

# RAPID ANALYSIS


## How are female garment factory workers during COVID-19

### METHOD

Mobile  
based  
data  
collection

 Dhaka & Gazipur

 **255** Women  
Garment worker

 Simple **Random**  
Sampling

 **Kobo** Toolbox used



**89%**  
respondents are  
18-30 yrs of old

**Demography**

**81%**  
respondents  
are married



### READY- MADE GARMENTS MANUFACTURING SECTOR

- **4.1 million** workers jobs will become vulnerable in the RMG sector -- BGMEA president
- **USD 6 billion loss** in revenue for the sector in 2020



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# COVID-19 Basic Understanding



- All respondent knows about COVID-19
- 1 in 4 of them, DO NOT KNOW about all the Protection Measures

## “IMMEDIATE Problems” highlighted by female workers

- ❖ **Community Level:**
  - Close down of stores (of stores from where they bought food in loan)
  - Paying utility bills and house rent
- ❖ **Factory Level:**
  - Fear of getting infected by others.
  - Fear of losing jobs.
- ❖ **Family level:**
  - Decreasing cash in hand
  - Food crisis.
  - No one to buy food from stores
  - Water crisis
  - Timely repayment of loan
  - Fencing their home is challenging and sharing of toilets and kitchen poses challenge for social distancing.

## Main problems resulting from COVID-19



**56%** are concerned about mobility restrictions during lockdown which limits them to buy daily needs



**35%** feel uncertain about salary



**39%** faced food shortage/crisis



**9%** reported sickness

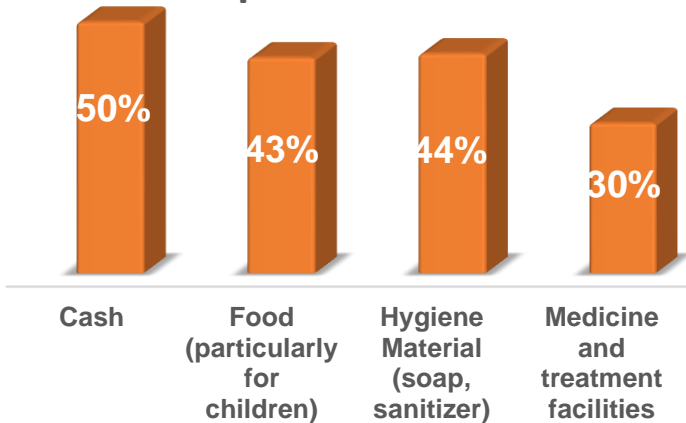
Required assistance:

Support for job placement

Assistance with Cash

Job related training

### Required Essential Assistance



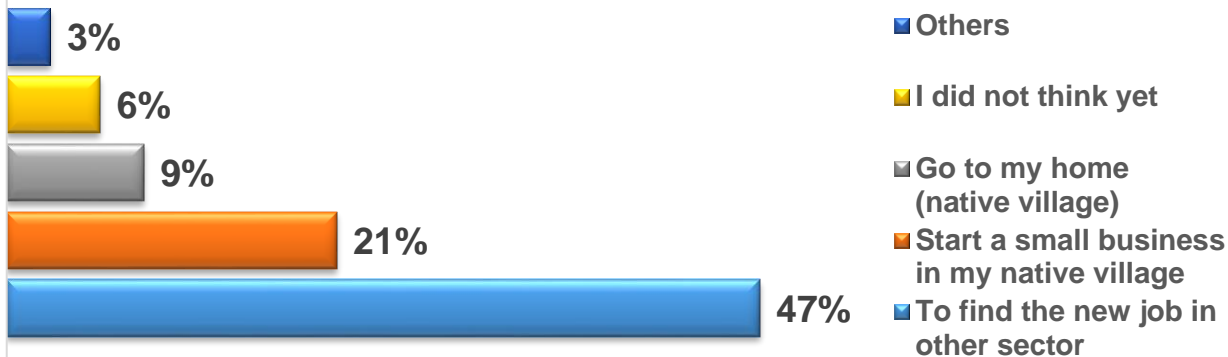
**91%** suffers mental pressure and anxiety about their jobs

### Problems Related to Employment



**52%** fear that 'factory won't get order from buyer'.  
**28% fear losing jobs**  
**49%** think that they will not get salary on time

### Future Plan of Femal Workers if they lose job



### Problems faced by other women in community

- 1 • Increased mental pressure
- 2 • Will not be able to pay for rent and nutritional food for children

### On Current Alternative Skills....

**65%** reported that they have sewing, tailoring, batik skills **WHILE 10%** reported that they have no other skills

