IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON HOUSEHOLDS IN KIGALI AND THE SECONDARY CITIES

INTRODUCTION

IPAR-Rwanda carried out a survey of households in Kigali and the Secondary cities to gather evidence on the impact of Covid-19. The survey uses a probability sample of household heads and interviews were carried out by phone in August 2021.

HOUSEHOLDS SURVEYED

All three types of household saw falls in income in February 2021 compared to before March 2020.

INCOME FELL SIGNIFICANTLY DUE TO COVID-19

HOUSEHOLDS TOOK A RANGE OF STEPS TO MAKE UP FOR LOST INCOME

Reduced non-food consumption
Reduced food consumption
Used savings
Sold assets or livestock
Increased working hours

87%  81%  40%  23%  11%

LIFE SATISFACTION FELL DUE TO COVID-19

Self-reported life satisfaction on a scale of 0-10 dropped on average across all household types in February 2021 compared to before Covid-19.

OVER HALF OF HOUSEHOLDS REPORTED THEY WERE UNABLE TO AFFORD SUFFICIENT FOOD

54 per cent unable to afford sufficient food to meet the needs of the household.

FURTHER INFORMATION

IPAR-Rwanda will shortly be publishing further analysis of the household survey. There will be future rounds of the survey to continue to monitor the impact of Covid-19 over time. For more information see http://www.ipar-rwanda.org.