

SUMMER TRAINING PRESENTATION

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**A study to Assess the Socio-economic
impact of Corona Virus Pandemic on the
migrant workers of Barmer district.**

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

- Corona Virus Pandemic was hardship faced time for Indian Migrant workers. With the nationwide lockdown started soon after spike in corona virus infections, thousands of migrants of this country had nowhere to go. According to World Economic Forum there are total of about 139 million migrant workers across the nation. The International Labour Organisation(ILO) predicts an adverse impact on 400 million labours. These labours would be poverty stricken due to pandemic and lockdown.

- Barmer is the western-most district of Rajasthan, forming a part of Thar desert. Being partially a desert area, it faces a large variation in temperature from 51C to 0C in winters. With scanty rainfall of only 277mm a year, it is a dry area with agriculture a seasonal activity. Major mass of the lower strata of society migrate to other places like Gujarat, Mumbai and Chennai for work.
- Almost around 65,000 people had to return back to their homes amid Corona crisis. This has not only disrupted the livelihood of these people but also has drastically deteriorated hopes for future.
- Through this study I would want to assess the impact of Corona Virus on a selected cluster of migrant workers who have returned back home. The findings of this study shall possibly hold deep grounds of understanding on the entire country's mindset.

METHODOLOGY

- **Study Design:** A cross-sectional study (Descriptive study Non-experimental).
- Telephonic interviews, structured questionnaires.
- Limitations: Because of COVID-19 pandemic face to face data capturing was not possible.

- **Sample Size:** A total of 125 migrant workers.

- **Study Design:**

This design is a cross-sectional descriptive study (non-experimental observational study) design to assess the situation-impact of Corona Virus pandemic lockdown on migrants.

- **Study Setting:**

This study was conducted in Barmer district (randomized sample size).

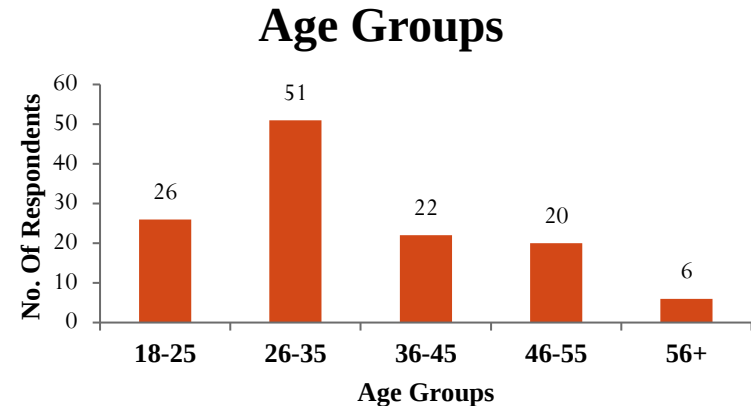
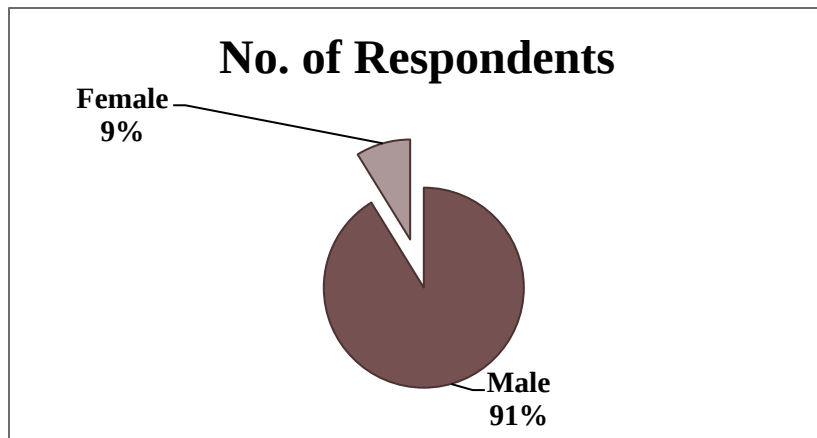
- **Study Population:**

A random data from 125 respondents have been collected from the migrant workers who have returned home amid lockdown.

- **Study Duration:**

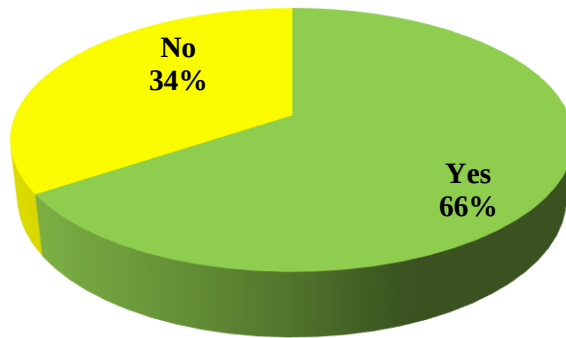
2 months duration from 15th April 2020 to 15 June 2020.

RESULT AND FINDINGS

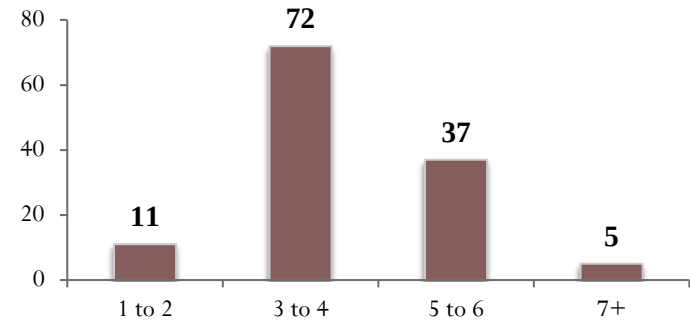


- Out of the 125 respondents, 91% were found to be male and only a 9% of the females
- maximum number of respondents were in the age category of 26 to 35 years which suggests that majorly youth migrants are more prevailing here at Barmer.

Are you the only Earning Member of your family ?

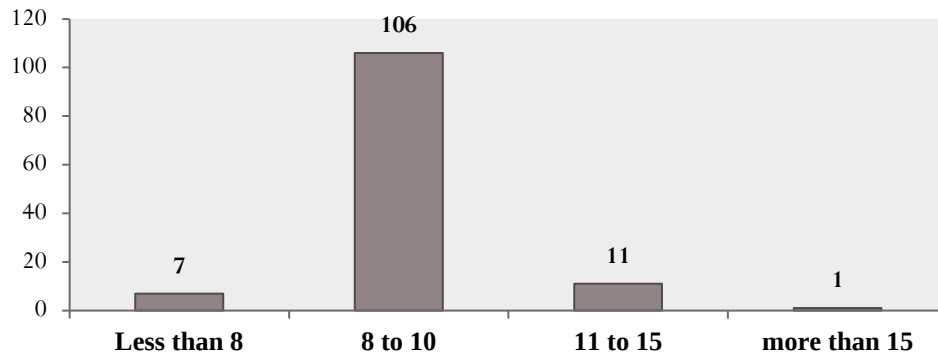


If yes, How many dependent members are there in your family.

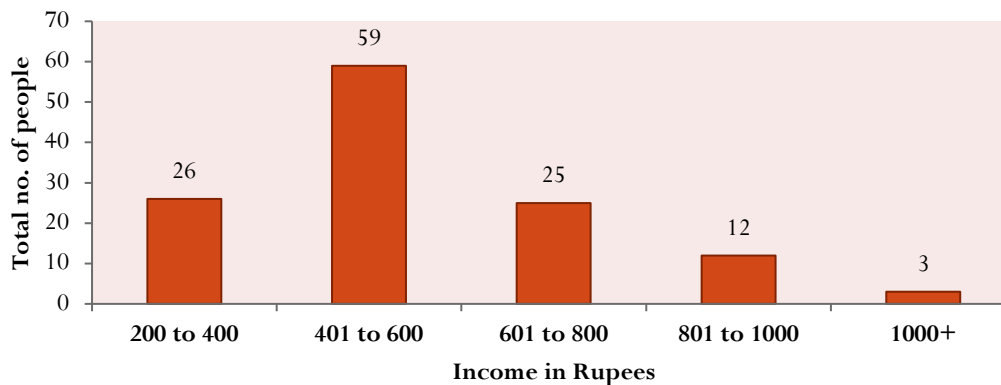


- 84% of them are married
- 66% of the migrants were the only earning members of their family with either children or their elderly parents as their dependent members.
- The majority of them had 3 to 4 members as dependents on their income.

What is the Duration of your daily working hours?



How much do you earn on a Daily basis?

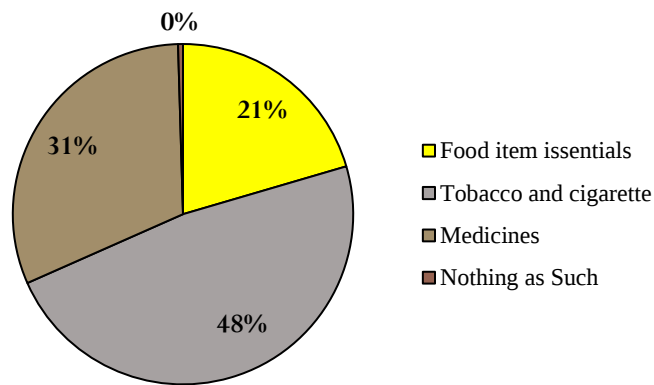


•The migre income below the recommended one in the labour laws of India is some serious area to ponder after the lockdown. The workers even after such pity incomes had to work 8 to 10 hours a day is seen an exploitation of their potential.

The earnings of the migrants was ranging from 400 to 600 for 59 people out of 125

The expenditure for these migrants living away from their homes was found to be around 200 to 400 rupees which surely might leave with with a scanty amount to save and source their families.

What shortage did you face during this lockdown?

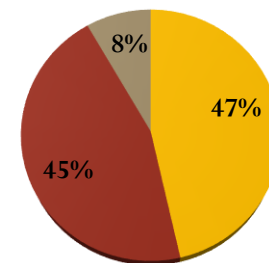


Surprisingly 48% faced a shortage of tobacco and cigarette during the lockdowns and then 31% had to suffer from lack of medicines, No doubt with hospitals mainly focusing on corona infected patients the non- covid patients might have seen such issues in several localities across the nation.

The government had seen to be helping the plight of these migrants with a significant amount of help through money transfer in the Jan-dhan accounts and essential food items. Despite the fact an 8% felt the government was no help for them, which also cannot be just ignored considering only 125 migrants targeted this may significantly a pain in the nerve.

How did the government help you during this lockdown phase?

Money to Jan-dhan account Food essentials Nothing



58 out of 125 the time of the lockdown was peaceful and happy despite the troubles they has to face at the initial period and also 47 of them felt it was quite worrisome.

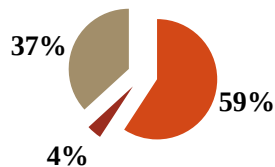
How did you feel spending time with your family?



•59% of the responded migrants felt they would return back once the situation normalizes and yet a significant amount by 37% was not sure. Moreover, 62% of them felt confident about their job security and 36% were not quite sure amid this situation of pandemic. The future was quite vague for a large number.

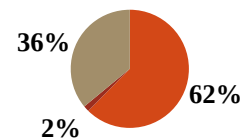
would you prefer going back to your work once the situation normalise?

■ yes ■ no ■ not sure



If yes, do you think your job back there is secure ?

■ yes ■ no ■ not sure



DISCUSSIONS

- The lockdown no doubt has a huge implication on the economy as well as on the informal sector.
- With people not sure about the future happenings and also all hopes vague has left people worrisome and confused
- migrant workers have already faced issues of lack of proper sanitation, health and healthy work environment are now left in deepening poverty due to the lockdown.
- government lacks systematic implementation.
- The migrant laborers are found to be insecure about their jobs and whereabouts and with no hope of survival had to return homes due to the covid-19 pandemic, where agriculture or MNREGA is their second source of income to rely upon.
- Majority of the migrant workers with no education and high dependency rate within their families are waiting to go back to the cities and are waiting for the pandemic to subside.
- The pandemic has left them puzzled and hopeless.
- The impact on the informal sector of Barmer and the country all together seems unignorable and would take months to bring back to normal after this.

Recommendations

- An alternative for the employment of these migrants would help continue to fulfill their livelihood needs while the pandemic prevails. It could be agriculture engagements, cooperative society formulations, or MNREGA enrollment.
- The situation once normalizes, the low wages and hygiene facilities of these migrants could be ensured to avoid further health complications
- The families of these migrants with more dependency rates should be engaged in small SHGs of the villages.
- We could help generate quality employments here in the hometown of these migrants so that those who doesn't want to leave may continue to work here itself.
- All the migrants should be ensured to get benefit from government in whichever way possible.

Part II: Online Course

Name of the Course
Strengthening Community Health Worker
Programs

Objective of the course:

- To introduce the students with core concepts of community worker programs.
- To explore the needs by which we can advocate, build and optimize large scale programs
- To learn ways to improve access to high- quality health services

Course Description

- This is a Health System Leadership Course offered by Community Health Academy.
- The vision behind this course offered by Harvard Business School is to equip Health professionals around the world with required skills and knowledge so as they can extend their services to the public. The course has contents which form a basic understanding to serve in the world's most remote places where the communities are underserved and need the most attention.
- Community Health Academy which brought up this course has partnered with over 15 Health Ministries, global Health Organizations and other academic intuitions offering courses on Health in Africa, Asia and America.

Methodology used in the course :

- Video Lectures
- Videos
- Case Studies

Key Learning from the course

Community Health Workers are the essential part of the Primary Health Care Teams. They had made some vital contributions.

- They are delivering services which are safe and effective
- Bridging the gap between the system and the general public
- Contributing to achieve universal health coverage goal through cost effective solutions

Health services are not universal due to the following factors.

- Shortages of Health workforces and unequal distribution
- The differences in services via performance and quality
- Poor management system
- Limited Financial Resources

Community Health Worker Programs are not just a cost, but investment.

- CHW can reduce the health system costs in numerous ways:
- Provision of preventive care and related education that can eliminate the chances of illness before it even starts
- Reduces the out-of-pocket expenditure for the communities who stays away from the health facilities
- Management of acute cases before they become severe and cause harm to the greater masses
- Can provide cost effective management of chronic diseases
- May help reliving the load from the health facilities where there is a heavy foot falls

Challenges that needs to be overcome to have an effective Community Health Worker Management

- Fragmented Health Information System : Many countries now have developed with the changing digital platforms but yet there remains a few poor and developing countries like Africa where this fragmented system is still prevalent.
- Increased Work Burden for Community Health Workers
- Negative Impact on Availability of services
- Compromised Data Quality and use

Skills and attributes for an Adaptive Manager

- Strong interest in learning with achieving intended outcomes
- Action oriented
- Listening and transparency
- Feedbacks from peers and stakeholders
- Carry out action based decisions with critical review and understanding
- Adapt with humility

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