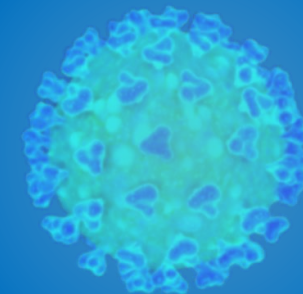


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IMPACT of COVID-19 PANDEMIC on the labour market and living standards of households



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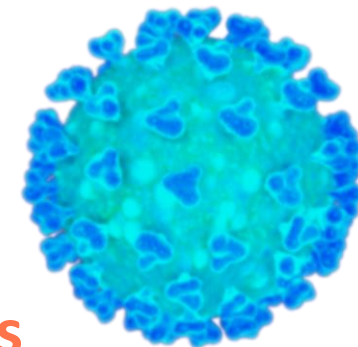
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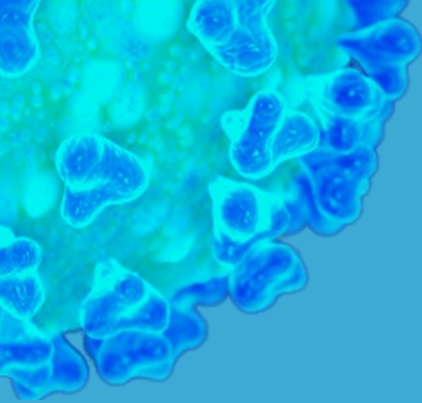
Must to do

- Ⓜ **Statistical Work Program** for 2020
- Ⓜ **State of emergency** (as of March 17) and of **public health emergency** (as of May 16) in the country because of COVID-19 pandemic
- Ⓜ **Emerging needs** for new data and evidences


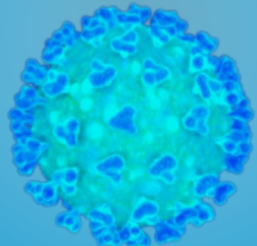
What to do

- Ⓜ **Instant** adaptation to new circumstances
- Ⓜ **Teleworking & Smart** working
- Ⓜ Seek for new **partnerships**
- Ⓜ Enhance **monitoring tools**
- Ⓜ **Pro-action** and **innovation**
- Ⓜ **Methodological solutions** to produce gender statistics on the impact of Covid-19





**Influence of the
COVID-19 pandemic
on the households**





Data collection – 2nd Q onward

Additional module to HBS (*ongoing*)

Objective: measure the main challenges and problems faced by households during the pandemic and lockdown period, regarding:

- 🕒 **Consequences** on health, economic activity or mobility
- 🕒 Difficulties in **accessing health** products or services
- 🕒 Consequences on the **financial condition** of the household
- Measures** taken by households to overcome **financial difficulties**
- 🕒 Difficulties in **accessing distance learning services**
- Difficulties related to **distance learning**

Available information by **sex of the head of HH**

01.

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Key insights from the impact of COVID-19

02.

HEALTH

COVID-19 impact on household access to health services

03.

FINANCE

The pandemic's impact on the household financial wellbeing

04.

EDUCATION

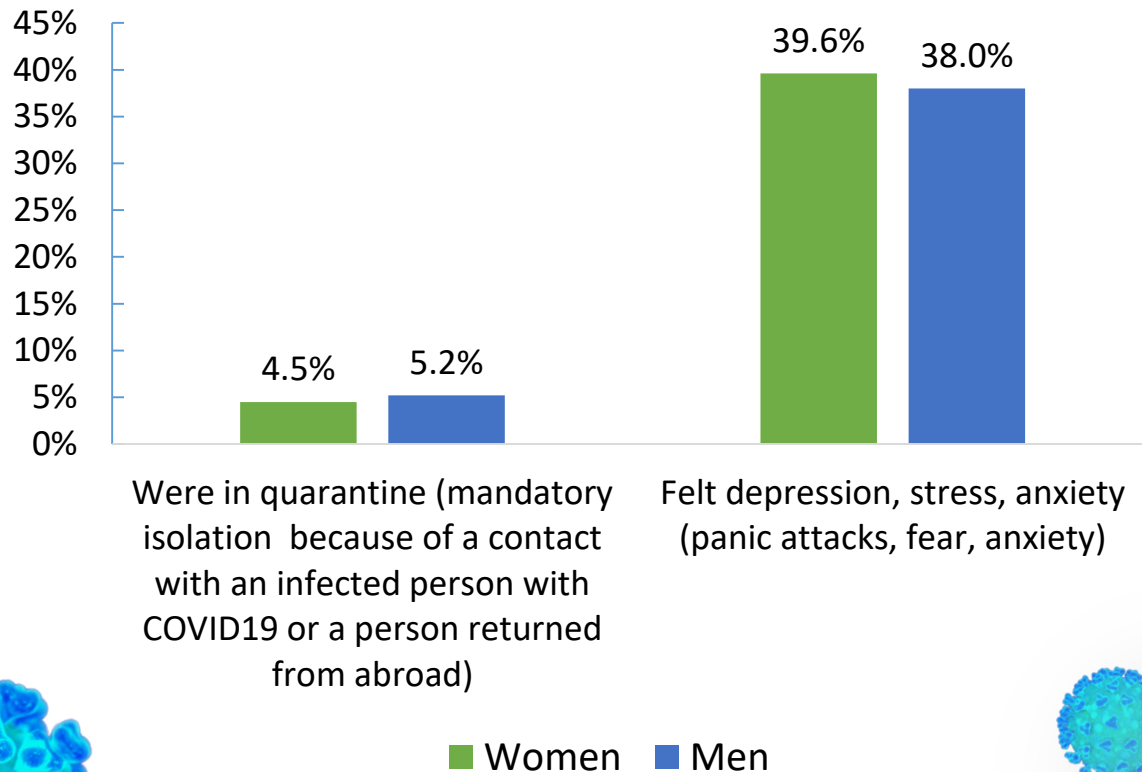
Key difficulties experienced by households in access to education



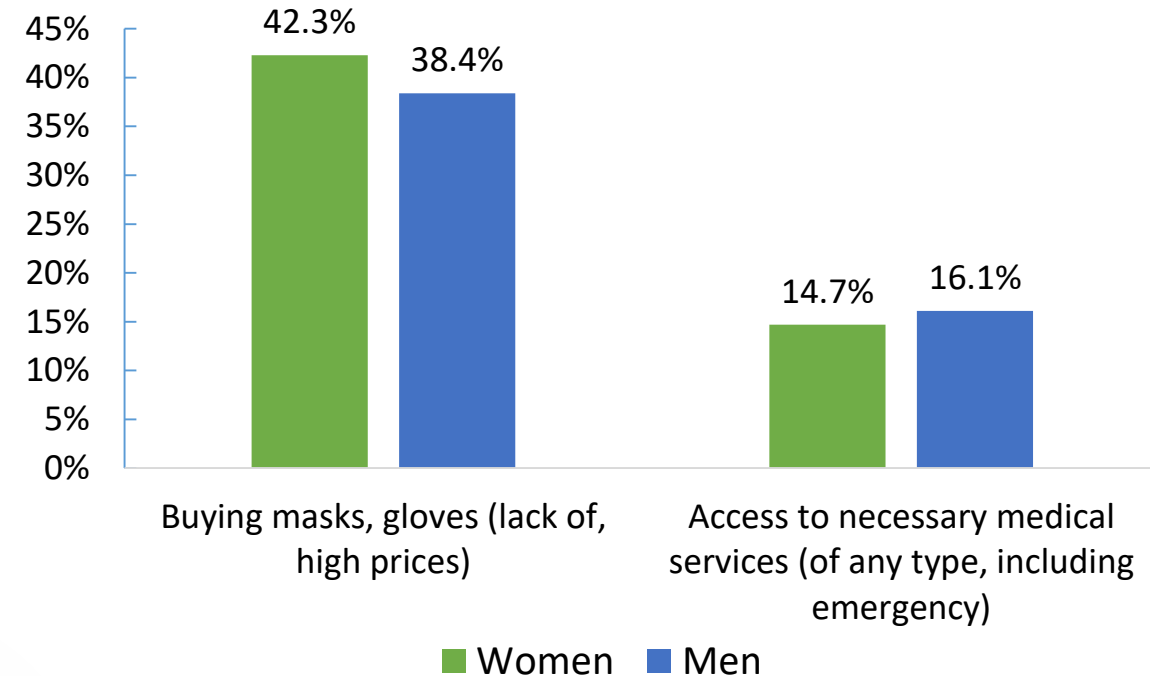
Main findings (1)

Additional module to HBS (*ongoing*) – overall & health difficulties

Share of households with at least one member facing **DIFFICULTIES** as a result of Covid-19, by sex of the head of HH



Share of households with at least one member facing **HEALTH** difficulties, by sex of the head of HH

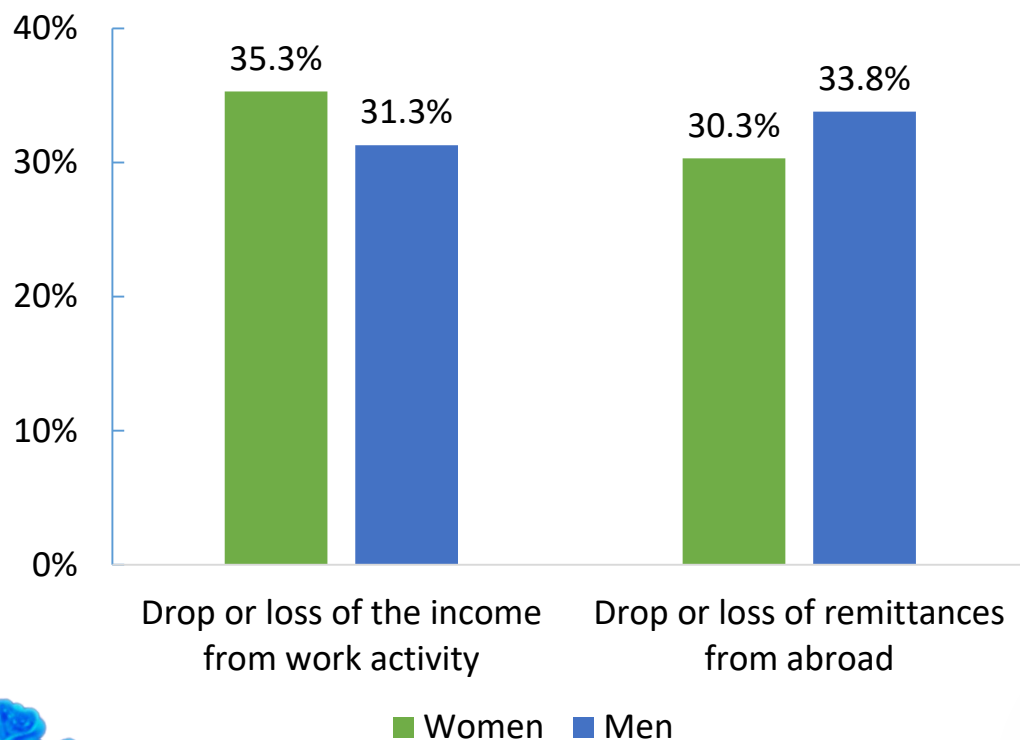




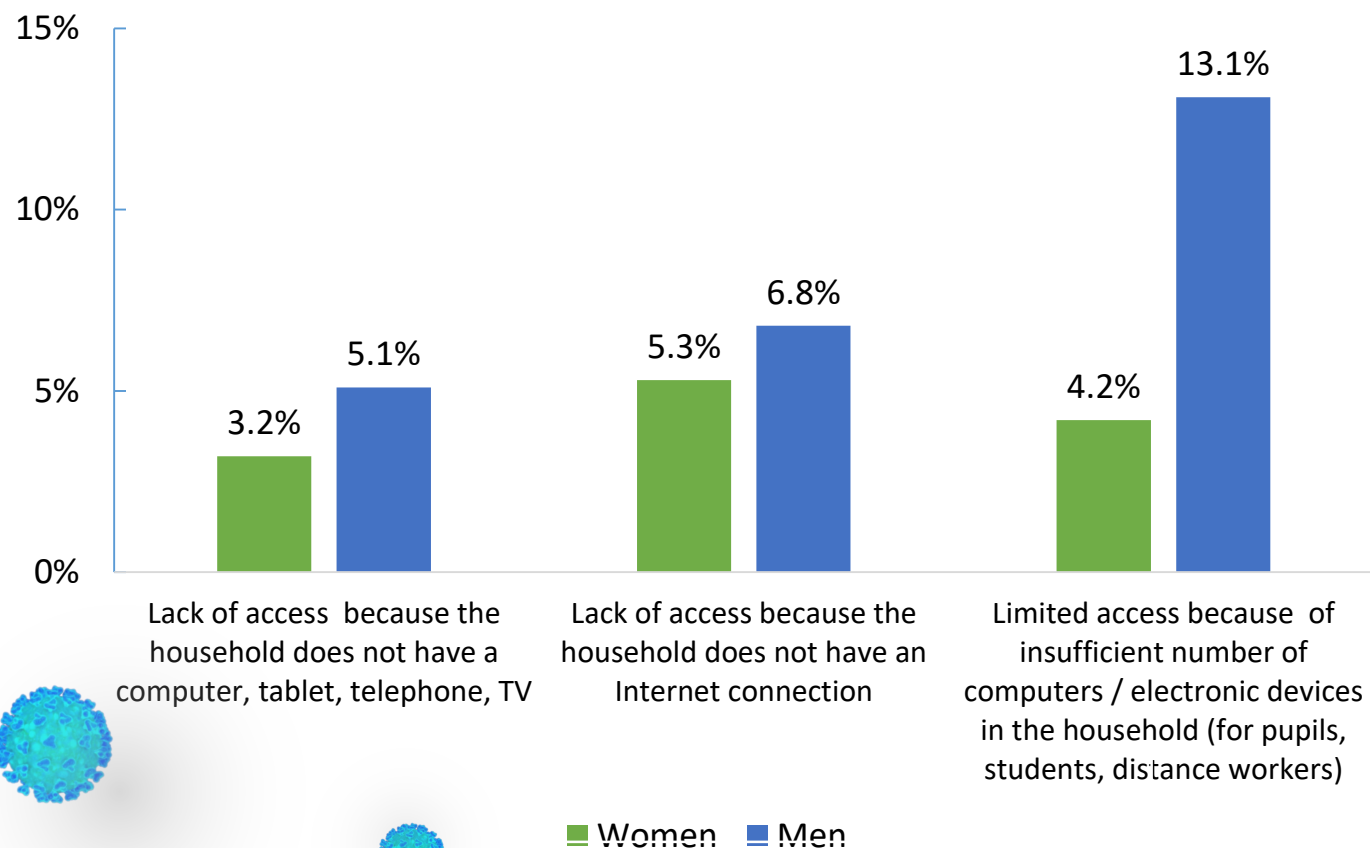
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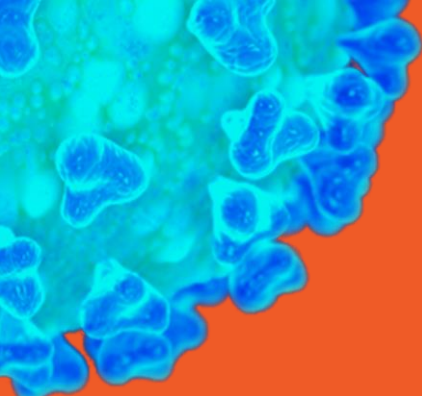
Additional module to HBS (ongoing) – financial difficulties & learning

Share of households with at least one member facing **FINANCIAL** difficulties, by sex of the head of HH


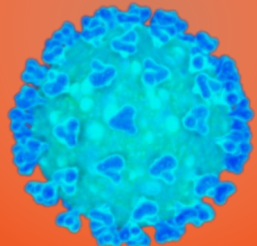


Share of households with at least one member facing difficulties in **ACCESING DISTANCE LEARNING SERVICES**, by sex of the head of HH





**Impact of the
COVID-19 pandemic
on the labour market**



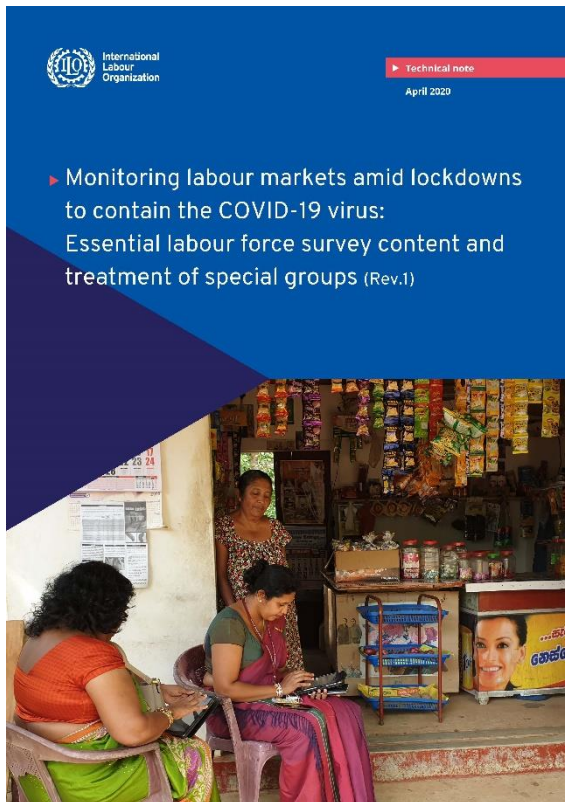



Data collection – 17th March onward

No changes in LFS questionnaire, but *FOLLOW-UP QUESTION* to respondents

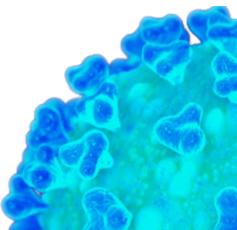
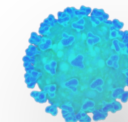
ILO Recommendations

Monitoring labor markets amid lockdowns to contain the Covid-19 (technical note, april 2020)



 **Follow-up question** to the questions on “**reasons for...**” absence, for working more/less hours than usual, for not seeking work, for not being available, for recent job loss.

“Is this ...because of the COVID-19?”

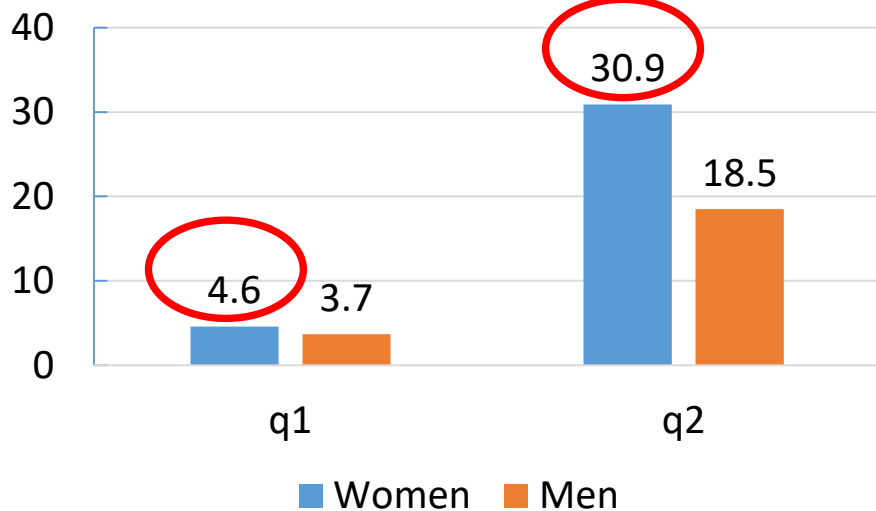




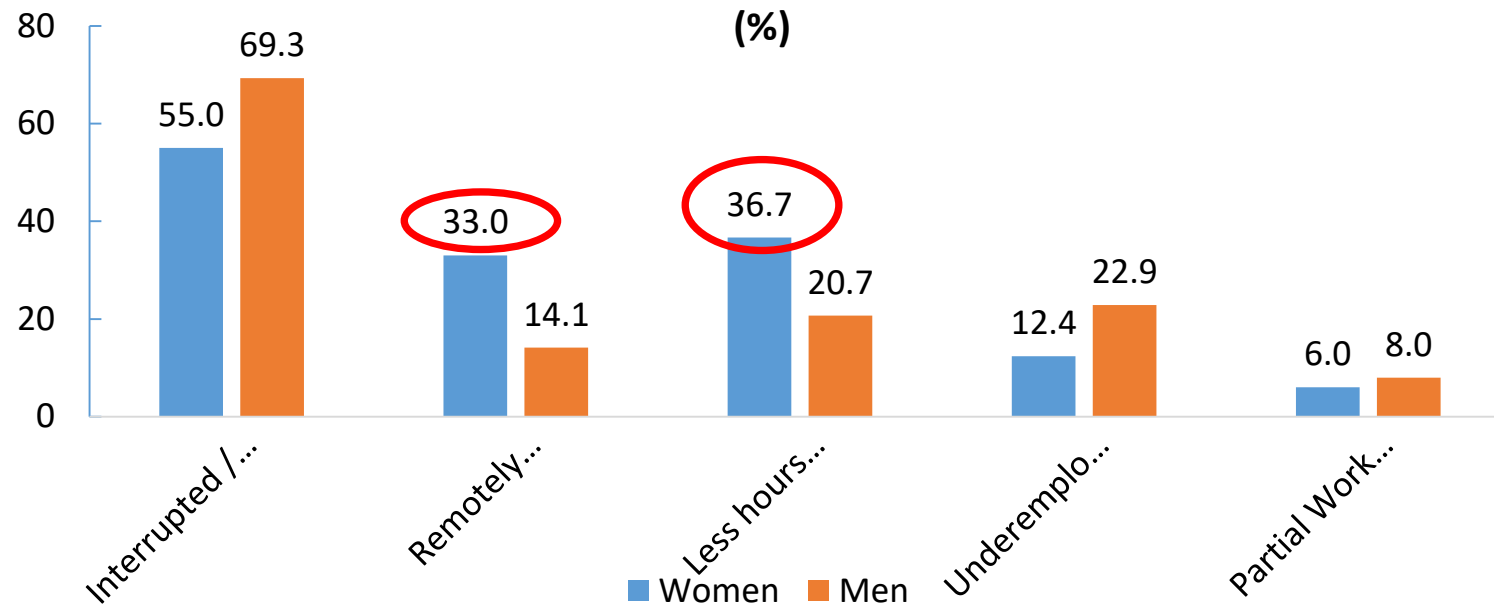
Main findings (1)

Follow-up questions to LFS – overall impact

Employed persons affected by COVID-19 by sex (%)



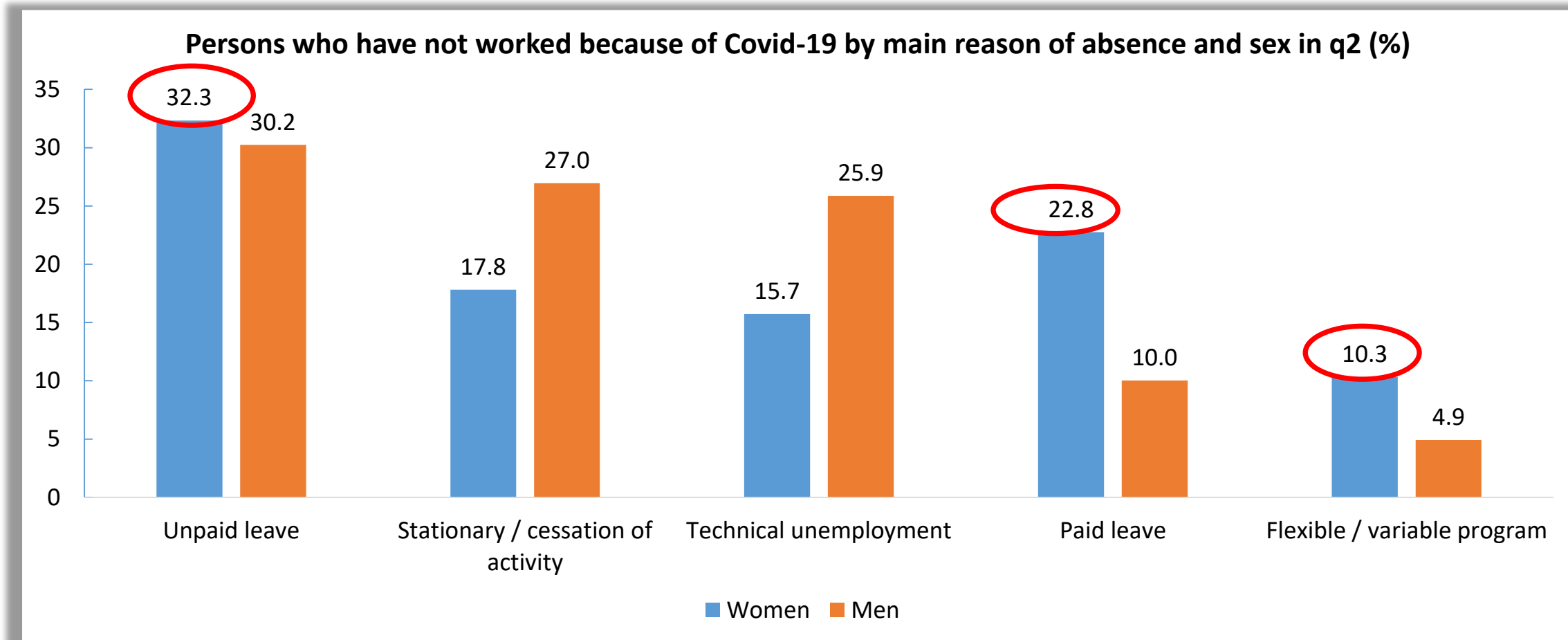
Employed persons affected by Covid-19 by sex and situation in q2 (%)





Main findings (2)

Follow-up questions to LFS - Unpaid leave as a main reason of absence

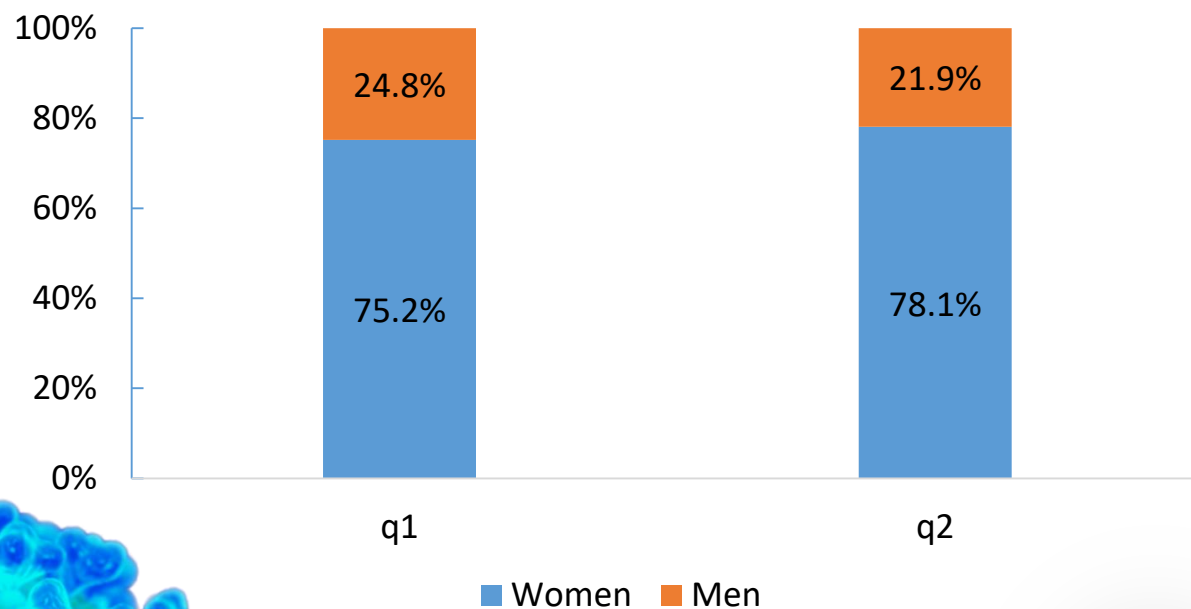




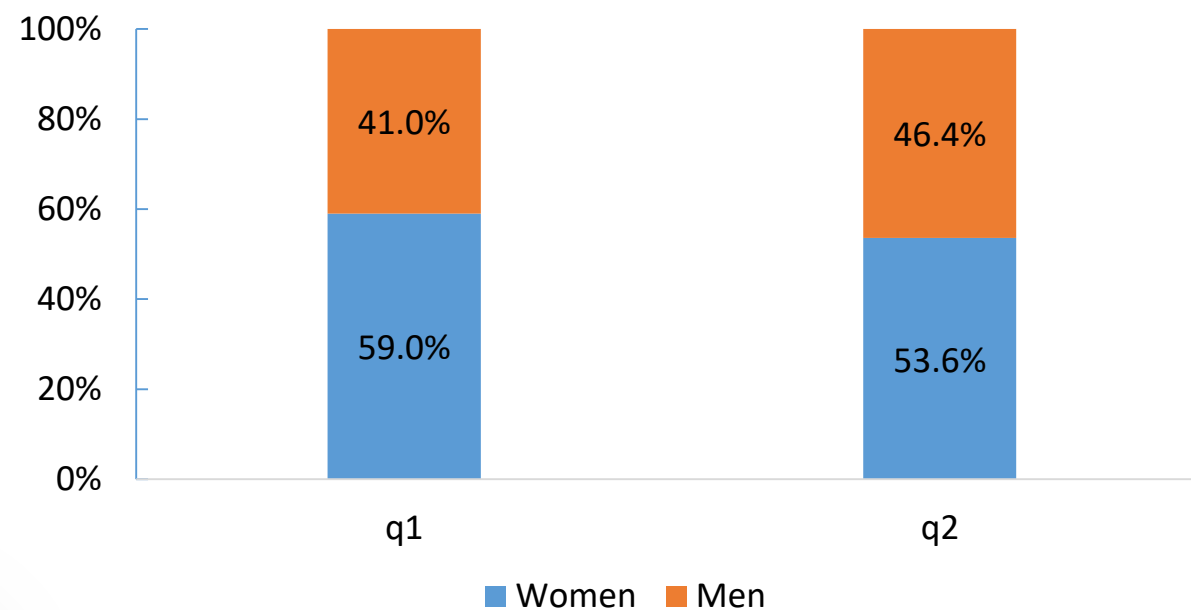
Main findings (3)

Follow-up questions to LFS – Women predominant in the population working remotely & with partial program

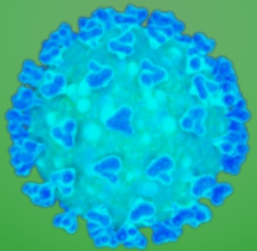
Remotely work by sex



Partial work program by sex



Dissemination of results on Covid-19 impact





Dissemination during Covid-19



Impact of Covid-19

Covid relevant press releases

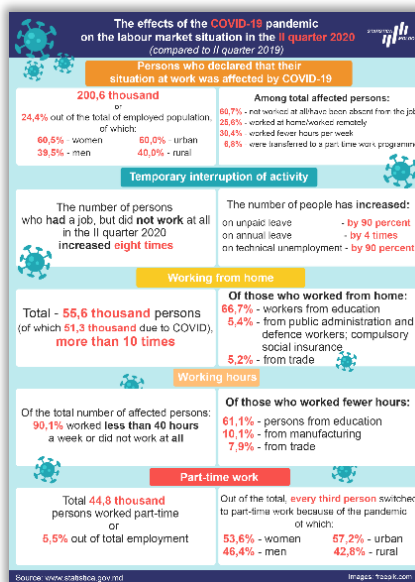
LFS: 2 releases done, 3rd expected in December

HBS: 1st release done, 2nd expected

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Infographics



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Relevant statistical data from the Databank

Used as evidences in analytics of partners

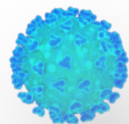




Conclusions

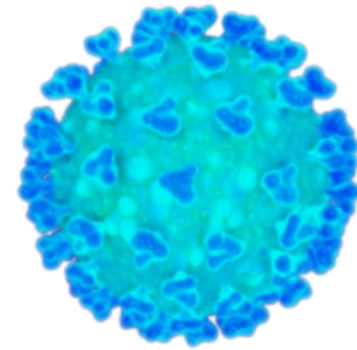
Challenges

- ⊕ Fast switch to the phone interview
- ⊕ **Risk** to stop the data collection at all (visits to the households suspended for 2 months)
- ⊕ Distance **guidance** and instructions of interviewers about fieldwork during pandemic
- ⊕ Protection equipment implying additional **costs**
- ⊕ Use of **new communication tools**
- ⊕ **Increase in non-response rate** for HH surveys



Next steps

- ⊕ Continue data collection & dissemination to catch the **evolution of Covid-19 impact**
- ⊕ Learn own **lessons** and re-consider future **modus operandi** for HH surveys
- ⊕ Enhance **monitoring tools** and ensure **quality**
- ⊕ **Modernize** technical & technological infrastructure





Thank you for attention!

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