



**RAPID ASSESSMENT OF  
KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICES  
AND MEASURES ON SAFETY  
OF SANITATION AND WASTE  
WORKERS DURING COVID-19  
IN PAKISTAN**

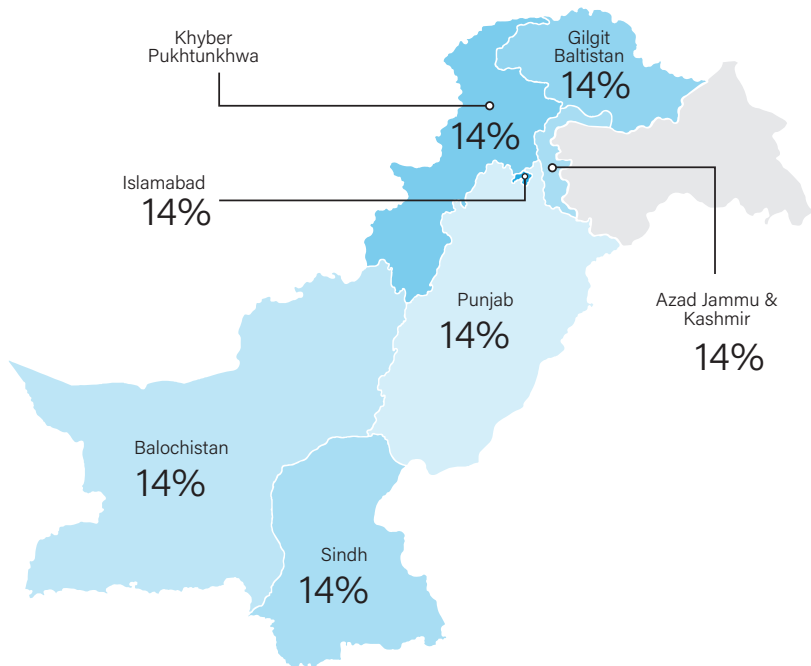
A QUALITATIVE STUDY REPORT



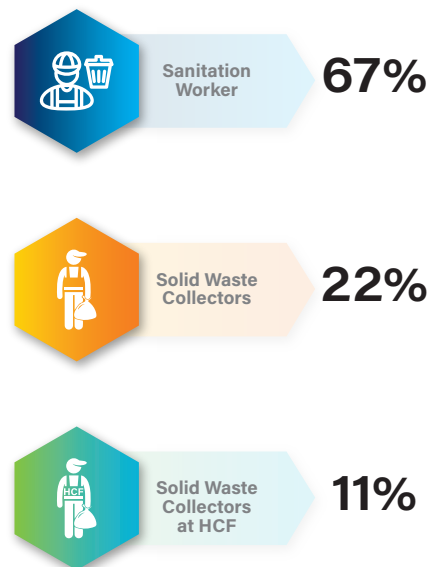
**The rapid assessment attempts to collect information on the knowledge and awareness about transmission, symptoms, prevention and treatment of coronavirus, hand hygiene practices and concerns of sanitation workers and solid waste collectors about Covid-19 pandemic, the kind of safety measures put in place to protect these workers and the gaps that exist in terms of safety measures. Using qualitative data collection tools, the data was collected from 63 respondents including solid waste collectors, sanitary workers (employed at homes, private offices and public department), and solid waste collectors at healthcare facilities through administration of key informant interviews.**

# RESPONDENT ATTRIBUTES

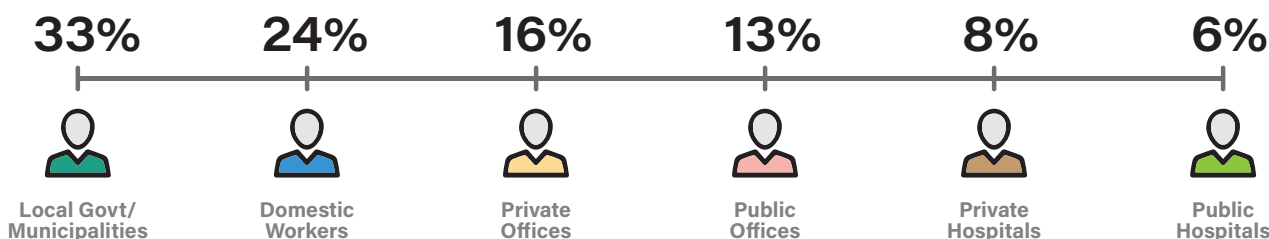
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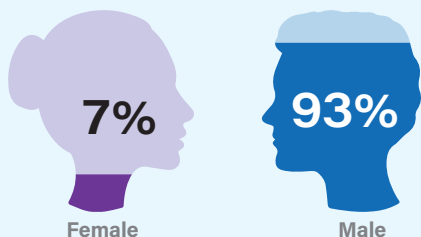
## Category wise



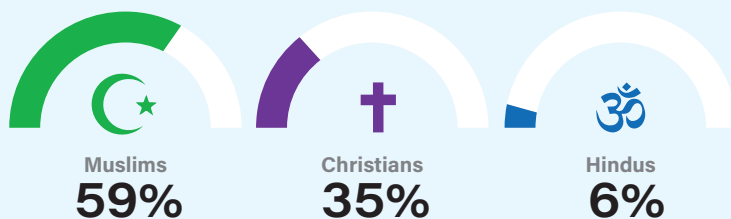
## Organization wise



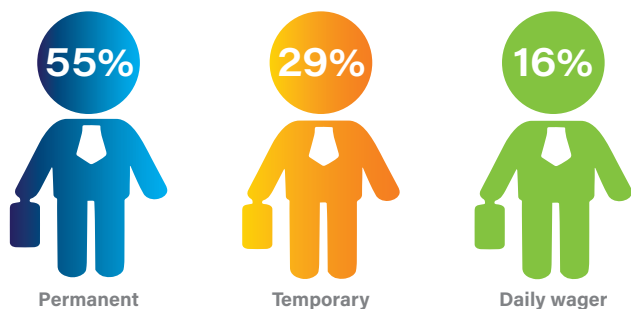
## Gender wise



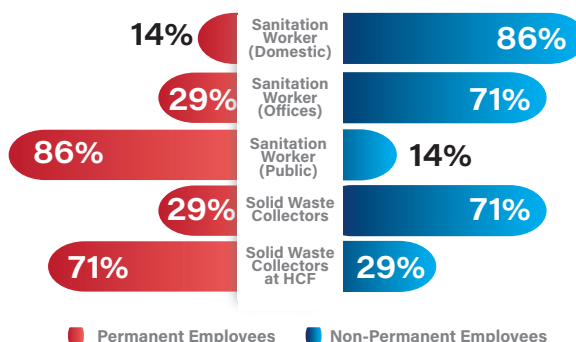
## Religion wise



## Employment nature wise

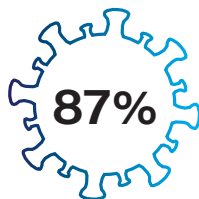


## Employment nature in each category wise

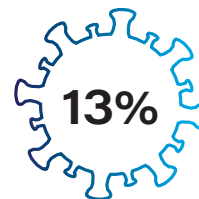


# KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COVID-19

What do you know about corona virus?

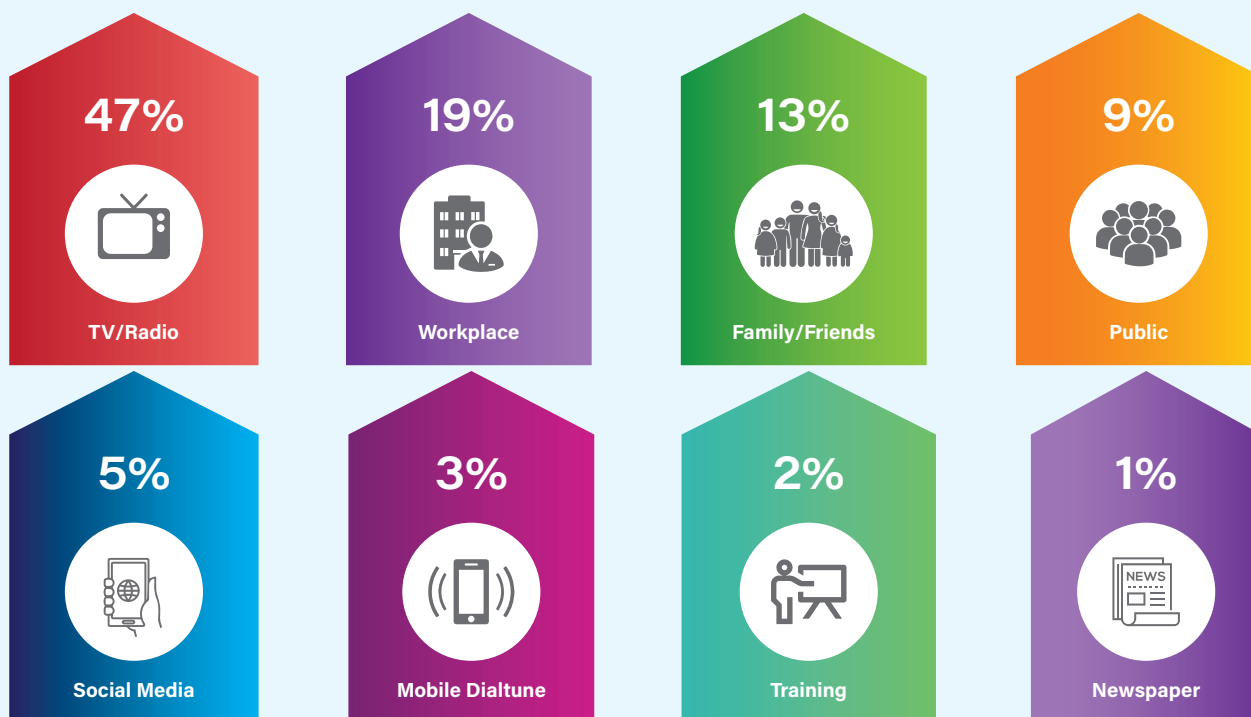


A disease related to flu, fever and cough  
A disease transferred from person to person

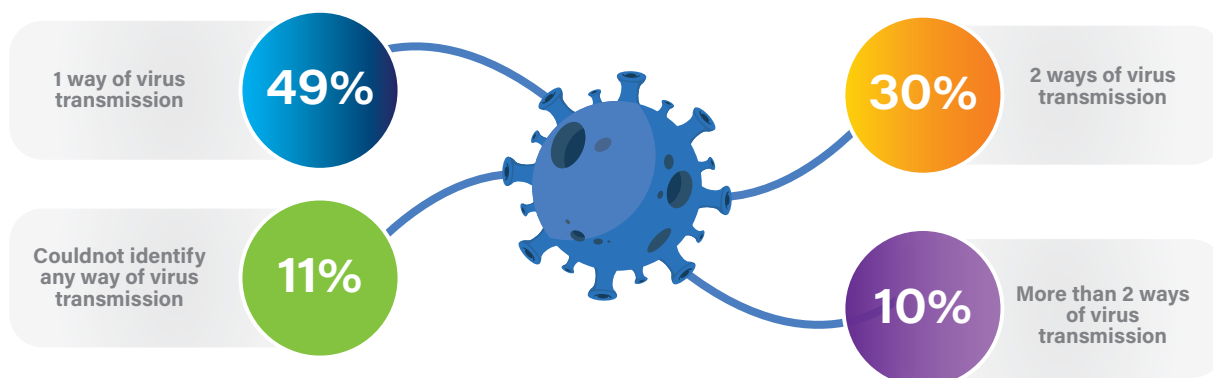


A Chinese disease  
A virus like cough and TB

Where did you first learn about Corona virus?



Can you identify any means of this virus transmission?

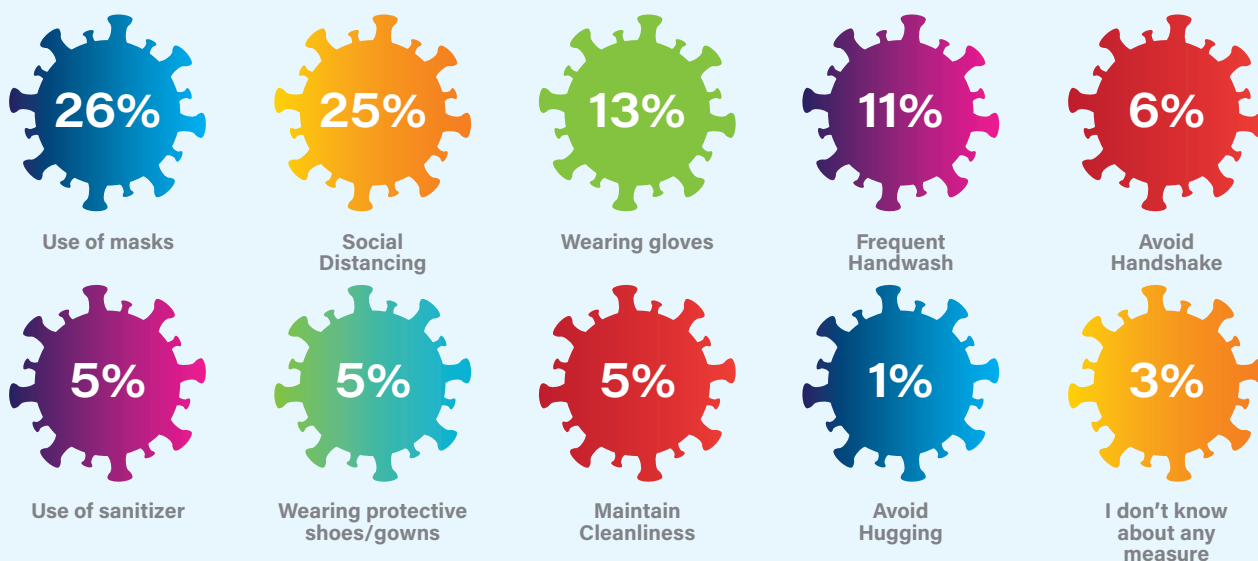


# KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COVID-19 (CONT.)

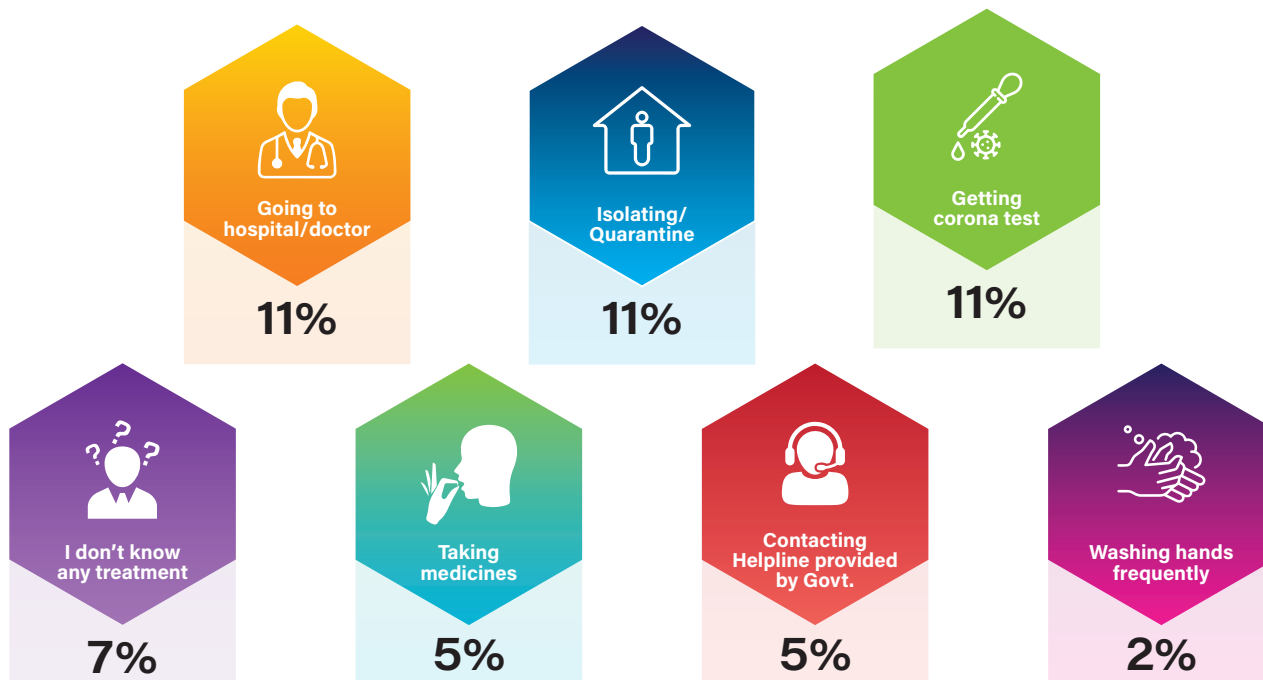
## Are you aware of its symptoms?



## Do you know what you can do to prevent it?

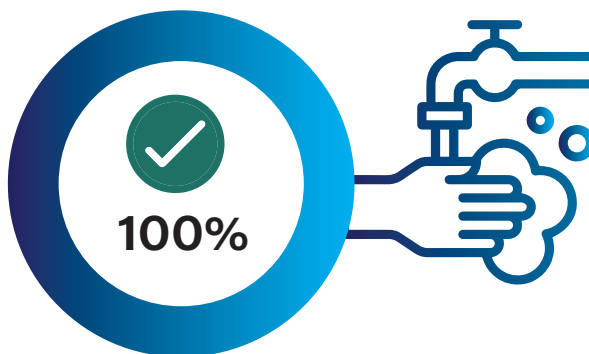


## Do you know what to do if you fall ill?

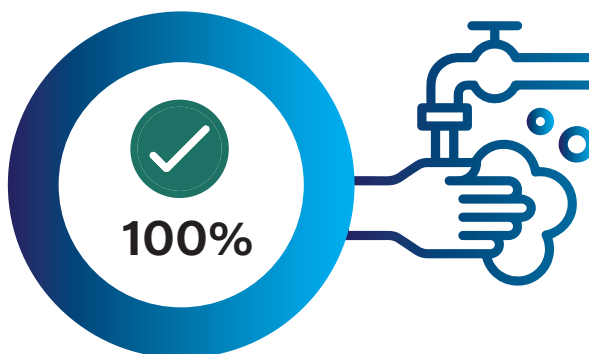


# HAND HYGIENE

Do you think keeping good hand hygiene is important during pandemic time?



Are there handwashing facilities with soap and water or any hand sanitizer available where you work?



Do you wash your hands after returning home from work?

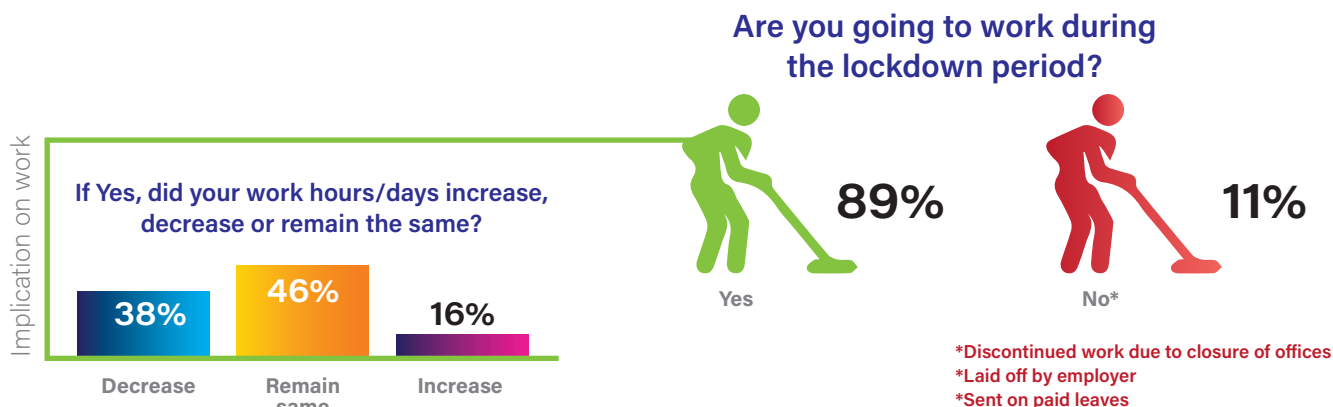


Are there handwashing facilities with soap and water or any hand sanitizer available at home?



100%

# IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19



## What was your monthly average income before COVID-19?

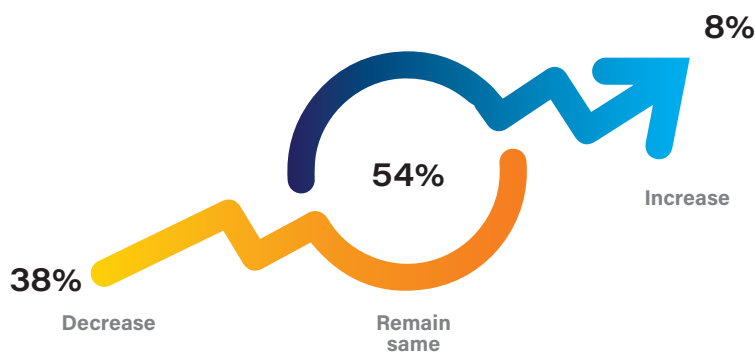
Respondents Categories	Income Range PKR	% of Permanent Employees within income range	% of Non-permanent Employees within income range
Sanitation Worker (Public)	15000 - 35000	86%	14%
Sanitation Worker (Homes)	7000 - 15000	14%	86%
Sanitation Worker (Offices)	6000 - 30000	29%	71%
Solid Waste Collector	8000 - 20000	29%	71%
Solid Waste Collector at HCF	13000 - 25000	71%	29%

Implication on income

Have you face any financial challenges due to lockdown?

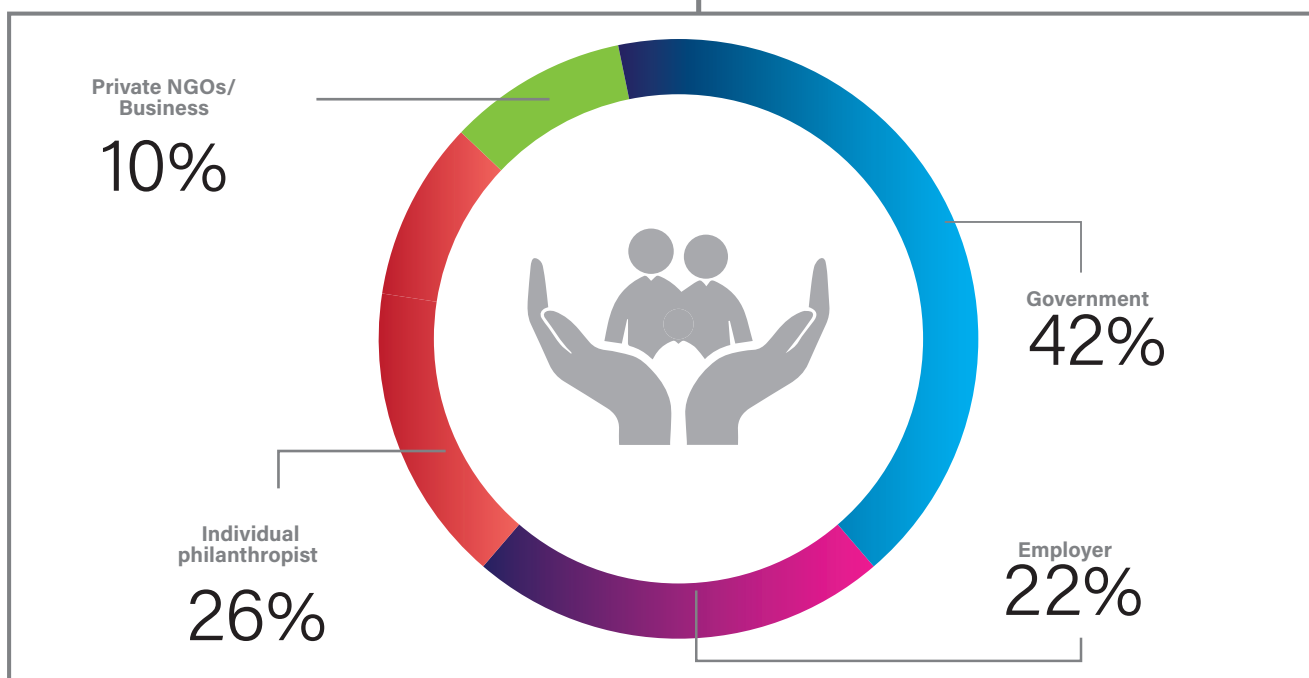
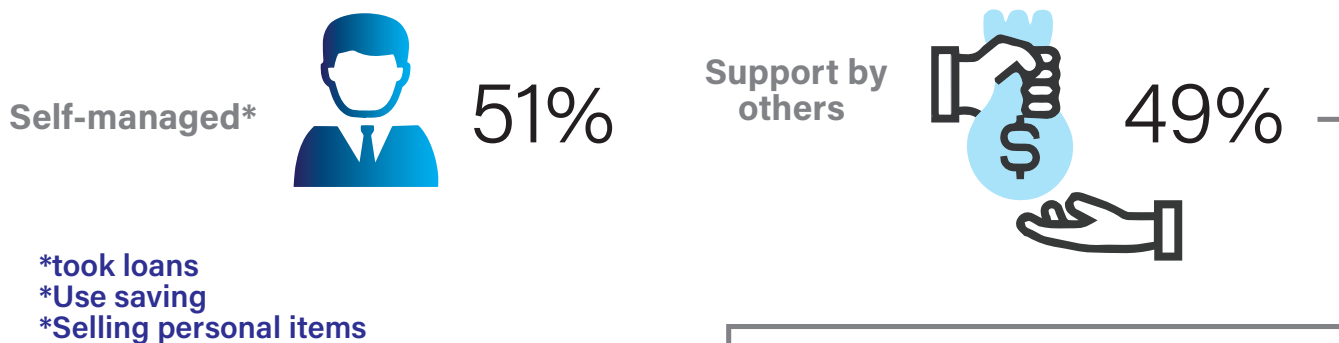


Has there been any change in your wage/income since the lockdown was imposed?

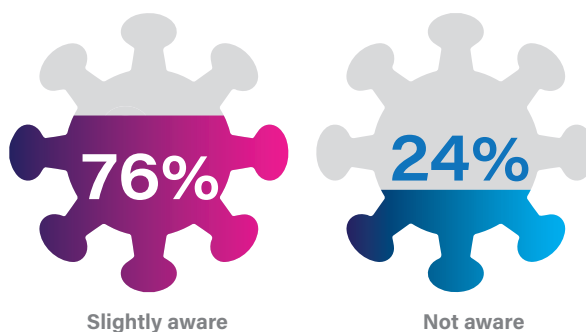


# IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19 (CONT.)

How did you cope with the financial implication?



Are you aware of any compensation or support which will be provided by the government/your employer, if you or any other sanitation worker falls sick with Corona virus?



Expectations

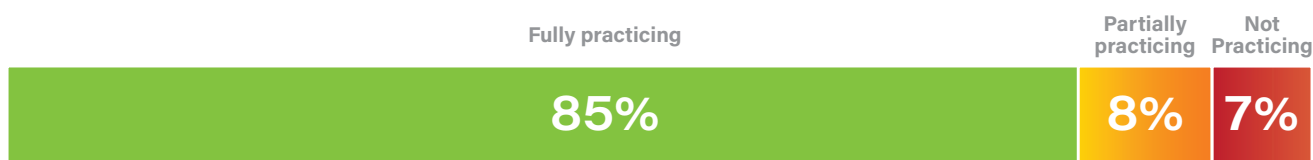


# KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES ON SAFETY MEASURES

Do you know about the safety measures one should take during work to prevent catching this virus?



Do you practice these safety measures while working?



If fully/partially practicing, please specify these safety measures



Masks

39%



Gloves

28%



Washing hands with water and soap

17%



Using sanitizer

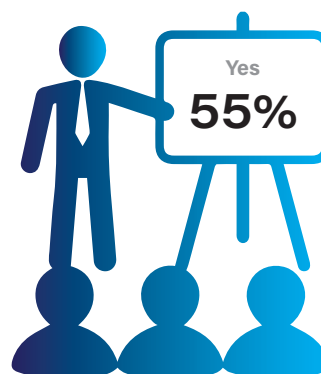
13%



Using green tea and hot drinking water

3%

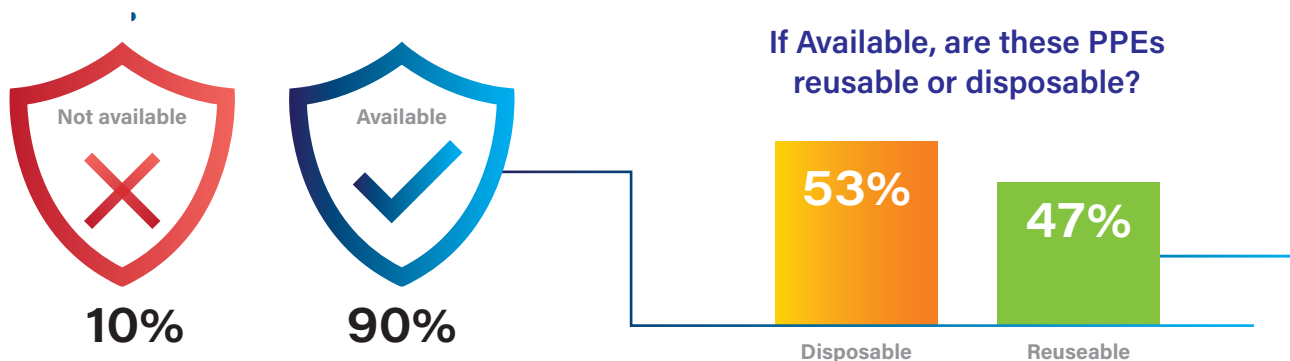
Have you received any training from your employer on practice of safety measures for personal protection?



*(It should be noted here that only permanent and contract base employee have received training from their employers)*

# AVAILABILITY AND USE OF PPEs

Do you have any Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) now, like masks/gloves/boots/coverall/goggles etc?



How do you disinfect your PPEs for reuse?



After washing with hot water



Washing with detergent



Washing with Dettol

(It should be noted here that these materials were not available at workplace and respondents were using these at home)

What are the challenges that you faced while using PPEs?





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