



**Covid 19 Survey: Reverse migration: Economic impact, future plans and knowledge about government schemes**



## Note from us:

*Outline India has been working on the **COVID -19** crisis from a data, opinion, research and impact perspective. As a part of this initiative, OI is developing survey packages to gauge the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable sections of the society. We have put in our 8 years of rigorous field experience across livelihoods, migrant labourers, health etc. We believe in unprecedented times like these it is extremely important to understand the ground realities to structure the relief packages to help the ones lying at the bottom of the social pyramid.*

*This particular survey is to understand the impact of COVID-19 and lockdown on the migrant workers. It has sections to capture the reverse migration patterns, economic impact of lockdown, future plans of migrant workers. We believe this will be helpful for Ministries and Government bodies, CSRs and Funders and Researchers to understand the ground level realities.*

## About Outline India:

*[Outline India](#) is a social enterprise created with the goal of achieving social impact through data. We focus on research & data collection at the grassroots level to catalyze the work of policymakers, think tanks, not-for-profits, and the government. Our work spans 9000+ villages in India. We also operate in Nepal and certain locations within South Asia. We are developing a number of surveys as a response to COVID-19 in the sectors of migration, MNREGA etc. To know more about it or access those surveys you can reach us at [contact@outlineindia.com](mailto:contact@outlineindia.com).*

**Reverse migration: Economic impact, future plans and knowledge about government schemes**

**Objective of the study:**

To understand:

1. If migrant workers who have returned to their villages wish to come back to the urban centres once the situation stabilizes and work is available again in towns and cities
2. Availability of livelihood opportunities in the villages
3. Income, expenditure pattern pre, during and post lockdown
4. Current and future plans of earning livelihood
5. Knowledge of various schemes announced by the government to aid their livelihood
6. Requirements from government bodies to help them revive their livelihood

**Target Group:**

1. Migrant workers who have been forced to return to villages (both men and women)

**Who can use the survey:**

1. CSRs and Funders
2. Multilateral Organisations
3. Researchers
4. NGOs working with migrant workers
5. Government departments such as the *Ministry of Rural development, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour & Employment* etc.

**Location:** Pan- India

**Survey Index:**

The survey will focus on the following sections:

- A. Respondent Details
- B. Details of household
- C. Migration pattern-Before Lockdown
- D. Migration pattern-During Lockdown
- E. Migration pattern-Post Lockdown
- F. Impact on income, expenditure and standard of living during & post lockdown
- G. Reverse migration and women
- H. Knowledge of financial packages
- I. Government relief: Expectations

<b>Location details of respondents:</b>	
<b>State:</b> _____	<b>District:</b> _____
<b>Block:</b> _____	<b>Village:</b> _____
<b>Address with landmark:</b> _____	
<b>Respondent's phone number:</b> _____	
<b>Date:</b> _____	

Survey Questionnaire:			
Question No.	Relevance and Skips	Questions	Options
<b>Section A: Respondent Details</b> <i>This section captures the details of the respondents - name, age, gender, educational qualification and employment status</i>			
1		What is the name of the respondent?	
2		What is the age of the respondent?  <i>Hint: If respondent does not know his/her age try to approximate from the number of years he/she has been married, or since when have they been voting etc.</i>	
3		Mention the gender of the respondent.  <i>Note: Do not ask. Observe and mark.</i>	1- Male 2- Female 3- Others
3.1	<b>If Qs.3 is =3, ask</b>	Please specify.	

4		What is your educational level?	1 - Never attended school 2 - 7th grade or less 3 - 10th grade or less 4 - 12th grade or less 5 - Bachelors 6 - Masters -88 - Other -98 - Don't Know
4.1	If Qs: 4= -88, ask	Please specify	
5		Are you currently employed?	1 - Yes 2 - No
6.1	If Qs:5=1, ask,	If currently employed, what type of work are you involved in?	1 - Farmer 2 - Daily wage labourer 3 - Business owner / Retailer / Shopkeeper 4 - Construction worker 5 - Works under NREGA 6 - Works in shops, godown, factory, industry, dhaba, hotel etc. -88 - Others
6.1.a	If Qs: 6.1= -88, ask	Please specify	
6.1.1	If Qs:5=1, ask,	If currently employed, where do you work ?	1 - In the same place as I live (in my village) 2 - Somewhere else
6.1.1.1	If Qs: 6.1.1=2 ask,	If somewhere else, where?	
6.2	If Qs:5=2 ask,	Have you ever worked before?	1- Yes 2 - No
6.3	This Qs will be relevant only when, Qs.5: =2 and 6.2=1	For how long have you been unemployed?	1 - Less than a month 2 - A month or more 3 - Less than 3 months 4 - 3 months or more 5 - Less than 6 months 6 - 6 months or more

6.4	This Qs will be relevant only when, Qs.5: =2 and 6.2=1	What work did you do in the past?	1-Farm worker 2- Daily wage labourer 3. Worked in shops, godown, factory, industry, dhaba, hotel etc. 4. Construction worker -88. Others
6.4.1	If Qs: 6.4= -88, ask	Please specify	
6.5	This Qs will be relevant only when, Qs.5: =2 and 6.2=1	If currently unemployed, where did you work previously?	1 - In another village/town/city 2 - In another district 3 - In another state
6.5.1	This Qs will be relevant only when, Qs.6.5 =2	Please specify the name	
<p><b>Section B: Details of household</b> <i>This section includes the household roster capturing details of all family members, their work status etc.</i></p>			
1		How many family members are there in this household?  <i>Note: Household members comprise of the no. of people who eat from the same chulha</i>	
2		How many adults are there in this household?	
2.1		Names of all adults	
2.2		Age of all adults	
3		How many children are there in this household?	
3.1		Names of all children	

3.2		Age of all children	
4	This will be relevant if Qs.3>0	<b>Child 1---Child 15 (for each child)</b> Does (Child1---Child15 ) go to school?	1-Yes 2-No
4.1	This will be relevant if Qs.3>0	Does the child go to work?	1-Yes 2-No
<b>If Qs 4.1=1 ask the questions 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3</b>			
4.1.1.		If yes, what type of work is the child involved in?	1.Work in family's farm 2.Work in other's farm 3.Work in family's business 4.Work in other's business 5.Work in construction 6.Factory work 7.Household help 8.Work in hotels / dhabas -88 Other specify
	If Qs: 4.1.1=-88, ask	Please specify	
4.1.2		Where does the child live?	1. At own home 2. At the place of work
4.1.3		Does the child earn in cash or kind?	1. Cash 2. In-kind
4.1.4	Relevant only if Qs: 4.1.3=1	How much does the child earn? (in Rupees)	_____ per day _____ per week _____ per month
<b>Section C: Migration Pattern- Before Lockdown</b> <i>This section covers the migration pattern before announcement of lockdown. It tries to capture information about the living arrangement, monthly income and expenditure of migrant workers before lockdown, i.e. 25th March 2020</i>			
<b>Note: Think about the time before 25th March 2020</b>			
1		As you were a migrant worker, did you live in the town/city alone or were you there with your family?	1 - Alone 2 - With my immediate family 3 - With others (friends, relatives.etc)

1.1	Relevant if Q1 = 2	Did all members of your family who migrated with you, worked?	
2		How many people from the household stayed outside home for work?	
3		What was your living arrangement at your place of work?	1 - Rented a room 2 - Rented a house 3 - Lived in accommodation provided by contractor -88 - Others
3.1	Relevant if Q3 = -88	Please specify	
4		How much was your monthly income before lockdown?	
5		How much was your monthly expenditure before lockdown?	
6		Did you send back money to your house in the village before lockdown?	
7		Before lockdown, how much money did you send back home per month?	
8		Since when have you been staying away from your hometown for work?	
8.1		Before lockdown, how many times did you visit your village house per year?	
9		Did you go to work outside under any contractor or did you go independently looking for work?	
<p><b>Section D: Migration Pattern: During Lockdown</b>  <i>This section explores the condition of migrant workers during the lockdown. There are questions about their income, their sustenance, if they received any assistance including relief camps and food. Additionally, this section also captures if they left for their village during the lockdown and if yes, how was the journey completed.</i></p>			
1.		Were you able to earn anything during the lockdown?	1-Yes 2-No

2.		How did you earn your livelihood?	1- Some work was given by contractor 2 - Got relaxation on payment of rent 3 - Got engaged in new work like delivering essential items -88 - Others
2.1	Relevant when Qs.2= - 88	Please specify	
3.	Relevant when Qs.1=2	Since you did not earn anything how were your daily needs met?	1-Used up savings 2-My partner worked 3-Took shelter in relief camps 4-Employer and neighbours helped for the time being 5-Received food from NGOs -88-Others
3.1	Relevant when Qs.3=-88	Please specify	
3.2		Where did you stay during the lockdown? <i>Select all that apply</i>	1-Where I previously stayed 2- Somewhere else
3.3	Relevant when Qs 3.2 = 2	Please specify	
3.4		Do you know that states have arranged shelter homes for migrant workers?	1-Yes 2-No
4	Relevant when Qs.3.4=1 and Qs 3.2=2	Were you able to receive shelter from state provided relief camps or shelter homes?	1-Yes 2-No
5		Were you able to receive food from state provided relief camps or shelter homes?	1-Yes 2-No
6.1	Relevant if Qs.4=1	What were the services provided?	1-Food 2-Bedding 3-Medicines -88-Others

6.1.1	Relevant if Qs.6.1=-88	Please specify	
6.1.2	Relevant if Qs.4=1	How many times did you receive food in the shelter homes?	1-Once 2-Twice 3-Thrice 4-None
6.1.3	Relevant if Qs.4=1	Did the shelter homes have facilities for sanitisation or hand wash?	1-Yes 2-No
6.1.4	Relevant if Qs.4=1	Was social distancing protocol followed?  <i>Hint: Were there gaps between mattresses? Were sufficient distances maintained between fellow migrants?</i>	1-Yes 2-No
6.1.5	Relevant if Qs.4=1	How long did you stay in the government shelter home?	_____ number of days
7.	Relevant if Qs.4=1	Why did you leave the shelter or relief home run by the government?	1-Poor sanitation facility 2-Poor meal quality 3-No food received 4-Not enough space for all 5-Wanted to return to village 6-No medical facilities available 7-Water was not fit for drinking -88- Others
7.1	Relevant if Qs:7=-88	Please specify	
8	Relevant when Qs 3.2 = 1	Since you stayed in your previous accommodation (rented house or temporary arrangement by the constructor), did you pay rent during the lockdown?	1-Paid rent 2-Couldn't pay rent 3-Owner exempted me from paying rent
9.	Relevant when Qs 3.2 = 1	Were any other relaxations / relief measures provided by the owner/contractor?	1-Yes 2-No
9.1	Relevant when Qs 9=1	Please specify other reliefs received from them?	1 - Food 2 - Electricity bill exempted 3 - Medicine

			4 - Some money for sustenance 5 - Transport facility to return to my village -88 - Others
9.2	Relevant when Qs 9.1=-88	Please Specify	
10	Constraint>0	How many days ago (from today) did you return to your village from your place of work?	
11		Did you receive any transport to return back to your village?	1-Yes 2-No
12	Relevant if Qs.11=1	What mode of transport did you receive?	1-Govt buses 2-Shramik special train 3-Trucks/Tempo 4-Private vehicle -88-Other
13	Relevant if Qs.12=-88	Please specify	
14	Relevant if Qs.11=2	Since you did not receive any transport for commuting did you walk/come on the bicycle all the way back?	1-Yes 2-No
14.1	Relevant if Qs.14=1	How many days did it take for you to return?	
15		What triggered your journey back home?	1-Low Savings 2-No employment opportunity 3-Nowhere to stay 4-No money to buy food -88-Others
	Relevant if Qs 15=-88	Please Specify	
<b>Section E: Migration Pattern: Post Lockdown</b>			
<i>This section captures the condition of migrant workers post lockdown. The work they are involved in (if any), whether or not they will be returning to their places of work, managing expenditure etc.</i>			
1		Are you currently working (post returning to village)?	1 - Yes 2 - No

1.1	Relevant if Q1 = 1	What work are you involved in?	1 - Farming 2 - Construction 3 - Petty business 4 - Household help 5 - Daily wage labourer 6- Worked in shops, godown, factory, industry, dhaba, hotel etc. -88 Others
1.1.1	Relevant if Q1.1 = -88	Please specify	
1.1.2	Relevant if Q1 = 1	Where is your workplace located?	1 - Same village 2 - Nearby village 3 - Town/City 4 - Some other town/city
2		Are other members of your household currently working?	1 - Yes 2 - No
2.1	Relevant if Q2 = 1	How many?	
2.2	Relevant if Q2 = 1	What work are they involved in? (Select all that apply)	1 - Farming 2 - Construction 3 - Petty business 4 - Household help 5 - Daily wage labourer 6- Worked in shops, godown, factory, industry, dhaba, hotel etc. -88 Others
2.3	Relevant if Q2 = 1	Where is their workplace located? (Select all that apply)	1 - Same village 2 - Nearby village 3 - Town/City 4 - Some other town/city
3	Relevant if Q1 = 2	Given that you are not currently working, will you return to your previous workplace (town/city) once the lockdown is lifted?	1 - Yes 2- No 3 - Don't Know
4	Relevant if Q3 = 2	As you mentioned that you do not intend to return to your previous workplace, how do you plan on getting work?	1 - Will look for work in my village 2 - Will look for work in nearby village so that I can come home everyday

			3 - Will look for work in a nearby town or city
5	Relevant if Q3 = 1	You said you will return to your previous workplace, why?	1 - No work in my village 2 - Do not know how else to earn money and sustain myself and my family 3 - When work is available, I make decent money
6	Relevant if Q3 = 1	This time when you migrate to your workplace, will you take your family with you?	1 - Yes 2 - No
7		Have you had to sell any assets during this period to meet your household's expenditure?	1 - Yes 2 - No
8	Relevant if Qs 7 = 1	What assets have you sold?	1 - TV/Radio/Phone 2 - Utensils 3 - Bicycle 4 - Any two wheeler 5 - Jewellery 6 - Land 7 - Cattle 8 - Poultry 9 - Any other electronic appliance -88 - Others
	Relevant if Qs 8= -88	Please Specify	
9	Relevant if Qs 1 = 2 and Qs.2=2	How have you been managing your household's expenditure right now? <i>(Select all that apply)</i>	1 - Relief from government 2 - Relief from other organizations, NGOs etc. 3 - Savings 4 - Through debt -88 - Others
9.1	Relevant if Qs 9= -88	Please specify	

**Section F: Impact on income, expenditure and standard of living during & post lockdown**

*This section explores the income and expenditure patterns of migrant workers and captures their standard of living during and post lockdown. This section is designed with some proxy questions on child education, food consumption patterns to understand the impact of this lockdown on their standard of living.*

*Now we are going to ask you a few more questions on your income, expenditure and overall standard of living.*

1.	Relevant if Migration Pattern: during lockdown Qs 1=1	How much did you earn per day during the lockdown?	
2.		What was your daily expenditure during the lockdown?	
3.		Were you taking care of anyone else other than yourself financially during the lockdown?	
4.	Relevant if Migration Pattern: post lockdown Qs 1=1	How much have you been earning per day / week / month post the lockdown?	1 - _____ per day 2 - _____ per week 3 - _____ per month
5.		What has your daily/weekly/monthly expenditure been post the lockdown?	1 - _____ per day 2 - _____ per week 3 - _____ per month
6.		How many family members other than yourself have you been taking care of financially post the lockdown?	
7.		Do you have children?	
7.1	Relevant if Qs.7>0	If yes, how many?	
8	Relevant if Qs.7>0	Did your children go to school before lockdown?	1-Yes 2-No

9	Relevant if Qs.7>0	Where did they go to school?	1 - To a school near my place of work 2 - To a school in the village
10	Relevant if Qs.8=1	Are they currently going to the school?	1-Yes 2-No
11	Relevant if Qs.10=1	Where are they currently going to school?	
12	Relevant if Qs.8=1	Do you think you have sufficient resources to continue your childrens' education?	1-Yes 2-No
13		Did your children help you by working for money before lockdown?	1-Yes 2-No
14		Will you ask your children to help you by working for money now?	1-Yes 2-No
15		Do you currently (post lockdown) eat the same kind of food that you used to eat earlier (before lockdown)?	1-Yes 2-No
16		Have all family members had enough food during the lockdown?	1-Yes 2-No
17		Do you or anyone in your family have to take medicines regularly?	1-Yes 2-No
18	Relevant if Qs.17=1	Could you continue taking these medicines during the lockdown?	1-Yes 2-No
19	Relevant if Qs.17=1	Are you currently being able to afford and take these medicines?	1-Yes 2-No
20		Did your family have access to soaps, detergent etc. during the lockdown?	1-Yes 2-No

21		Do you currently have access to enough soaps, detergent etc. to maintain hygiene and cleanliness	1-Yes 2-No
<p><b>Section G: Reverse migration &amp; Women</b>  <i>This section has questions which would help understand the impact of reverse migration on women and also tries to understand if there is a correlation between employment and decision making power at the household level.</i></p>			
1	Relevant if Section A:Qs3=1	Did your wife or any other female member in your family also migrate back to the village?	1-Yes 2-No
2	Relevant if Section A:Qs3!=1	Apart from you did any other female family member migrate back to the villages?	1-Yes 2-No
3	Relevant if Qs 1=1 or Qs2=1	The female members who came back did any of them work previously?	1-Yes 2-No
4	Relevant if Qs 3=1	Are they currently working?	1-Yes 2-No
5	Relevant if Qs.4=2	Will they go and look for work in the future?	1-Yes 2-No
6		Are they currently consulted before taking important decisions of the household?	1-Yes 2-No
7		<p><i>Now think about the times before the lockdown.</i></p> <p>Were they consulted before taking important decisions of the household?</p>	1-Yes 2-No
<p><i>Note: We have a detailed survey on the impact of this reverse migration on women. The way it has affected their day-to-day lives, family dynamics and decision making power. To get access to that survey please contact us on <a href="mailto:contact@outlineindia.com">contact@outlineindia.com</a></i></p>			
<p><b>Section H: Knowledge of financial package/relief</b>  <i>This section has questions about the relief packages announced by the Government of India for migrant workers which majorly includes food under PDS system and work under MNREGA</i></p>			

1		Are you aware that the government has come up with certain relief packages for migrant workers?	1-Yes 2-No
2	Relevant if Qs.1=1	From where did you get information about the government relief packages?	1- News channels 2- Government officials 3- Other workers 4- Panchayat leader/Village head 5- Neighbours/other villagers 6- Promotional message, notification over phone 7- PDS dealer
3		Do you know that the state governments will be providing you with 5 kilograms of grain (wheat or rice) per labourer per month free of cost?	1-Yes 2-No
4		Do you know that the state governments will be providing you 1kg of chana per family per month for two months free of cost?	1-Yes 2-No
5		Did you receive any wheat or rice from the government during lockdown 4.0?	1-Yes 2-No
5.1	Relevant if Qs 5=1	If yes, how many kgs of wheat or rice did you receive?	
6	Relevant if Qs 5=1	Where did you collect the rice or wheat from?	1-PDS dealer 2-House of village head 3-Others
7	Relevant if Qs 6=-88	Please Specify	
8	Relevant if Qs 5=1	Was the wheat/rice provided of good quality?	1-Yes, good quality 2-Edible 3-No, poor quality
9		Did you receive any chana from the government during lockdown 4.0?	1-Yes 2-No

10	Relevant if Qs 9=1	If yes, how many kgs of chana did you receive?	
11	Relevant if Qs 9=1	Where did you collect the chana from?	1-PDS dealer 2-House of village head 3-Others
11.1	Relevant if Qs 11=-88	Please Specify	
12	Relevant if Qs 9=1	Was the chana provided to you of good quality?	1-Yes, good quality 2-Edible 3-No, poor quality
13		Did you know the government is providing employment under MNREGA to the migrant workers who have returned to their villages?	1-Yes 2-No
14		Did you know that the government has announced to provide work till the monsoon season?	1-Yes 2-No
15		Did you know that not only in MNREGA, but migrant workers can also seek employment in plantations, horticulture, livestock-related work?	1-Yes 2-No
16		Did you hear about any government plan to create affordable rental housing complexes for migrant workers ?	1-Yes 2-No

*Note: To get a detailed questionnaire on MNREGA, its access, impact etc on the masses, contact us at [contact@outlineindia.com](mailto:contact@outlineindia.com)*

**Section I: Government relief: Expectations**

*This section focuses on the relief/ assistance that the migrant workers expect or require from the government. This acts as a way forward to be able to include these in government planning while doling out relief/reforms for the migrant workers.*

*Note: Now think about all the relief doled out by the government*

1.		What all additional relief would you have liked to receive from the government?	1-I am satisfied, no additional relief required 2-Employment opportunities 3-Better fooding and shelter 4-Transport for migrant workers -88 Other
1.1	Relevant if Qs1=-88	Please specify	
2		Will you like it if the government provided more work for migrant workers in similar lines as MNREGA?	1-Yes 2-No
3		Will you want the government to provide timely food and shelter during an epidemic going forward?	1-Yes 2-No
4		Would you like to receive any health insurance card from the government as social security?	1-Yes 2-No
5		Do you think the shelter homes should have better toilet and hygiene facilities?	1-Yes 2-No
6		Will you like to use the same ration card that you use in the village to get supplies (like dal, rice, wheat) in the cities as well to get the same benefit?	1-Yes 2-No
<b>Thank you</b>			



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