



She Told Us So 2

Final Version

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She Told Us So 2 (Sneak Preview)



Everything the RGA predicted in March 2020 is still happening



Still serious impact, especially for women--impacts are about 20% more extreme than 2020



Savings groups HALF as likely to face problems

- Final Content early March
- ~ 20,000 people
- 22 countries with quant data, 45 with RGAs and qual data
- Includes US polling data from Feb 2022
- Case Studies and trend data from 8 countries (Ethiopia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, Bangladesh, Haiti, Burundi)

In their own words

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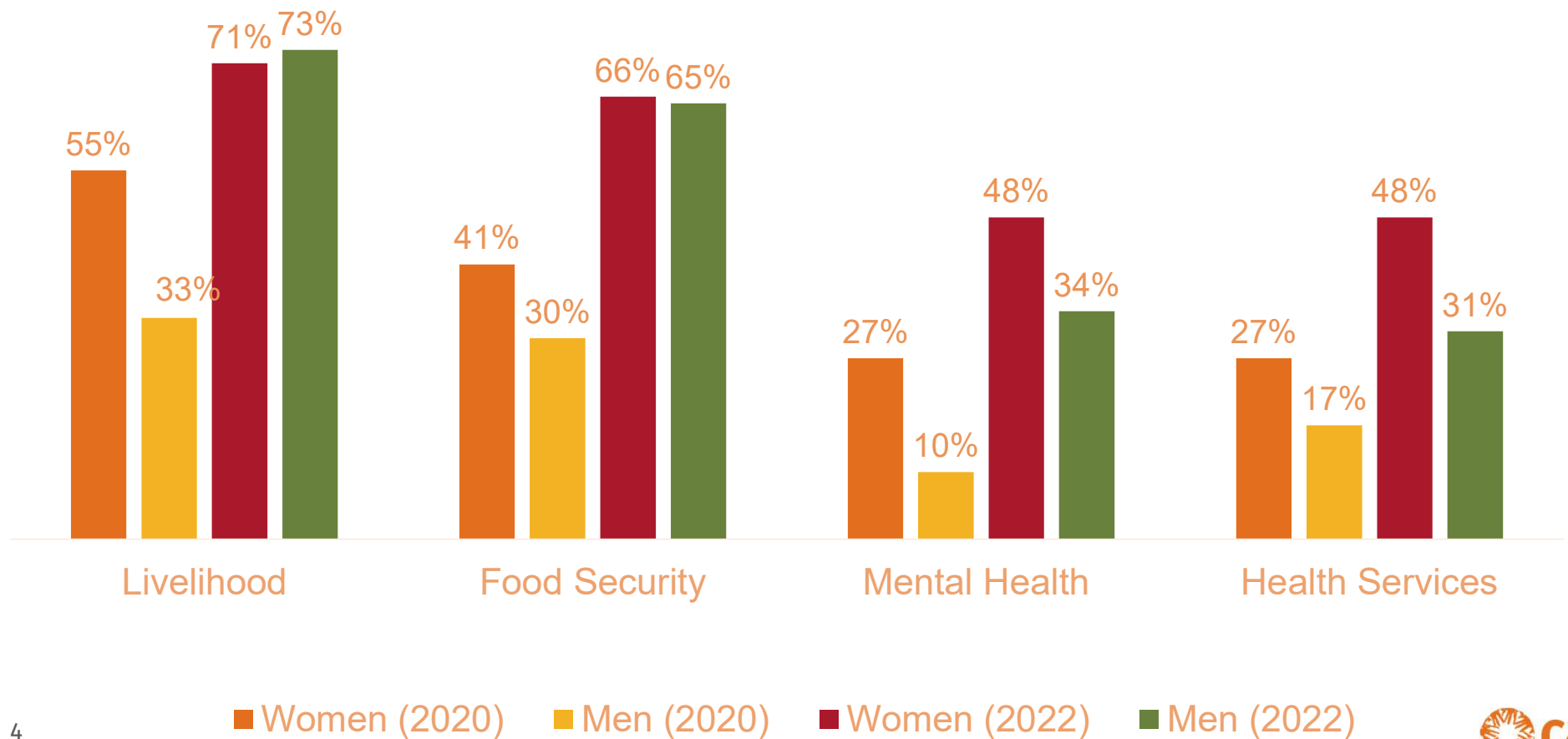
- Fati Musa, Nigeria

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- Iraq



Things are getting worse since September 2020 Women still have more severe impacts than men



In their own words

“The most affected by the pandemic is the mother ... which caused me to lose weight due to the lack of food. I prefer to feed my children instead of myself . . . I have no money to support my family.”

“Women were psychologically affected by the situation ... because of workload in the home...”

- Sudan



Here's what women say they need right now



Mental Health (63%)



Food Security (59%)



Livelihood (55%)



Cash (54%)



Health Services (47%)

In their own words

Challenges

"Women have suffered a lot during the pandemic, and we are not yet recovering from this hardship." - Nigeria

"I prefer to feed my children instead of myself . . . I have no money to support my family." -Sudan

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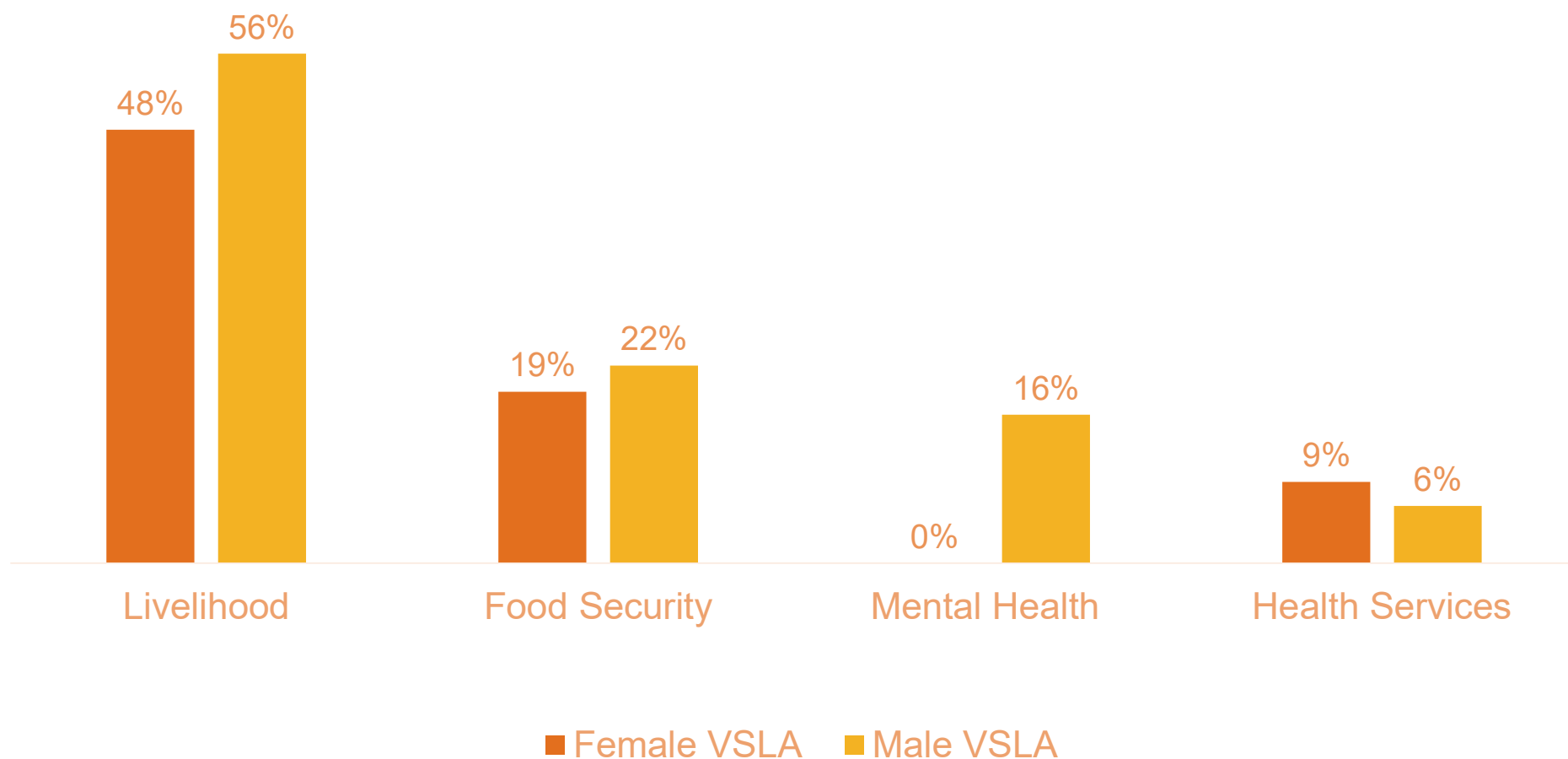
Hope

"I have a voice and a vote, I am not going to stay stagnant . . ." — Colombia

Now we women are not afraid to defend ourselves when a decision does not suit us. —Niger

"Our greatest success is that we were able to educate our members about the COVID-19 pandemic" —Mali

Savings groups have a very different story—more resilient



In their own words

“We are women leaders in emergency . . . we have the capacity to say: I have a voice and a vote, I am not going to stay stagnant”

- Colombia



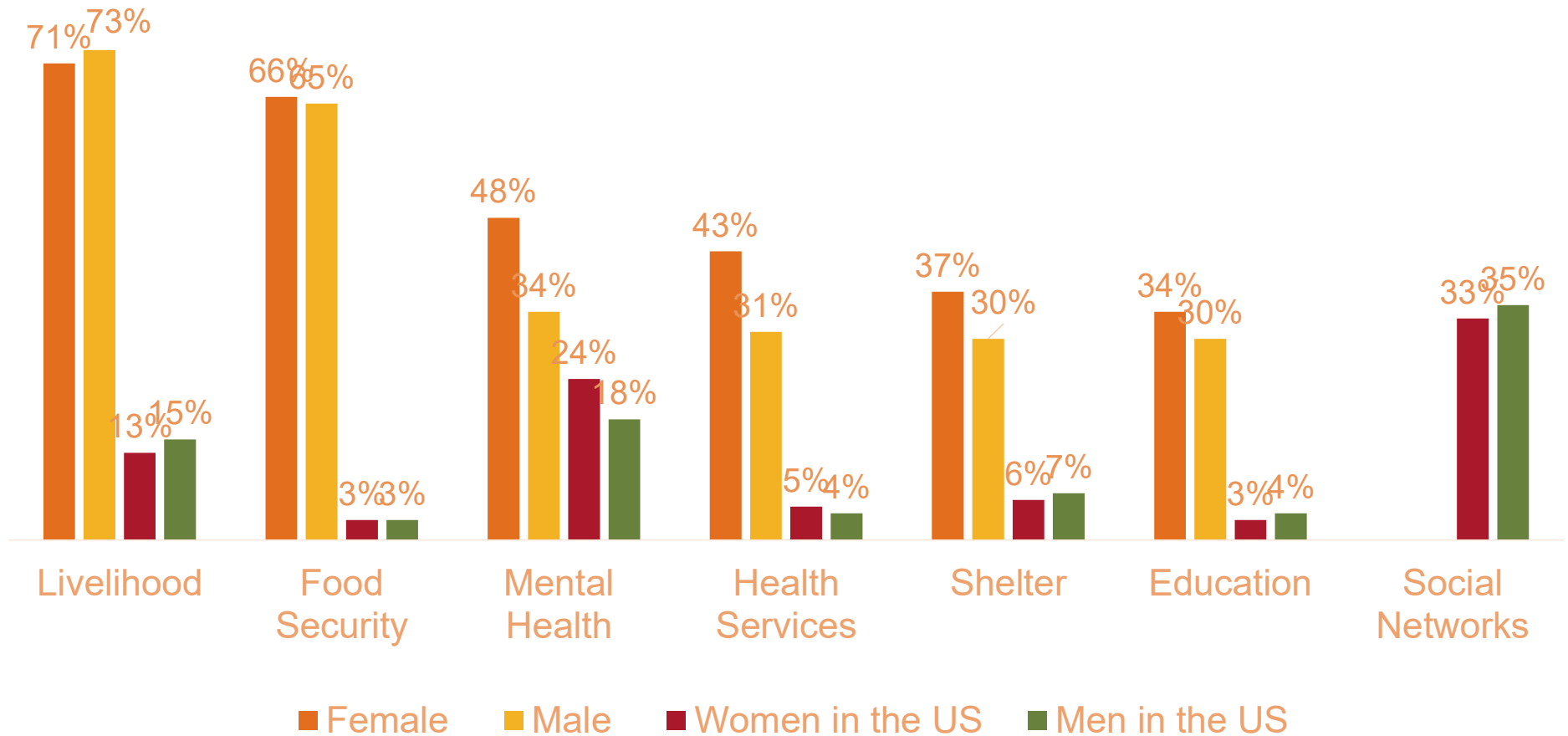
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“Now we women are not afraid to defend ourselves when a decision does not suit us. We will say it out loud ”

- Niger

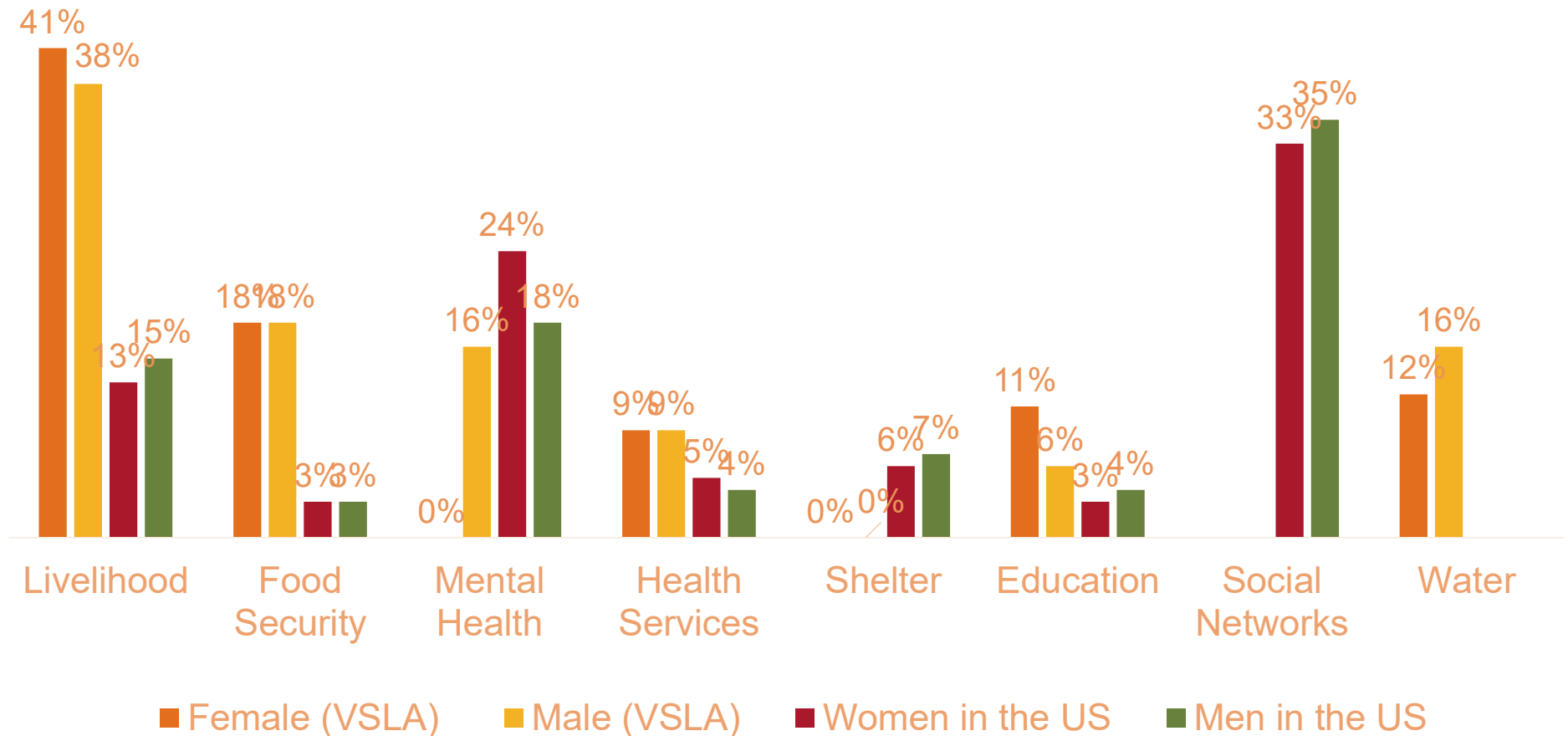


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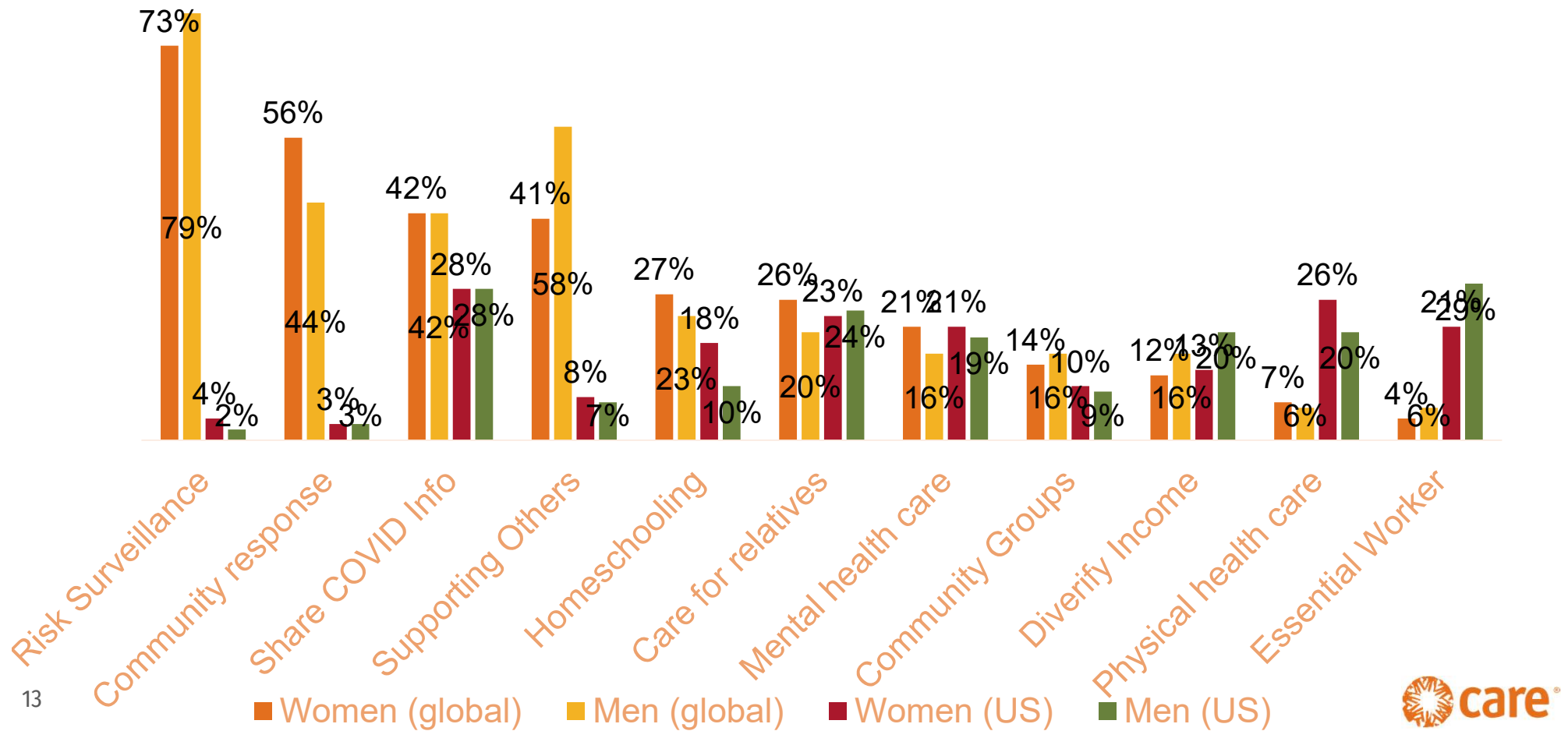


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(comparing VSLAs as most exact data comparison)



Top Ways People are Leading



When Women Lead



Women in Myanmar used their OWN money from savings groups to get first aid, vaccinator, and midwife training so they could step in if the health system failed.

What happens when Women Lead in Emergencies? South Sudanese refugee women in Uganda



Women take action to improve their and their communities wellbeing

- Peace and reconciliation between ethnic groups
- Accessible food distribution
- Reducing violence against women
- Income generation