

# COVID 19 IMPACT ON LOW INCOME POPULATION

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Digest 2

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## Background

Innovision Consulting is undertaking primary research on low income occupational groups to assess the impact of COVID 19 on their livelihood. We will be presenting the data and our analysis for each occupational group in short digests. We expect that our analysis will provide useful insights to policy makers and relevant private, NGO, civil society stakeholders to safe guard the livelihood of these people with appropriate interventions.

## 01. Demography

Total number of respondents

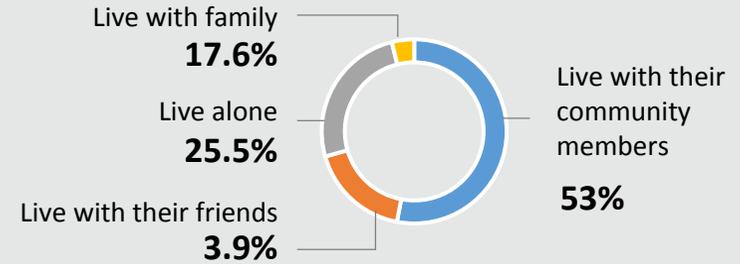
**51**

Average age of the respondents

**33**

### Residency

Location	Number of respondents	% of respondents
Badda	9	17.65
Komolapur	4	7.84
Jatrabari	4	7.84
Mugda	5	9.80
Old Dhaka	10	19.61
Rayer bazar	4	7.84
Others	15	29.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>



**98%** of the respondents have to pay rent



Average rent per month is **BDT 4,176**



**61%** of the respondents pay shared rent with an average of **6 persons**

## 02. Occupation

**59%**

Subscription collection

**19.61%**

Involved in Sex work

**14%**

Involved in Services

**6%**

Engaged in small business

**5.88%**

Involved in Singing and Dancing

**1.96%**

Is working as Cook (1 respondent)

**9.8%** of the respondents are involved in multiple occupations. Apart from subscription collection and service, these respondents are involved in sex work.

### 03. Earning



Average monthly income is  
**BDT 12,490**



**96.08%**  
of the respondents do  
not receive any financial  
support from any source



**3.92%**  
of the respondents  
receive monthly an  
average of **BDT 550**  
**as Government  
relief support.**

### 04. Expenditure



Average monthly  
expenditure  
**BDT 10, 823**  
per person

### 05. Savings and Loans



**86.27%**  
of the respondents do  
not have any savings.



**13.73%**  
of the respondents have  
savings of an average  
amount of **BDT 5,214.**



**43%**  
of the respondents  
currently have loan.



Average outstanding loan  
amount is **BDT 13,777**  
per person.

### 06. Remittance to Family

**37.25%**

of the respondents send money to their  
home of an average amount of **BDT  
3,737 per month.**

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## 06. Immediate Impact of COVID-19



**100%**

of the respondents reported decrease in income in last two weeks



**82%**

of the respondents did not earn a single penny in last two weeks.



**18%**

of the respondents earned an average amount of **BDT 1,444** in last 14 days.



**84.32%**

of the respondents had to cut down expenses due to low income



**3.92%**

cut down expenses and borrowed money



**3.92%**

cut down expenses and used savings



**3.92%**

started using their savings

### Actions taken to cope with the decrease in income

Actions taken	Count	Percentage (%)
Cut Down Expenses	43	84.32
Cut Down Expenses And Borrowed Money	2	3.92
Cut Down Expenses And Used Savings	2	3.92
Started Using Savings	2	3.92
Borrowed Money	1	1.96
Dependent On Reliefs	1	1.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Sector wise reduction of Expense



**92%**

reported that they had to cut down expenses due to low income

Sector	Count	Percentage (%)
Food	9	20.93
Food, Entertainment and Pocket money cost	6	13.95
Food and Transportation	6	13.95
Food and Pocket money cost	5	11.63
Food, Transportation and Entertainment	4	9.30
Food and Entertainment	2	4.65
Food and Clothing	2	4.65
Entertainment and Clothing	2	4.65
Transportation, Entertainment, Clothing and Pocket money cost	1	2.33
Transportation, Entertainment and Food cost	1	2.33
Transportation and Clothing	1	2.33
Food, Transportation and Pocket money cost	1	2.33
Food, Entertainment, Clothing and Transportation	1	2.33
Entertainment and Food	1	2.33
Clothing	1	2.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 06. Immediate Impact of COVID-19 (Contd.)



**100%**

of the respondents who used to send money to home have stopped sending money due to the crisis.



**59%**

of the respondents did not get any kind of support during the crisis period



**41%**

of the respondents received support during the last two weeks of an average amount of **BDT 940** from the Government and from private individual initiatives. Among them, **81% do not think the support will continue.**

## RESPONDENTS WITH LOAN



**86.36%**

need to defer their loan payment due to low income during the crisis period



**4.55%**

Of the respondents will sell their assets



**9.09%**

will borrow money to repay the loan

## 07. Impact of COVID-19 in the coming months



Respondents are **counting on reliefs** for the upcoming days. Some will try to look for jobs and some will start begging.



**100%**

of the respondents want food and monetary assistance for the remaining crisis period.



The respondents can bear their expenses for an average of

**9 days**

from the cash they have.

“

I will have to go to the street and start begging. I don't see any other way.

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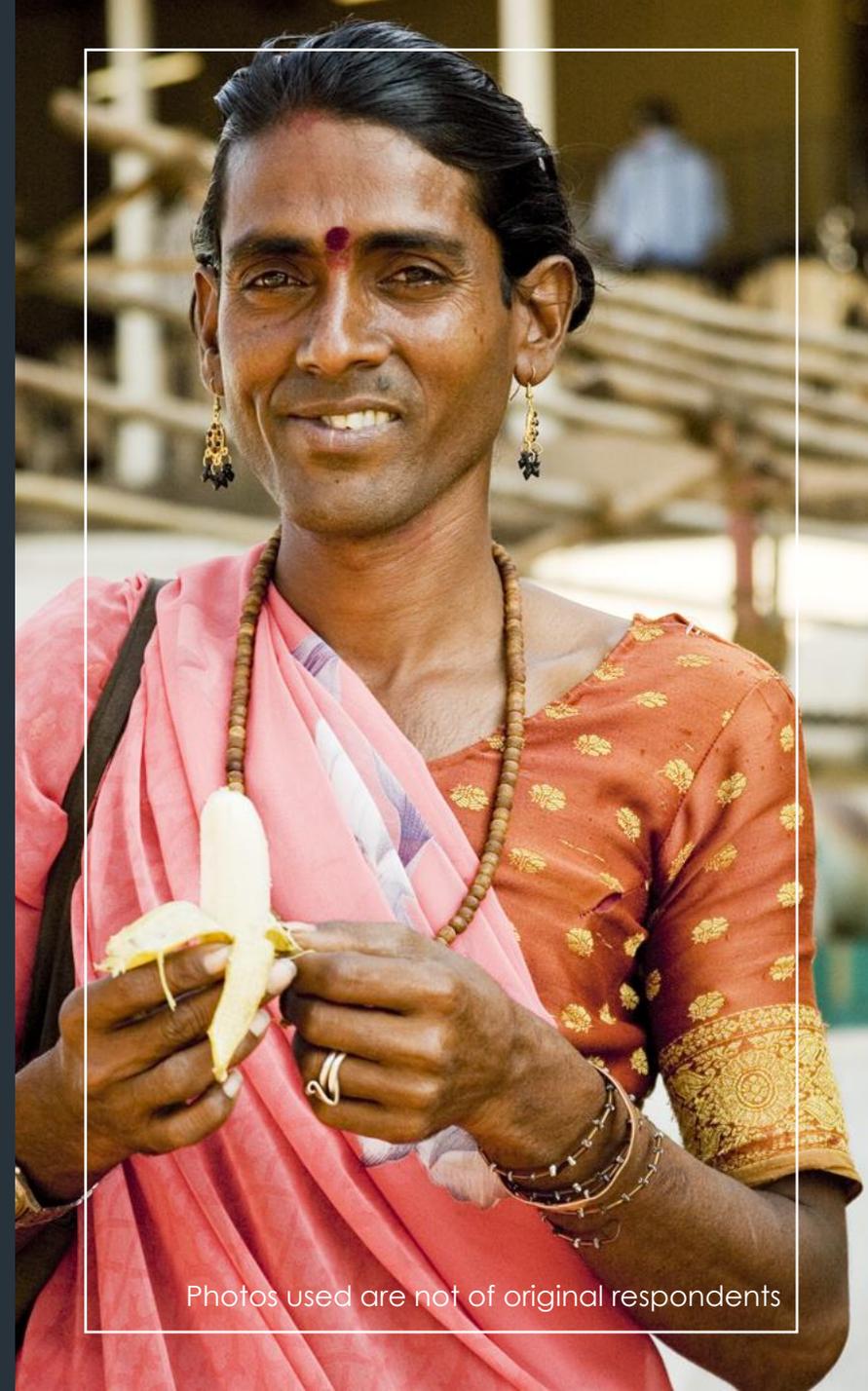
Lara (27); Jatrabari

“

We are all looking towards the Government. How will we survive without any relief?

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Ghuji (26); Rayer Bazar



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