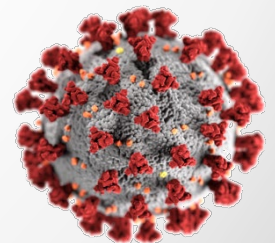


# Study of the practices of national statistical offices in adapting to the COVID crisis situation their household surveys that are used for poverty measurement

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# Objectives of the study

- Designing a short questionnaire to be sent out to NSO in the UNECE region
- Analyzing the information obtained from NSO through the questionnaire and through documents, websites and presentations, to identify and describe emerging good practices that could be recommended to countries
- Engaging with NSO offices in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia to understand their demand for capacity development for poverty measurement in the COVID crisis
- Developing proposals and recommendations for providing technical assistance to countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, based on their demand, and considering the recommendations in "Poverty measurement: guide to data disaggregation" (UNECE 2020)

# Questionnaire: Poverty measurement in the pandemic (2020, July)

- General part (1 question)
- Adaptation of survey-taking to the physical contact restrictions (4 questions)
- Special surveys designed for the pandemic crisis context and its impact (3 questions)
- Coverage by surveys of vulnerable or disadvantaged groups who may suffer disproportionately in the crisis (3 questions)
- Coverage by surveys of vulnerable or disadvantaged groups who may suffer disproportionately in the crisis (1 question)
- Statistical offices' needs for capacity development on the above mentioned issues (3 questions)

25 countries, including 16 – ECCAA region

# Work of NSOs during the COVID-19 pandemic

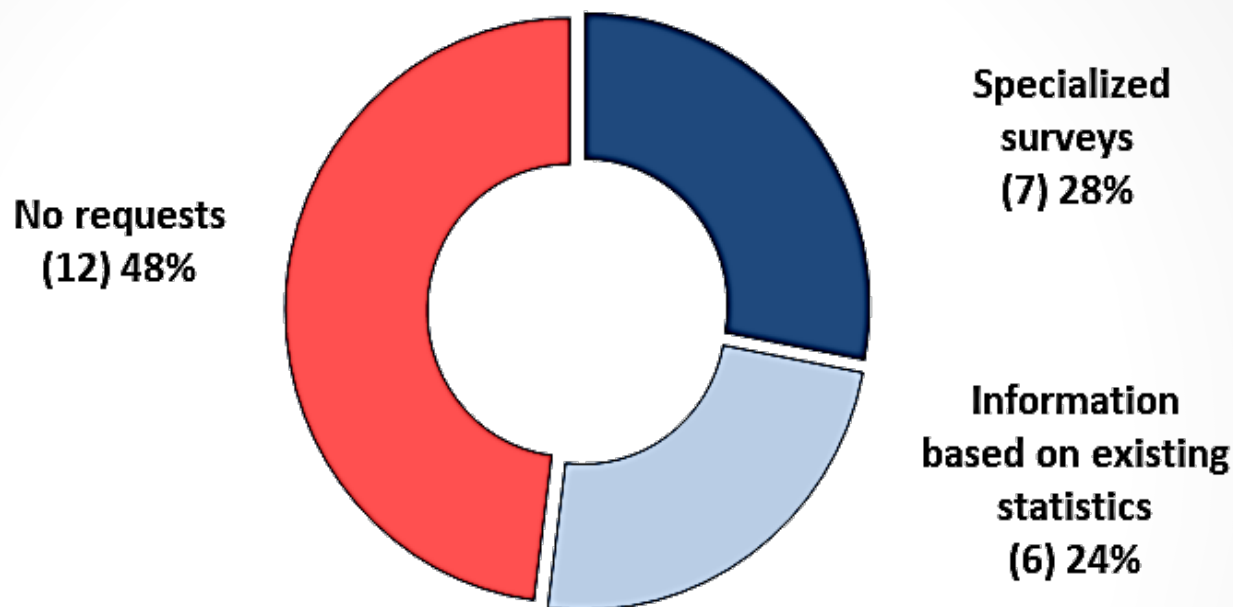
- almost all NSOs continued to take surveys
- 13 NSOs switched to remote survey-taking methods
- the main remote method – telephone interview

*Russia:* in addition to the telephone interview, personal interviews were conducted with the mandatory use of PPE

*Belarus, Kazakhstan and North Macedonia:* The main method is personal interviews subject to physical distancing and PPE requirements

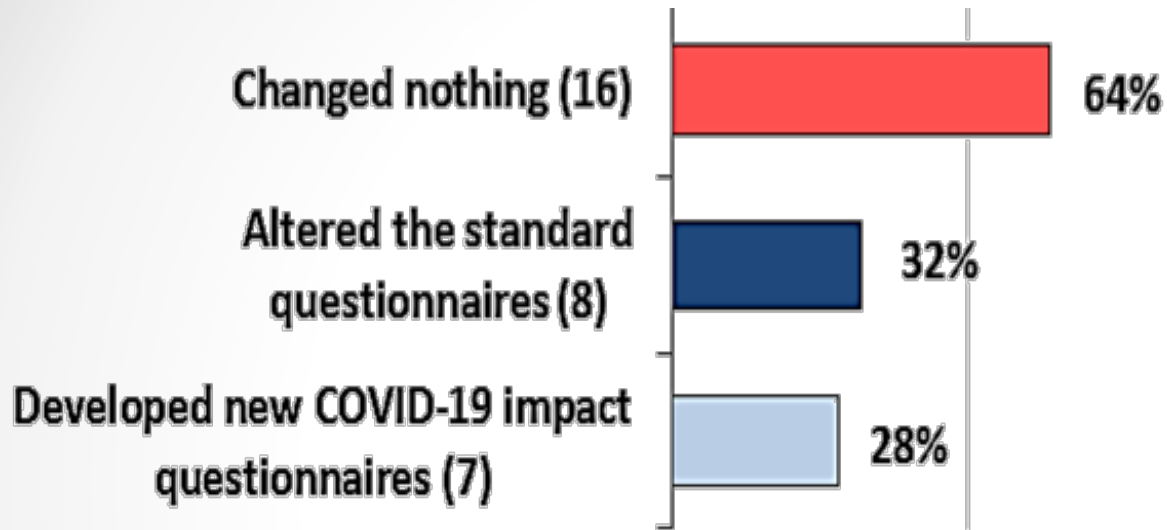
 *Latvia* in addition to the telephone interviews takes online surveys on its website. Later Kazakhstan started doing the same

# Requests from government agencies



- *Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia*: prepared relevant statistical information based on existing statistics
- *Moldova, Slovakia*: took specialized surveys at the request of government agencies

# Reflection of the pandemic context and its impact



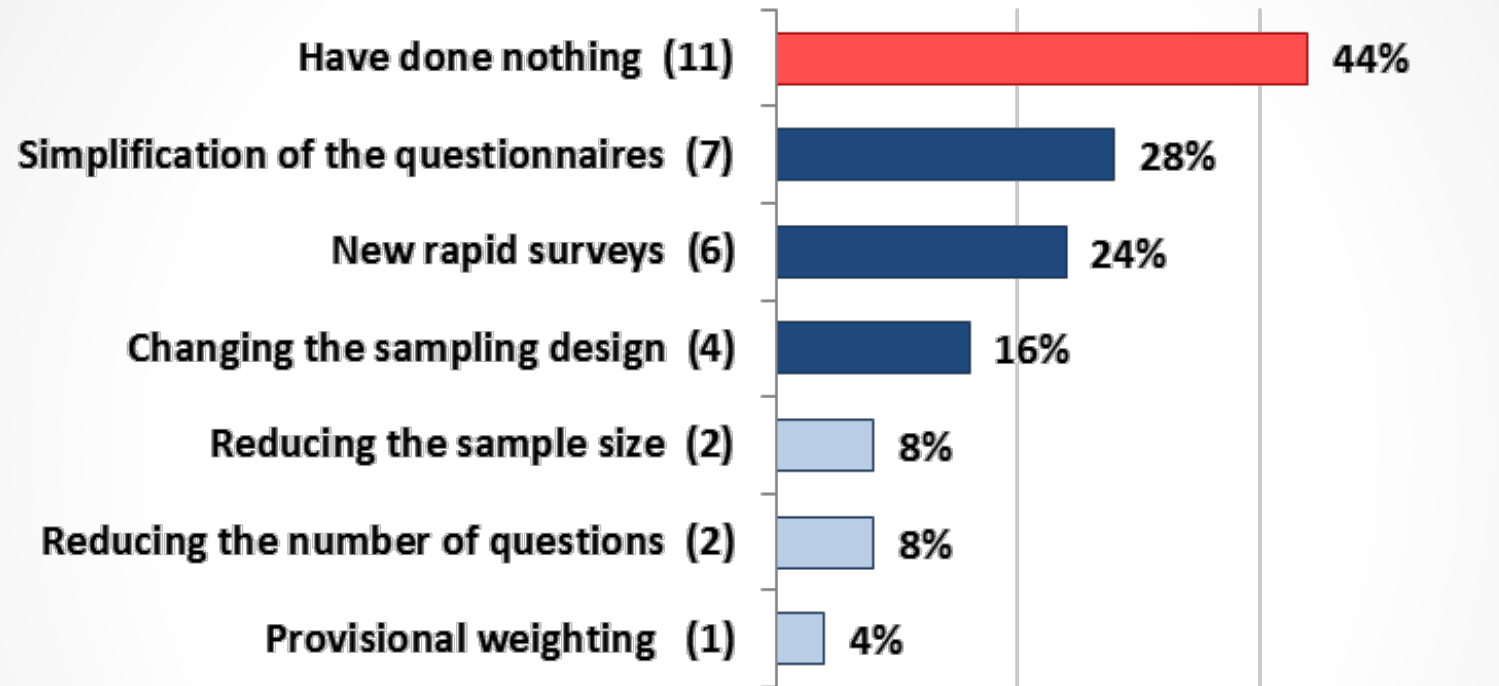
- *Russia*: altered the standard questionnaires and added COVID-19 impact related questions
- *Moldova, Slovakia*: new COVID-19 impact questionnaires

✓ **no surveys** on the impact of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable populations were taken (only in *Slovakia* there were questions about the impact on the poor and vulnerable)

BUT

✓ there were questions regarding changes in labor status, financial condition, access to services, attitudes towards government actions (*Moldova, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic*)

# What was done to reduce the time interval for survey-taking



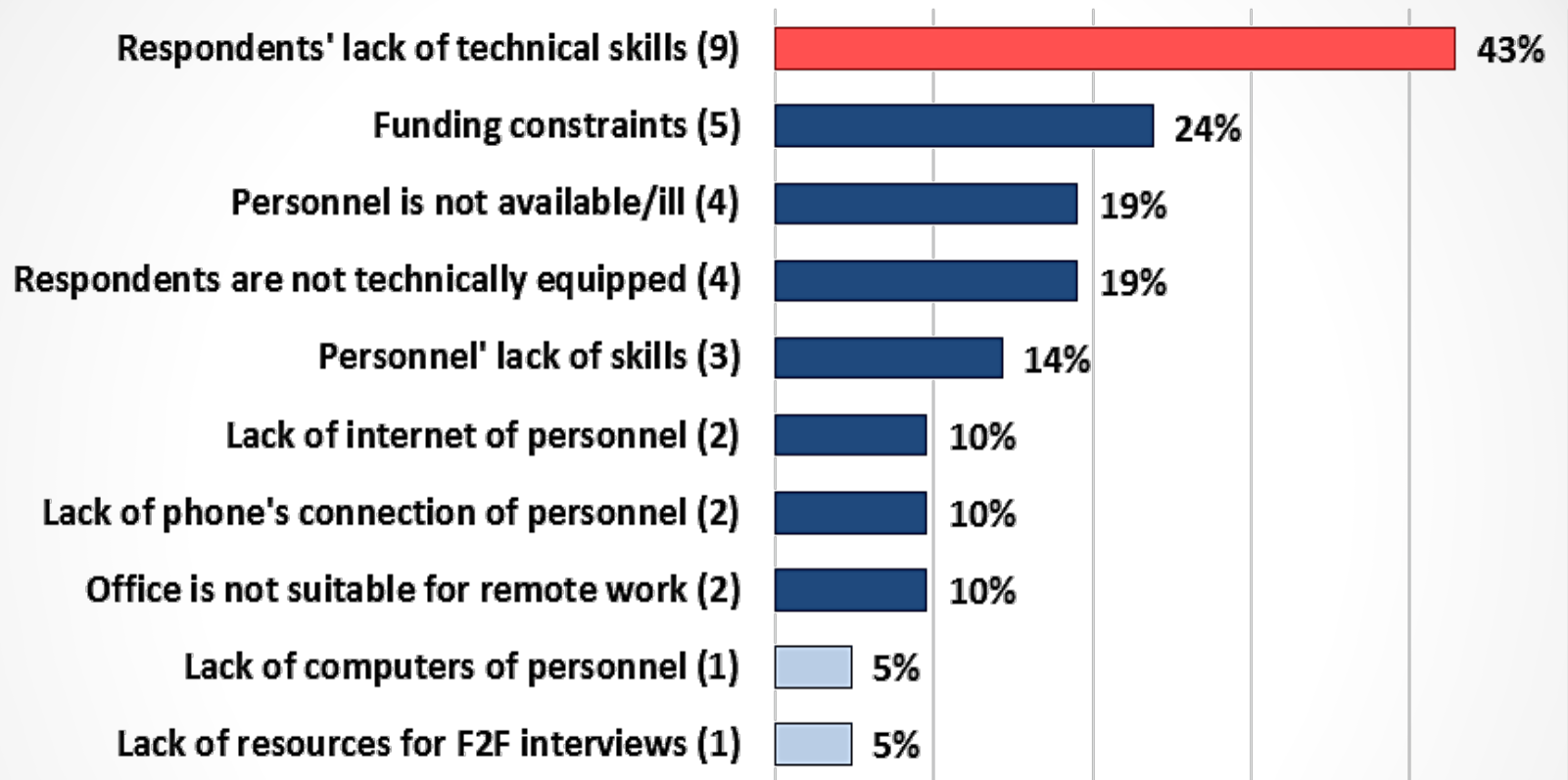
- *Armenia, Slovakia*: changes in the sample design
- *Kazakhstan, Russia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia*: simplification of the questionnaires
- *Slovakia*: introduction of new, rapid surveys

# Why was it difficult to change the survey time interval?

- standard, quarterly, format of the household survey, which sets the work schedule for the NSO staff;
- availability of an approved work plan / statistical work program for a calendar year with fixed funding allocation ;
- approved calendar of statistical publications for the current year

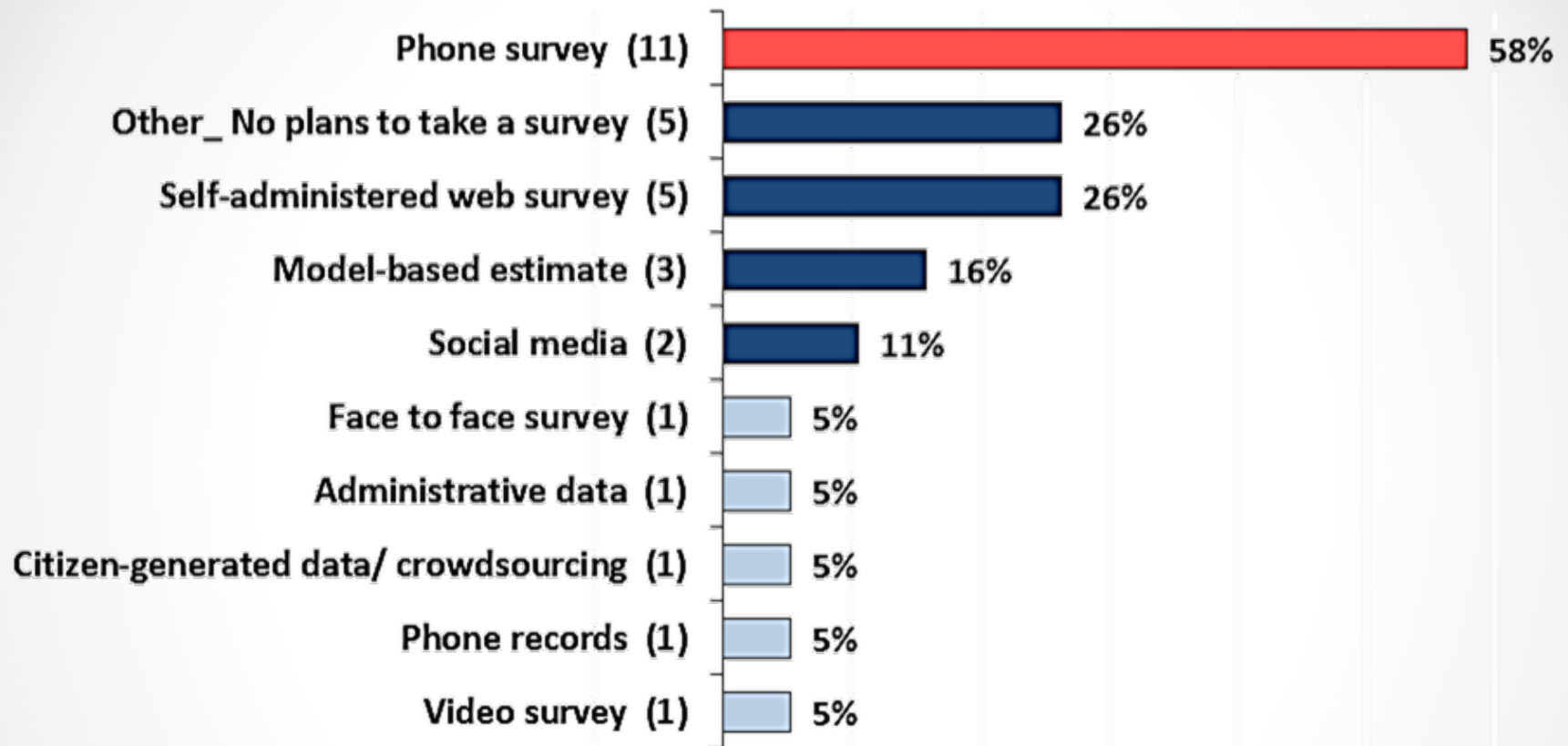


# Survey taking difficulties in the pandemic



- availability of telephone numbers was limited;
- non-response rate is increased / interruption of the survey before its completion
- mistrust of respondents to telephone interviewing

# Ehe COVID-19 impact: proposed survey methods



- *Kazakhstan and Russia*: website survey; video interview; survey based on phone records
- *Russia*: the modeling-based estimates
- *Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan*: focus on social media in future surveys

# Лучшая практика

- rapid development of new survey topics (*Switzerland, Great Britain, Luxembourg, Austria, Latvia, Canada*)
- widespread use of online surveys and rapid surveys, the creation of experimental data products

The screenshot shows the Statistics Canada website. At the top, there are logos for Statistics Canada and Statistique Canada, along with a search bar. Below the navigation menu, the main heading is "COVID-19: A data perspective". Under this heading, there is a section titled "Surveys on the impacts of COVID-19" which states: "Statistics Canada is accelerating data collection in response to the urgent need for information to help the country respond to, and recover from, the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada. Please participate in any of our crowdsourcing data collections that may be applicable to you, and check back here often for new topics." The current topic listed is "Experiences of Discrimination." and there is a "Participate now" button.


*the Statistics Canada*

The screenshot shows the US Census Bureau COVID-19 Site. At the top, there is a header with the US Census Bureau logo and the text "US Census Bureau COVID-19 Site". Below the header, there is a section titled "Highlighted Census Programs". The text below this title reads: "These Census Bureau experimental data products are innovative statistical products created using new data sources or methodologies that benefit data users in the absence of other relevant products." Below this text, there are three featured programs: "Household Pulse Survey" (described as a 20-minute online survey studying how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting households), "Small Business Pulse Survey" (described as an experimental survey measuring changes in business conditions on the nation's small businesses), and "Community Resilience Estimates (CRE)" (described as the capacity of individuals and households within a community).

*the United States Census Bureau*

- broad information on COVID-19 issues: special data portals, publication of research results (*Luxembourg, UK, Canada, USA*)
- active participation in research groups / consortia / partnerships, carrying out a variety of studies on the COVID-19 impact

# Surveys on the NSO website




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## Новости

13.11.2020

**Elektroniskās datu vākšanas sistēmas profilakse**

Otrdien, 17.11.2020., no plkst. 7:30 notiks elektroniskās datu vākšanas (EDV) sistēmas profilakse. Darbu ar sistēmu varēs atsākt otrdien, 17.11.2020., no plkst. 8:00.

Atvainojamies par sagādātajām neērtībām.

10.09.2020

**Laukos viss ir nozīmīgs!**



No 10. septembra CSP atsāk 2020. gada lauksaimniecības skaitīšanas datu vākšanu elektroniski

Lai autorizētos CSP EDV sistēmā, lūdzam izmantot jau esošu lietotājvārdu un paroli vai reģistrēties CSP EDV sistēmā autorizācijas informācijas saņemšanai.

CSP speciālisti atbildēs uz jautājumiem par anketas aizpildīšanu pa bezmaksas tālruni 80202808 darbdienās no plkst. 8:30 līdz 17:00 vai e-pastā: [ls2020@csb.gov.lv](mailto:ls2020@csb.gov.lv).

Aktuālā informācija par 2020. gada lauksaimniecības skaitīšanu pieejama [CSP](#)

04.09.2020

	<b>Торговля</b> (январь-октябрь 2020 года к январю-октябрю 2019 года, %)	90,6
	<b>Связь</b> (январь-октябрь 2020 года к январю-октябрю 2019 года, %)	108,2

## ОБЪЯВЛЕНИЯ

23.11.2020

**Внимание!**

С 20 ноября 2020 года на сайте Бюро национальной статистики запущен онлайн опрос о расходах на продукты питания, непродовольственные товары и платные услуги.

Призываем Вас участвовать в опросе.

Для этого нужно указать свои расходы на товары и услуги за один любой месяц. Опрос можете пройти одновременно либо участвовать в нем на регулярной основе.

Опрос размещен на главной странице сайта по ссылке: <https://stat.gov.kz/quiz/product>.

Информация будет использоваться в статистических целях для улучшения качества статистических показателей. Благодарим вас за сотрудничество!

## The Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia

## Bureau of National Statistics of the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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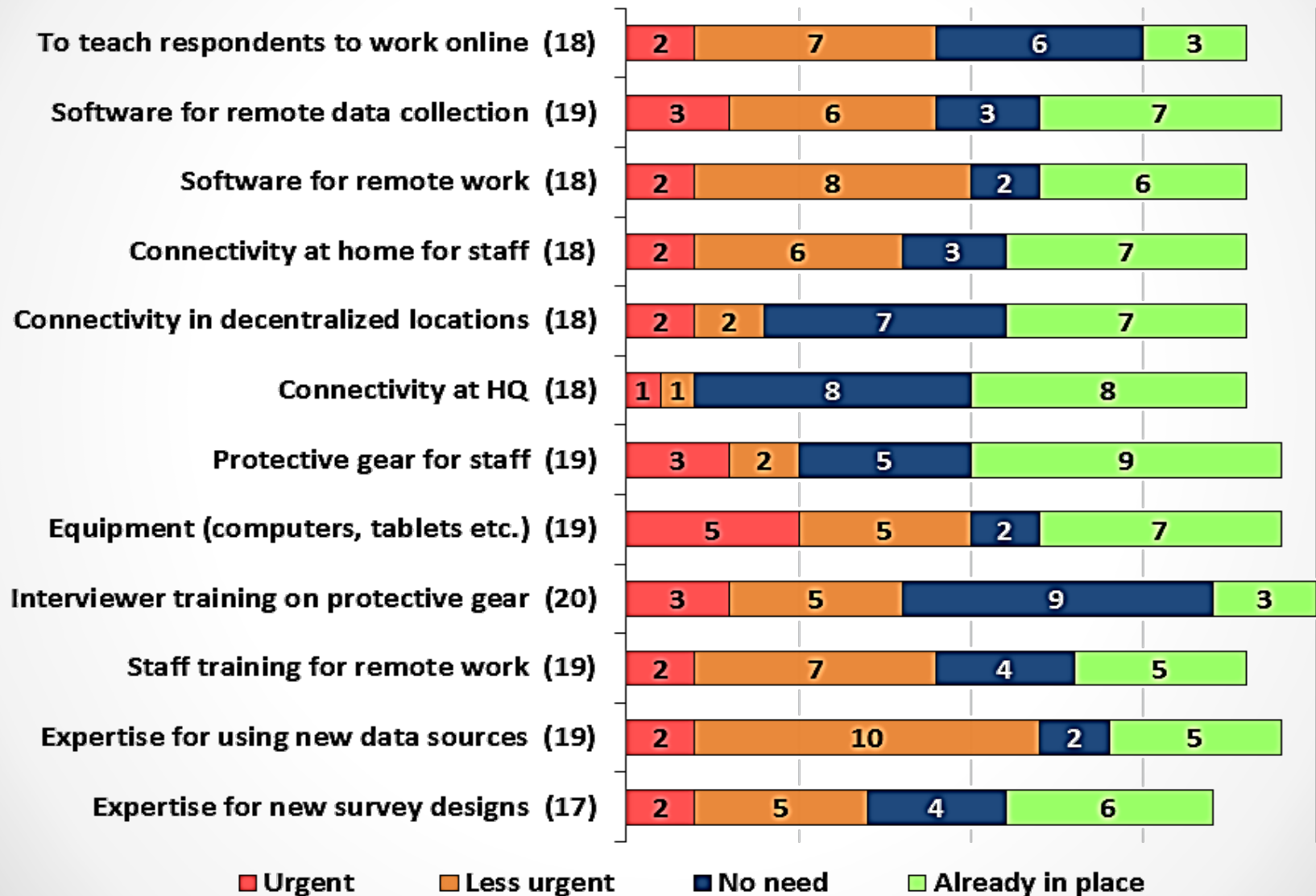
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ВАЖНОЕ



# What support does NSO need?



# Most pressing needs of NSOs in the ECCAA region

- ✓ Expertise for using new data sources (9 ECCAA / 12 total) ;
- ✓ Equipment: computers, tablets, servers, etc. (9 / 10);
- ✓ Software for remote work (7 / 9);
- ✓ Software for remote data collection (6 / 10);
- ✓ To teach respondents to work online (6 / 9) ;
- ✓ Staff training for remote work (5 / 9).

Thank you very  
much!