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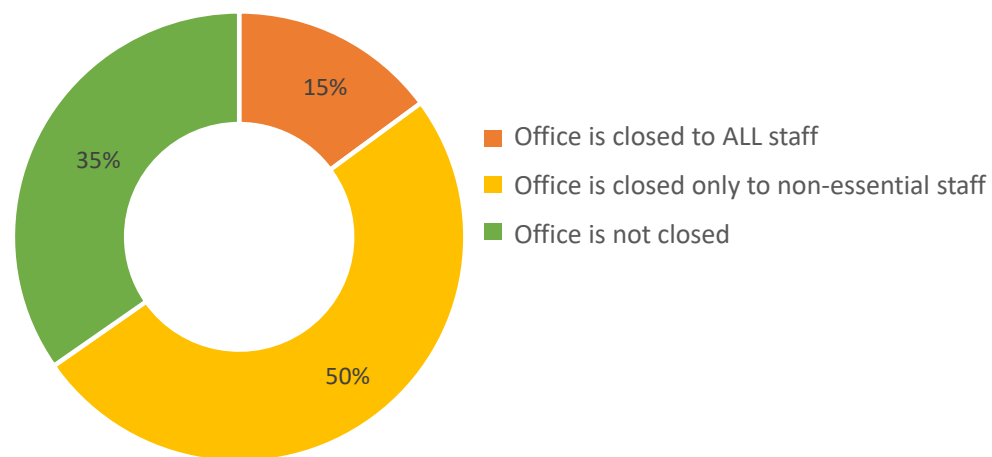
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Impact of COVID-19 on survey data collection and assistance from the international community

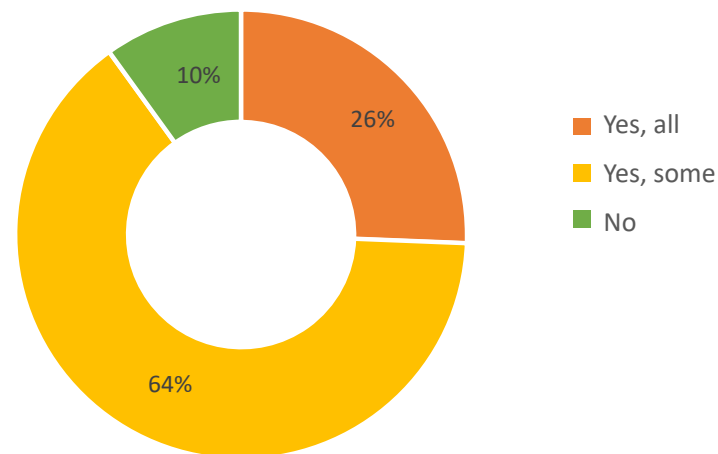
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The functioning of National Statistical Offices is heavily impacted by COVID-19

Is your main office currently closed?



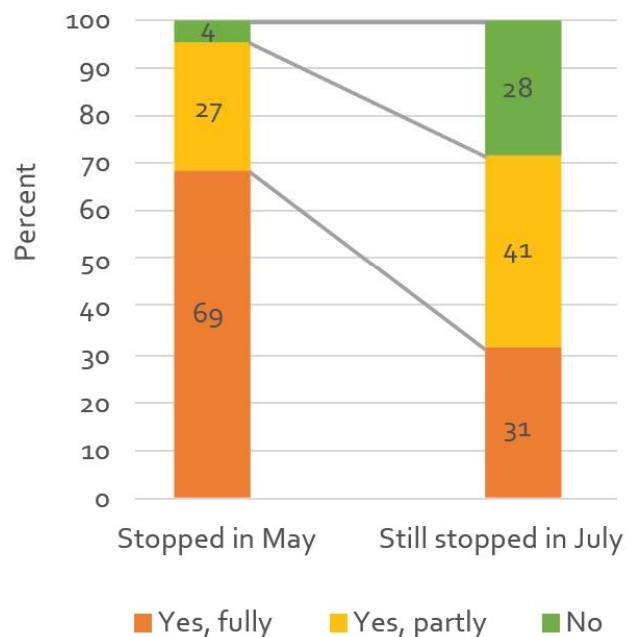
Is staff instructed to stay and work from home?



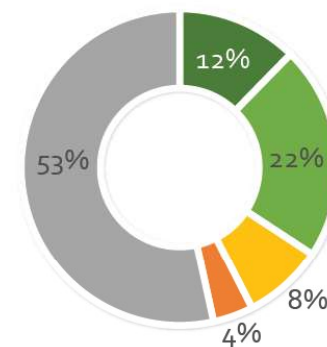
Source: UNSD-WB survey of National Statistical Offices, Round 1, 5 – 17 May 2020 (response rate: 122/218)

Face-to-face data collection was suspended and is yet to recover in many cases

Stopped face-to-face data collection



When do you expect to be able to resume face-to-face interviews in full?

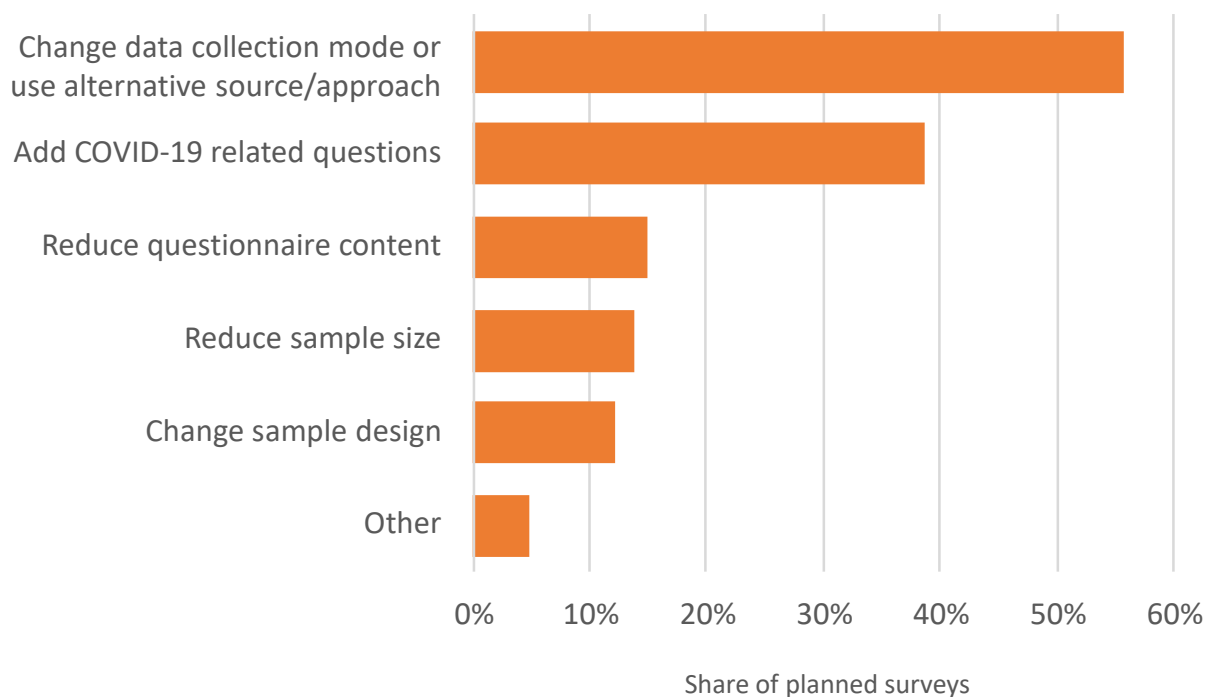


- Within 1 month
- Within 3 months
- Within 6 months
- Longer than 6 months
- Hard to say

Source: UNSD-WB survey of National Statistical Offices: Round 1, 5 – 17 May 2020 (response rate: 122/218); Round 2, 7 – 25 July 2020 (response rate: 112/195)

Many countries adapted quickly to challenges raised by COVID-19

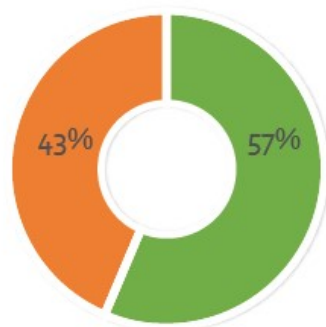
If you had to alter a planned survey because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which changes did / will you introduce?



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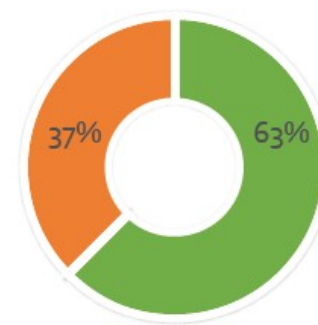
The majority of NSOs play a major role in governments' COVID-19 response

Has your office been called to serve on a government crisis response group or advisory committee at the national level due to COVID-19?



■ Yes ■ No

Is your office currently implementing any survey on COVID-19 and its impacts? *

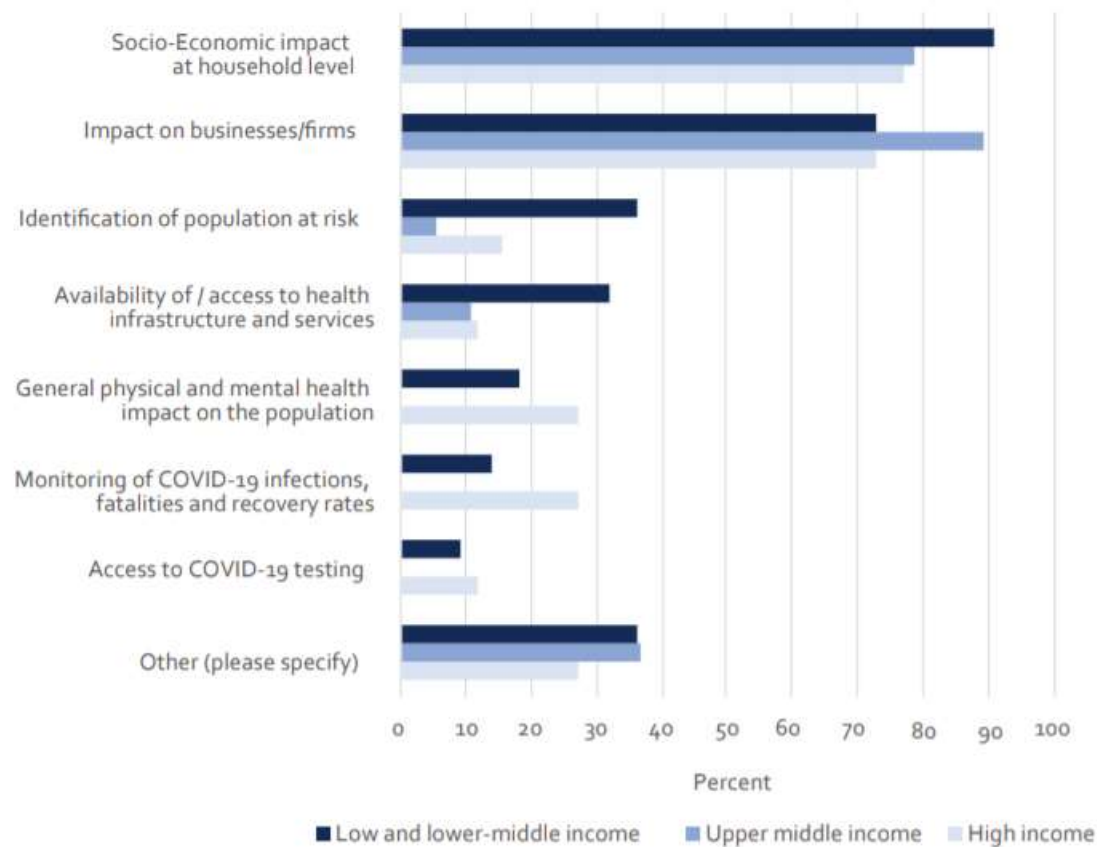


■ Yes ■ No

* More than three quarters of the COVID-19 surveys implemented by NSOs measure the **socio-economic impact on households and businesses**

Source: UNSD-WB survey of National Statistical Offices: Round 2, 7 – 25 July 2020 (response rate: 112/195)

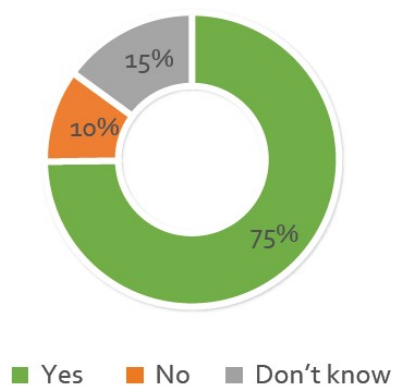
Focus of the surveys on COVID-19 and its impacts



Source: UNSD-WB survey of National Statistical Offices: Round 2, 7 – 25 July 2020 (response rate: 112/195)

COVID-19 related data collection efforts are often led by other organizations

Is there any other COVID-19 related data collection efforts in your country being led by institutions other than your office?

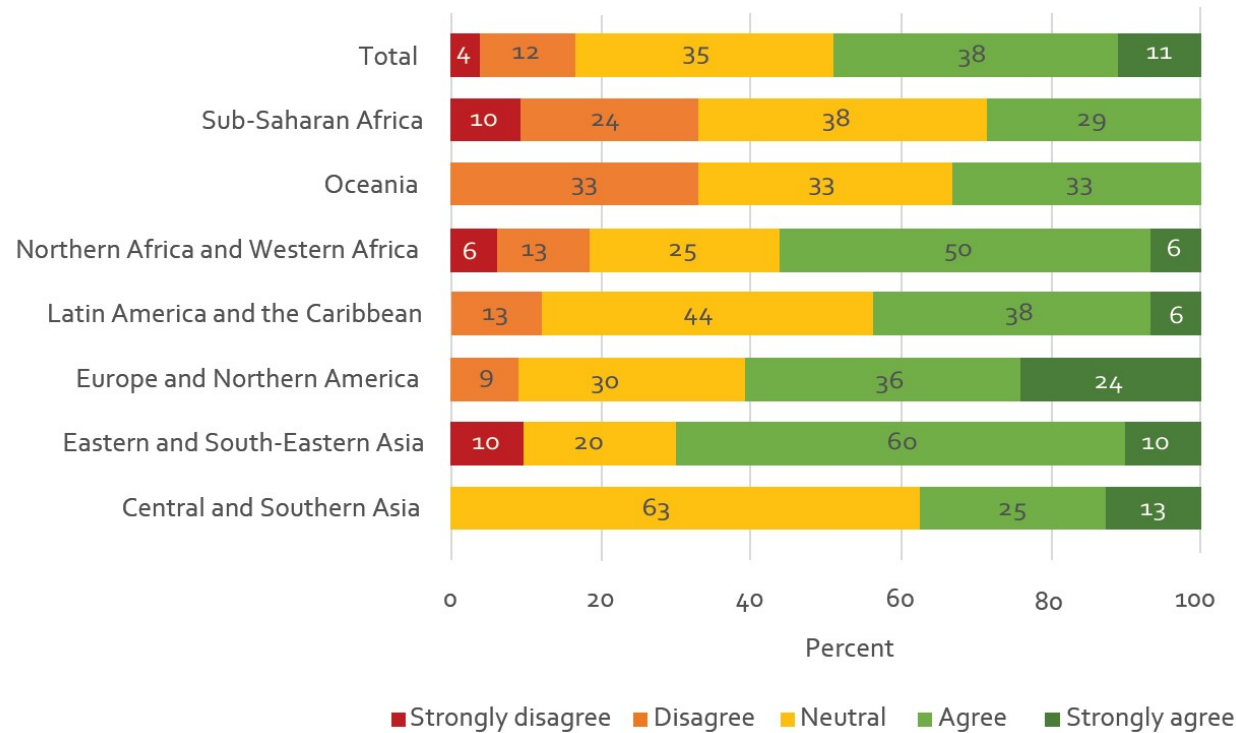


*Although these are predominantly led by other **government agencies**, the **international community and donors** have also been leading COVID-19 surveys in one third of lower or lower-middle income countries.*

Source: UNSD-WB survey of National Statistical Offices: Round 2, 7 – 25 July 2020 (response rate: 112/195)

Coordination in the collection of data on the COVID-19 pandemic has been inadequate in some cases

Current efforts to collect data on COVID-19 and its impact in my country are well coordinated



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Inter-secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys (ISWGHS)

- Established by the Statistical Commission at its forty-sixth session in 2015
- **Members:** 10 agency and 8 countries
 - FAO, ILO, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNODC, UNSD, UN Women, WB, WHO
 - Colombia, Ghana, India, Malaysia, Niger, Samoa, State of Palestine, Sweden
- **Co-chairs:** UN Women and the World Bank
- **Secretariat:** UNSD



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Inter-secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys: COVID-19 and household surveys

- Support coordination of COVID-19 impact surveys in countries

<https://unstats.un.org/iswgghs/task-forces/covid-19-and-household-surveys/COVID-19-impact-surveys/>

- Provide guidance to countries both on maintaining the continuity of regular survey programmes and various methodological aspects of COVID-19 related surveys

<https://unstats.un.org/iswgghs/task-forces/covid-19-and-household-surveys/methodology-on-COVID-19-impact-surveys/>

- Establish a collective vision on the implications of COVID-19 for reshaping the national household survey programmes



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Task Force on COVID-19 and household surveys

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented itself as both a tremendous challenge and an opportunity to household survey programmes in countries.

The overall objectives of the Task Force are to (a) support the coordination of the COVID-19 impact surveys in countries; (b) provide guidance to countries both on maintaining the continuity of regular survey programmes and various methodological aspects of COVID-19 related surveys; and (c) establish a collective vision on the implications of COVID-19 for reshaping the national household survey programmes.

More information about the task force is available in the [Terms of Reference](#).

National responses to COVID-19

Based on a survey carried out by UN Statistics Division and the World Bank, many national statistical offices have responded through innovative approaches.

[See More !\[\]\(e474458956c9a37fbf9586ddb60a7fa1_img.jpg\)](#)

COVID-19 impact surveys

Members of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys are supporting countries to measure the impact of COVID-19 through sample surveys. As of 8 July 2020, we have supported about 180 countries through 480 surveys.

Methodology on COVID-19 impact surveys

ISWGHS members have issued various guidelines to help countries in carrying out surveys to assess the impact of COVID-19.

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Detail information of the COVID-19 impact surveys

Country (Original)	Agency provided in...	Status (Tentative, ...)	Focal point for the surv...	Focal point email	Name of the survey	Objective of the survey	Lead survey implement...	Partners of the survey	Sample frame (fro...	Sample size (Individuals)	Surve...
India	FAO	In preparati...	Carlo Cafiero	Carlo.Cafier...	Food Insecu...		FAO		National ph...		
	ILO	In			WB Rapid S...		World Bank	World Bank			
		preparation	NSO		Labour Forc...	Produce off...	NSO	ILO	Through LFS		
	UN Women	Tentative	Sara Duert...	sara.duerto...	Rapid Gend...	To provide i...	UNW				
	World Bank	implement...	Urmila Chat...	uchatterjee...		Monitor im...	World Bank		CMIE Survey	85,000 - 17...	
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		preparation	Urmila Chat...	uchatterjee...		Regional su...	World Bank		RDD	10000	Panel



Task Force on COVID-19 and household surveys

COVID-19 methodological publications

Agency	Title	Breif introduction	Tag
FAO	The coronavirus and the potential blackout of ..	A review of national practices on how National Statistical Off..	Continuity; national experiences
ILO	Capturing impacts on employment and unpaid ..	Guidance on collecting data on the impact of COVID-19 on em..	COVID-19 impact surveys; questionnaire..
	COVID-19 impact on the collection of labour m..	A review of the impact of COVID-19 on labour force statistics	Continuity; national experiences
	Defining and measuring remote work, telewor..	Recommendations for how the four different concepts of "re..	Concepts; questionnaire design
	Essential labour force survey content and tree..	Guidance for NSOs currently able to maintain labour force sur..	Continuity; impact of COVID; questionna..
UN Women	Guidance to data producers to maintain labour..	Guidance on approaches to maintain labour force survey (LFS..	Continuity
	Guidance: Rapid gender assessment surveys o..	Providing support for UN Women colleagues in Regional and ..	COVID-19 impact surveys; questionnaire..
UNDP	Impact of COVID-19 on violence against wome..	Synthesis report of information from a rapid assessment to u..	COVID-19 impact surveys; data analysis
	Violence Against Women and Girls - Data Colle..	Summary of principles and..	COVID-19 impact surveys; survey operat..
UNESCO	Digital Socio-Economic Impact Assessment - H..	Providing guidance on measuring the impact of COVID-19 thr..	COVID-19 impact surveys; questionnaire..
	Digital Socio-Economic Impact Assessment - M..	Providing guidance on measuring the impact of COVID-19 thr..	COVID-19 impact surveys; questionnaire..
UNICEF	The Need to Collect Essential Education Data D..	Essential idnicators to assess the impact of COVID-19 on educ..	COVID-19 impact surveys; questionnaire..
UNSD	COVID-19 DATA FROM BELIZE MICS PLUS PILOT	Results of Belize MICS Plus pilt	COVID-19 impact surveys; data analysis
	COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IMPLEMENTATION ..	Guidance to national statistics office for implementing MICS ..	Continuity
World Bank	Carrying out a telephone survey under the imp..	Key considerations for statistical organizations to consider w..	Continuity
	Using telephone interview for household surve..	Professor Jim Lepkowski of the University of Michigan, a lead..	COVID-19 impact surveys; sample design
World Bank	COVID-19 CORE-PLUS Questionnaire : Intervie..	Interview manual for high frequency mobile phone surveys of ..	COVID-19 impact surveys; survey operat..
	High Frequency Mobile Phone Surveys of Hous..	Guidelines on sampling design for high frequency mobile phon..	COVID-19 impact surveys; sample design
	High Frequency Mobile Phone Surveys of Hous..	CATI Implementation for high frequency mobile phone survey..	COVID-19 impact surveys; survey operat..
	High Frequency Mobile Phone Surveys of Hous..	Questionnaire template for high frequency mobile phone surv..	COVID-19 impact surveys; questionnaire..
	High Frequency Mobile Phone Surveys of Hous..	Overview of the questionnaire template for high frequency m..	COVID-19 impact surveys; questionnaire..
	Results of high-frequency phone surveys	Results of high-frequency phone surveys for countries	COVID-19 impact surveys; national expe..

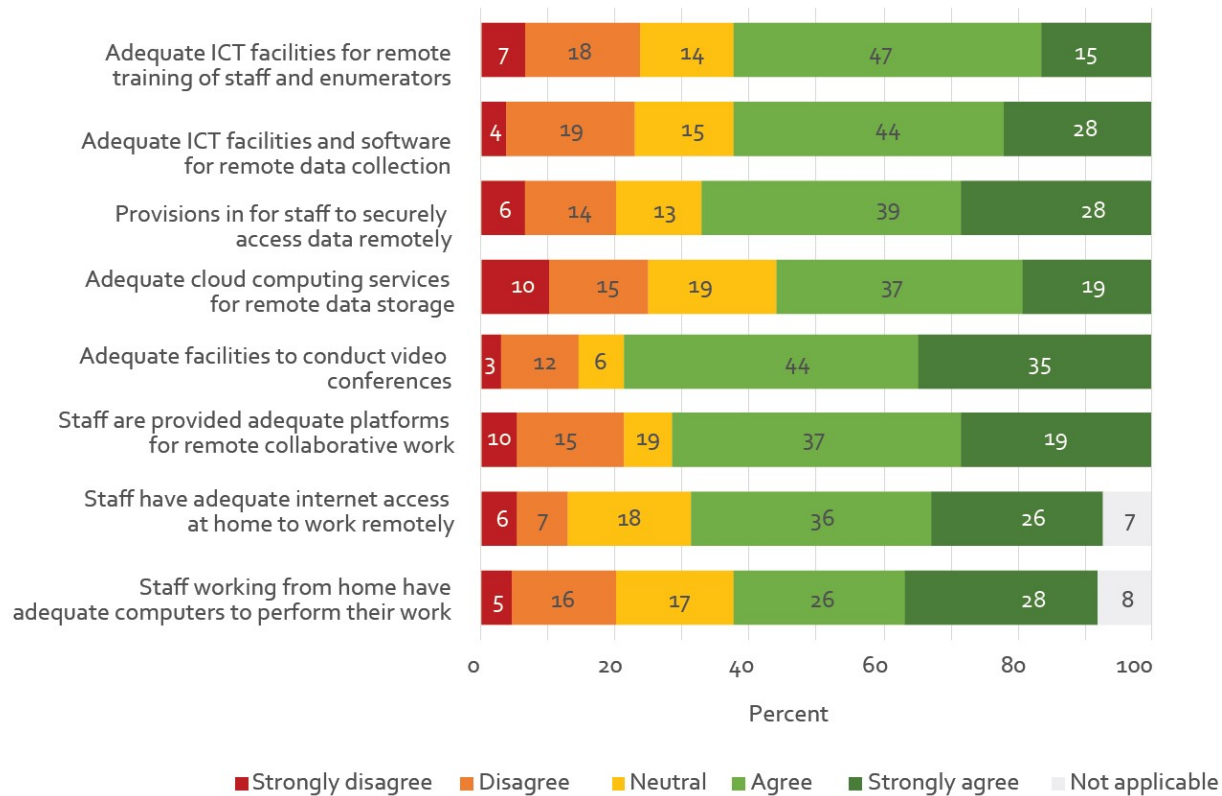


Post-COVID: moving to the “new normal”?

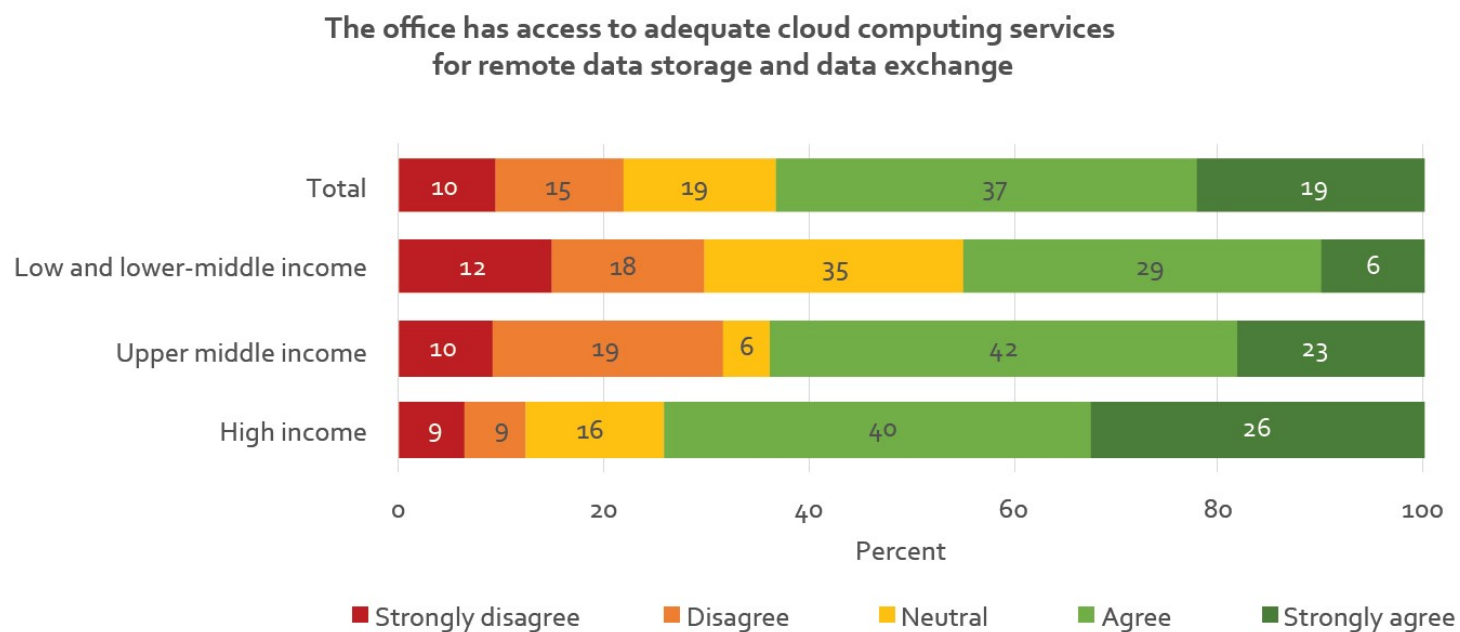
- A systematic assessment of national data needs – what should be collected through household surveys?
- Strengthening the survey infrastructure for CAWI and CATI surveys
 - Sampling frame and accompanying mode-appropriate survey tools and protocols
- Integrating survey data with other data sources
 - Making survey data more interoperable
 - Strengthening technical skills (record linkage, machine learning, multi-frame sampling)
 - Data access and data privacy
- Building empirical evidence in developing countries
 - Validity and reliability of telephone and web interview compared to face-to-face
 - Data integration (multi-frame sampling, record-linkage, modelling)



For 15 to 20 percent of offices, working from home is constrained by inadequate ICT equipment or infrastructure



Low and middle-income countries are particularly constrained by **inadequate ICT equipment and infrastructure**.



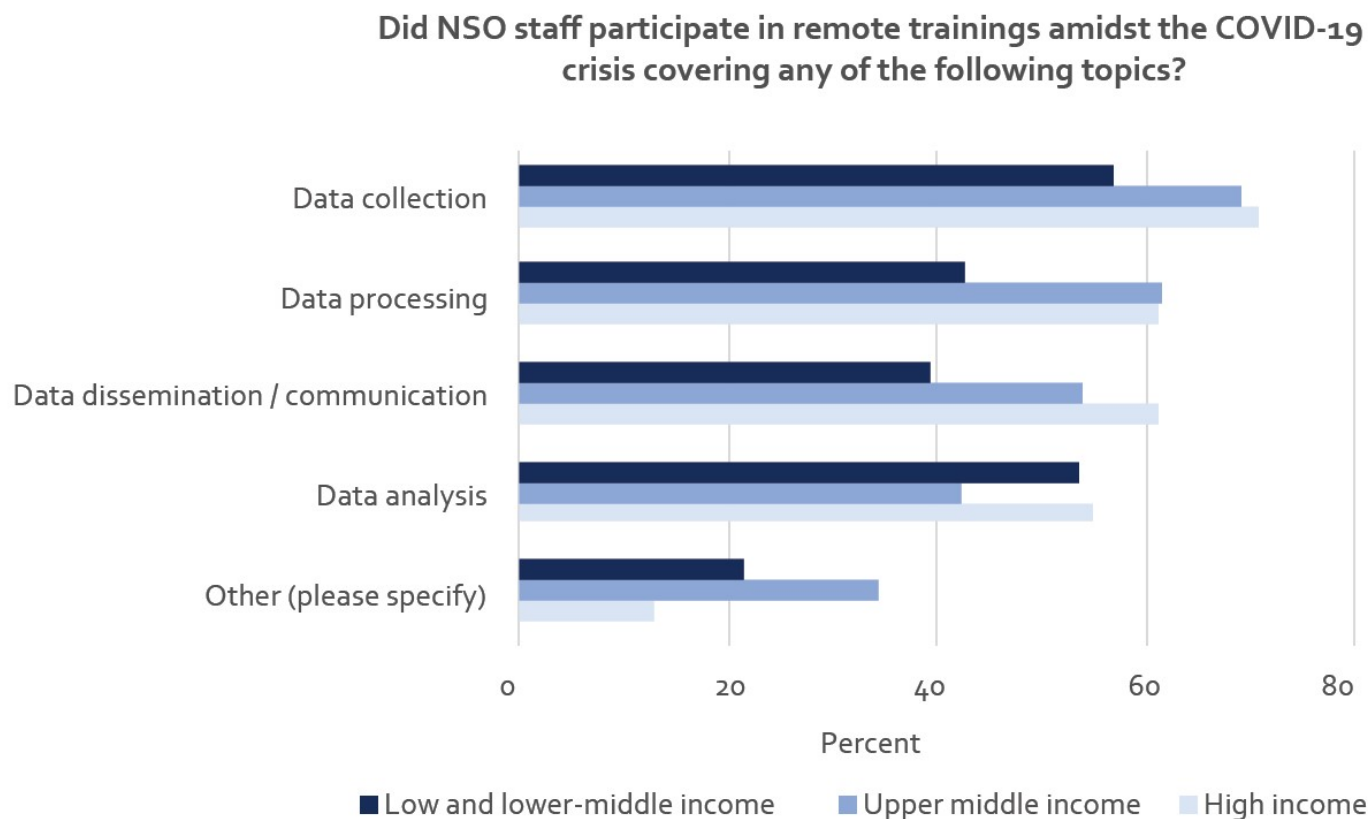
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Remote training of NSO staff has become widespread in countries of all income levels, although low and lower-middle income countries lagged somewhat behind



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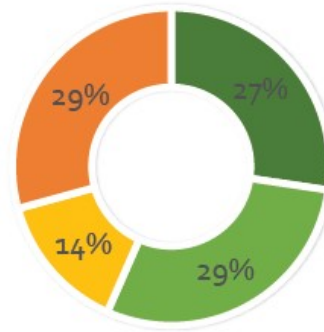
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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, NSOs have improved their emergency preparedness

Does your office have a crisis management plan?



- Yes - plan was in place before the COVID-19 crisis
- Yes - plan was developed after the COVID-19 crisis began
- Plan is currently being developed
- No



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Next steps

- Dissemination of detailed tabulations online
- Third wave is currently being planned, and data collection is expected to take place in the second half of September



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