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# OUR SAFE SPACES

Improving prevention of and response to Violence  
against Women and Girls

**FLASH SURVEY ON PANDEMIC AND  
LOCKDOWN EFFECTS OF COVID-19**

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# EWEl COVID19 FLASH SURVEY REPORT MAY 2020



## **Executive Summary**

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has created a host of challenges for the citizens of Nigeria.

Our Safe Spaces (OSS) project beneficiaries (women and girls) in two communities (Unguwan Dosa and Unguwan Romi) are listed among those citizens. The pandemic and consequent lockdown effects include a loss of source of income and increased vulnerability to GBV.

From 8 – 11 May 2020, EWEl surveyed 70 women to gain insight about the effects of the lockdown, their access to utilities and basic protective equipment and gauge the levels/nature of violence experienced (if any).

The survey was administered by phone to beneficiaries from both project locations.

The survey results surface the reality in which the beneficiaries are living; struggling to navigate their lives through far-ranging challenges – from lack of accessibility to basic services to low source of income for survival.

## The Impact of COVID19

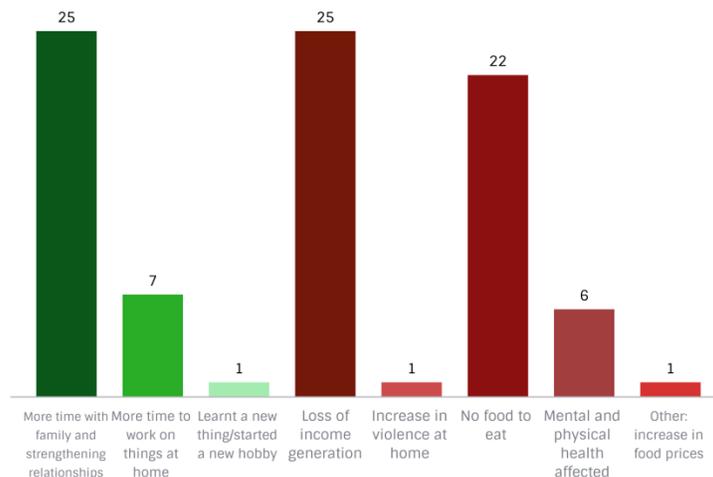
Respondents were asked how their families were doing in the COVID19 pandemic with the lockdown and social distancing in place. 40% of the respondents said they were doing well, 5.7% said they are doing well, 17.14% said they are doing a little well and 37% said they are not doing well at all.

### How well are you and your family doing in this time of Lockdown



We asked our respondents what positive and negative impact the COVID19 lockdown has had on their lives. 25% of the respondents said the positive impact it made is that they get to spend more time with their families, 7% said they have more time to work on things at home and 1% said they get to learn a new thing or start a new hobby. For the negative impact, 25% said loss of income, 1% said increase in violence in the home, 22% said no food to eat, 6% said mental and physical health was affected and 1% responded that there was inflation of prices of commodities at the market.

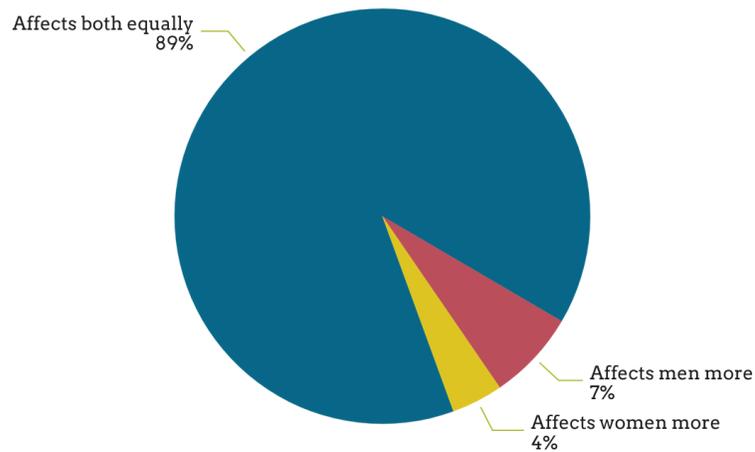
### Positive and Negative Impact of Lockdown



## The Impact of the COVID19 Lockdown on Women

Respondents were asked what effects they thought the lockdown has had on women and on men. 89% of the said they think the pandemic affects both women and men equally as they cannot earn a living, 7% said it affects men more as they can't go out to work while 4% said it affected women more as they cannot go anywhere.

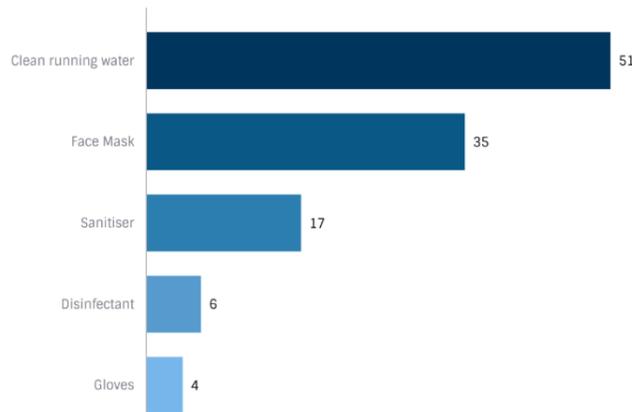
### Effects of lockdown on men and women



## Availability and Accessibility of Personal Protective Equipment

We asked the respondents about the availability of clean water and PPEs, 51% said they have clean running water, 35% said facemasks are available, 17% said sanitisers are available, 6% said disinfectants are available and 4% said gloves are available and accessible.

### Available Protective Equipment



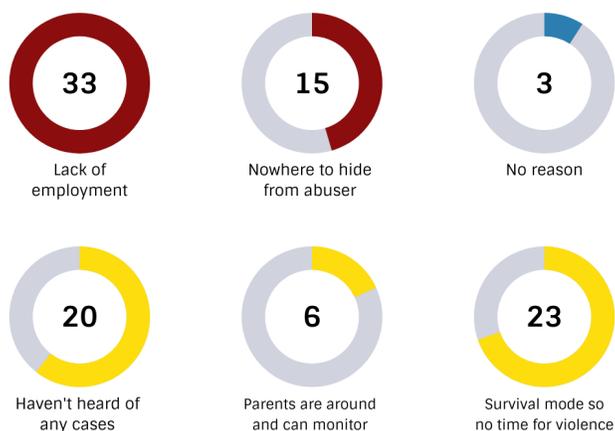
## Gender Based Violence and Covid-19

Respondents were asked about the level of vulnerability of women to Gender Based Violence in their community and 35.86% of the respondents said women are experiencing increased levels of violence compared to before the lockdown and 67.14% of the respondents said women are experiencing lower levels of violence compared to before the lockdown.



The respondents were further asked about to explain their responses above, of those that said there is increased level of violence 15% said it is because there's nowhere to hide from the abuser and 33% said lack of employment and money has made men more aggressive. Among those that said there is lower level of violence, 20% said they haven't heard of any case of GBV, 6% of people said parents are around and can monitor what is going on and 23% said everybody is in survival mode and so have no time for violence. 3% said they had no reason.

### Responses on GBV Levels - Percentages





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