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Consumer Insights during COVID-19 (2)



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Consumer Insights During COVID-19 – Webinar 2





- 1. Opening Remarks Dan Waldron
- 2. 60 Decibels: Results & Insights
- **3.** Panel Discussion with BBOXX and SUNami
- 4. Audience Q&A with 60 Decibels, BBOXX and SUNami

*The webinar is being recorded, and will be available online shortly afterwards

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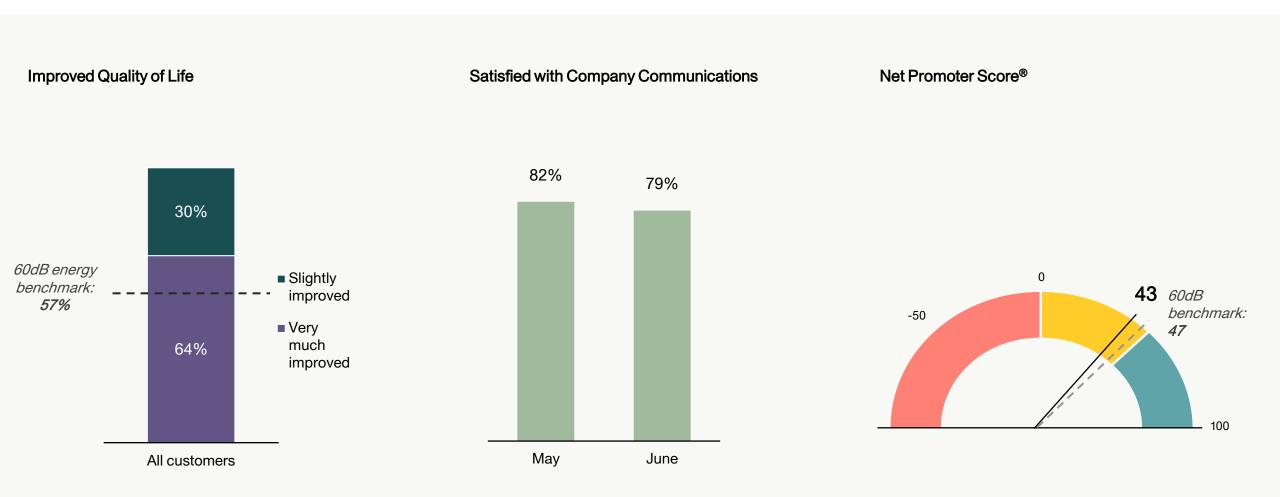


COVID-19 and the PAYGO energy sector: How are consumers affected?



Impact & Satisfaction

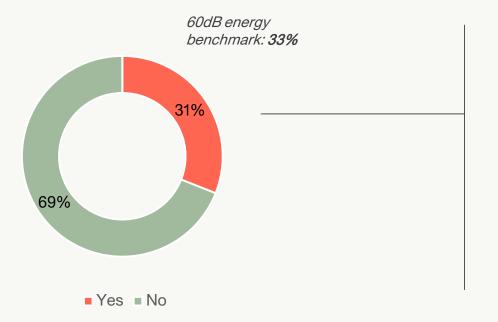
Customers remain satisfied, appreciative of quality of life impacts of solar product, and generally pleased with company communications.



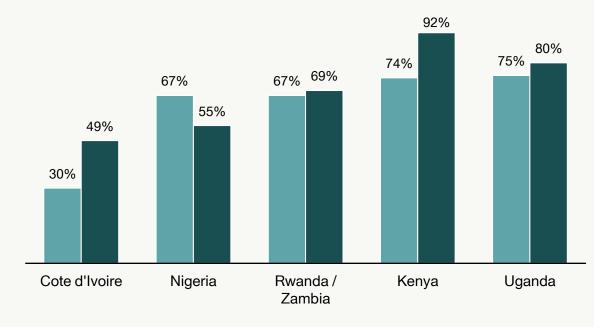
Issues & Customer Service

Higher rates of unresolved issues in June, potentially due to challenges of delivering customer care.

Challenge Rate



Unresolved Issues



Productive Use

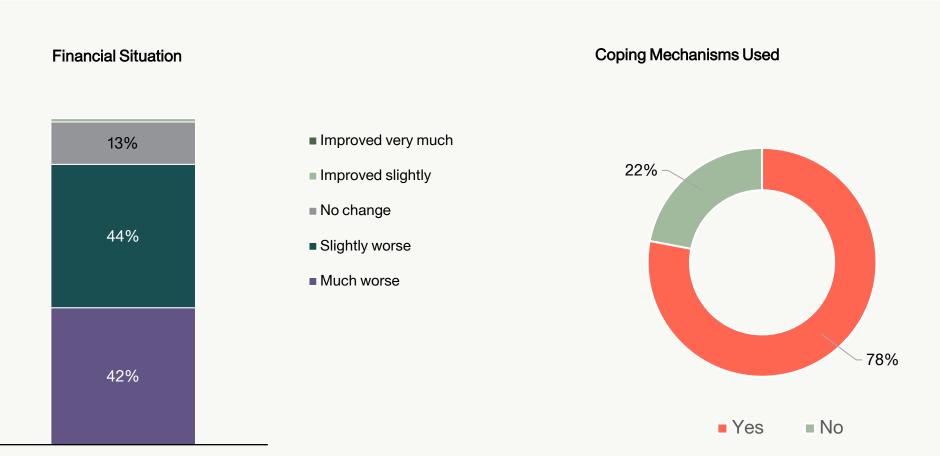
Customers using their product for income generation are feeling the impact more greatly.

Household vs Productive Use COVID-19 Impact on Productive Use Financial Situation by User Type No change 6% Improved very much 14% 30% 14% Yes, slightly reduced Improved slightly Yes, very much reduced Stayed the same 48% No, I cannot do so 42% Got slightly worse 31% Got much worse 15% 86% 43% 42% 25% Household Productive **Business** Home

Overall

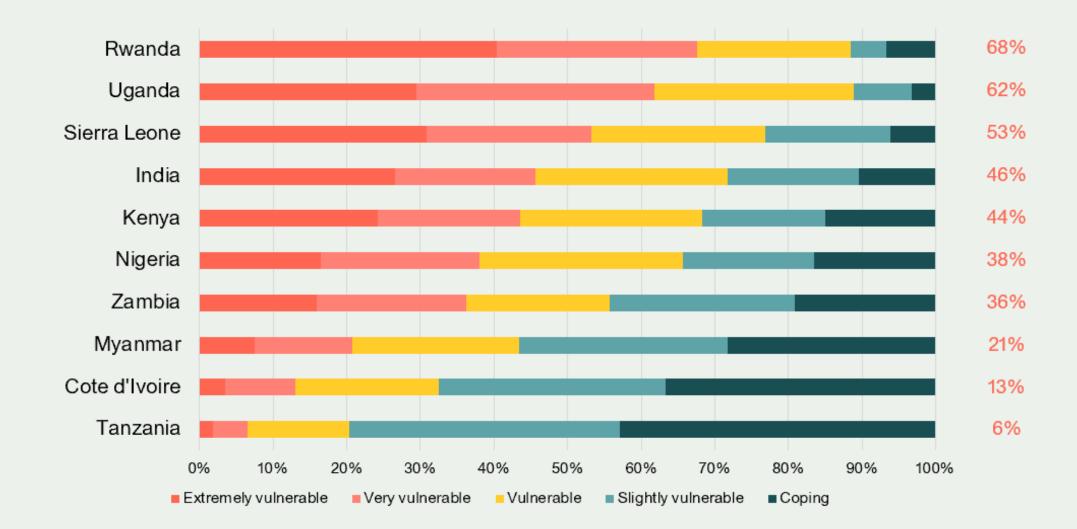
Financial Impact

Overall, customers are faring worse than prior to the pandemic.



All customers

Vulnerability



Customer Voices

"I am a farmer so I continue as normal since the government allows us to continue with production activities. So, my activities have not been affected and we live a normal life as we used to live before corona." - Tanzania

"Previously, I used to work and I could help my husband to support our family but now, he is the only one who is working and not regularly so whatever he gets is what we use and it is never enough. Sometimes we even skip meals. For sure, right now, we are struggling to make sure that our children have something to eat." -Kenya

Changes Since May

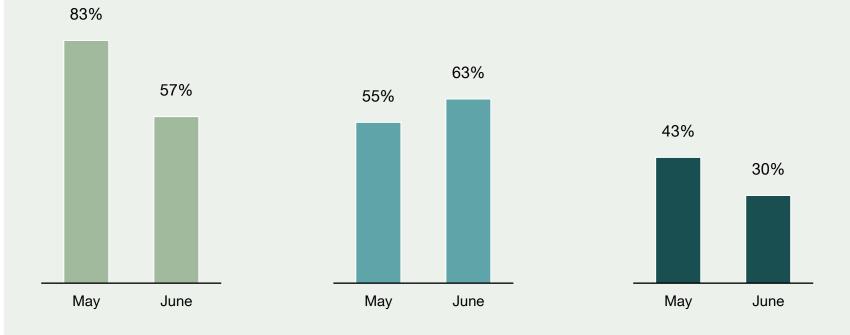
Improvements may actually reflect that things are not getting worse, but may not be getting better, yet. Slight improvements in household income, confidence to make repayments, and consumption of food.

Decrease in Household

Income

Confidence in Ability to Make Repayments for the Next Month

Reduced Food Consumption

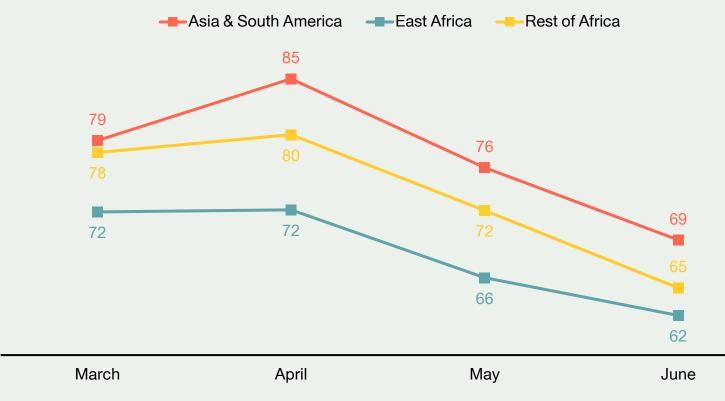


Government Response to COVID-19

Find out more here:

https://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/research/res earch-projects/coronavirusgovernment-response-tracker The government response strictness level has been gradually decreasing since reaching its peak in April 2020.

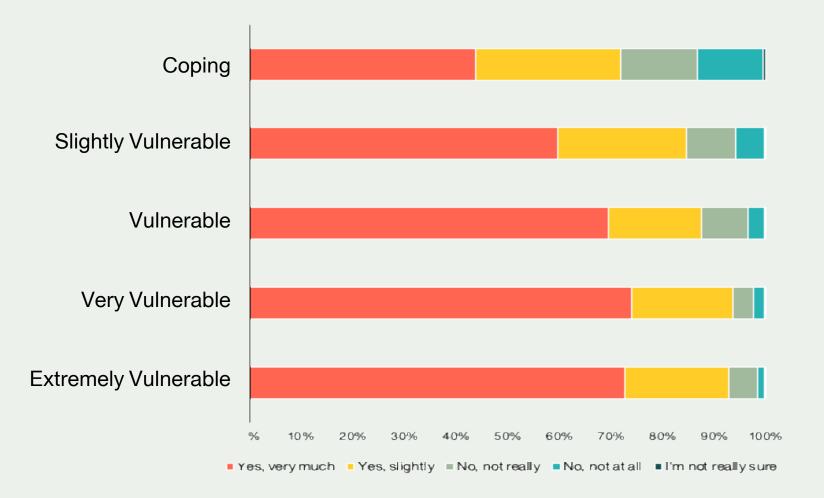
Stringency Index by Region



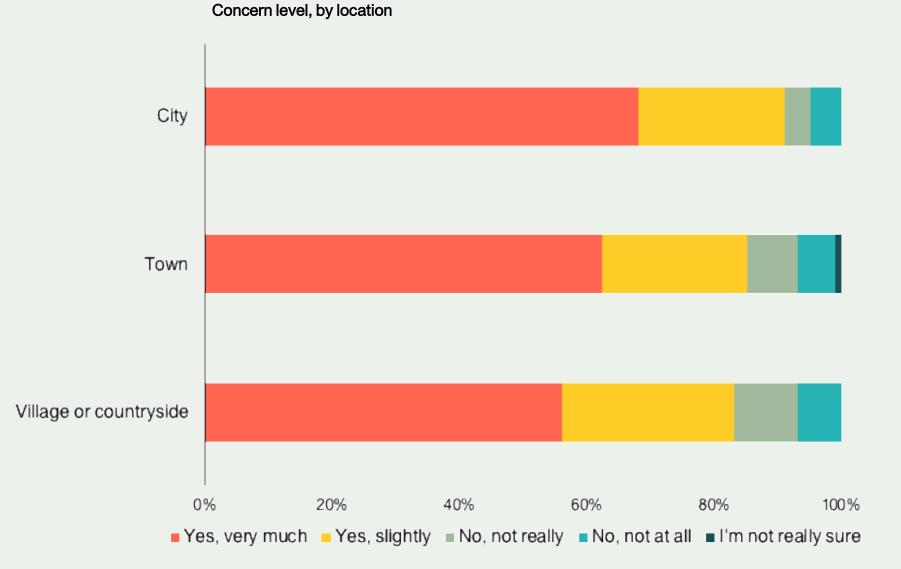
Source: Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

Concern & Vulnerability

Concern level



Rural vs Urban



Exploring Rural vs Urban

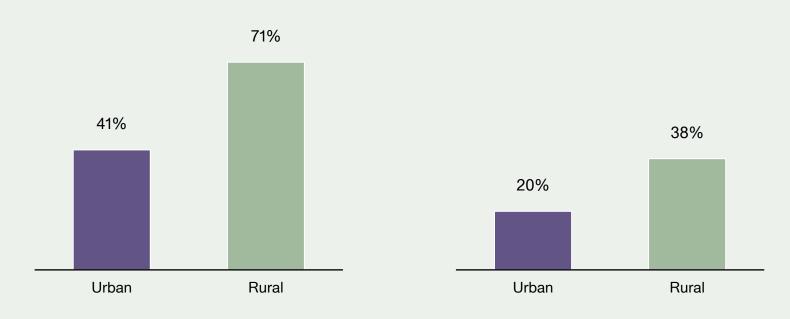
Rural customers are more likely to live in poverty and less confident in ability to make repayments.

Living in poverty

Calculated using the Poverty Probability Index

Confidence in ability to make repayments for the next month

Those who said 'slightly' or 'very' unconfident



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The lighting is very good, I can charge my phone, and the company is very responsive to issues. The free use of their lighting service for a week as compensation for my battery spoiling made me realize that they really care about the quality of service and product their customers receive.

60 Decibels COVID19 insights dashboard http://bit.ly/60dB-Covid

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COVID-19 Energy Access Relief Response

https://www.energyaccessrelief.org/

- 1. Technical Assistance
- 2. Sector-wide Policy Response
- 3. Consumer Protection & Relief
- 4. Financial Assistance

Thank you.

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