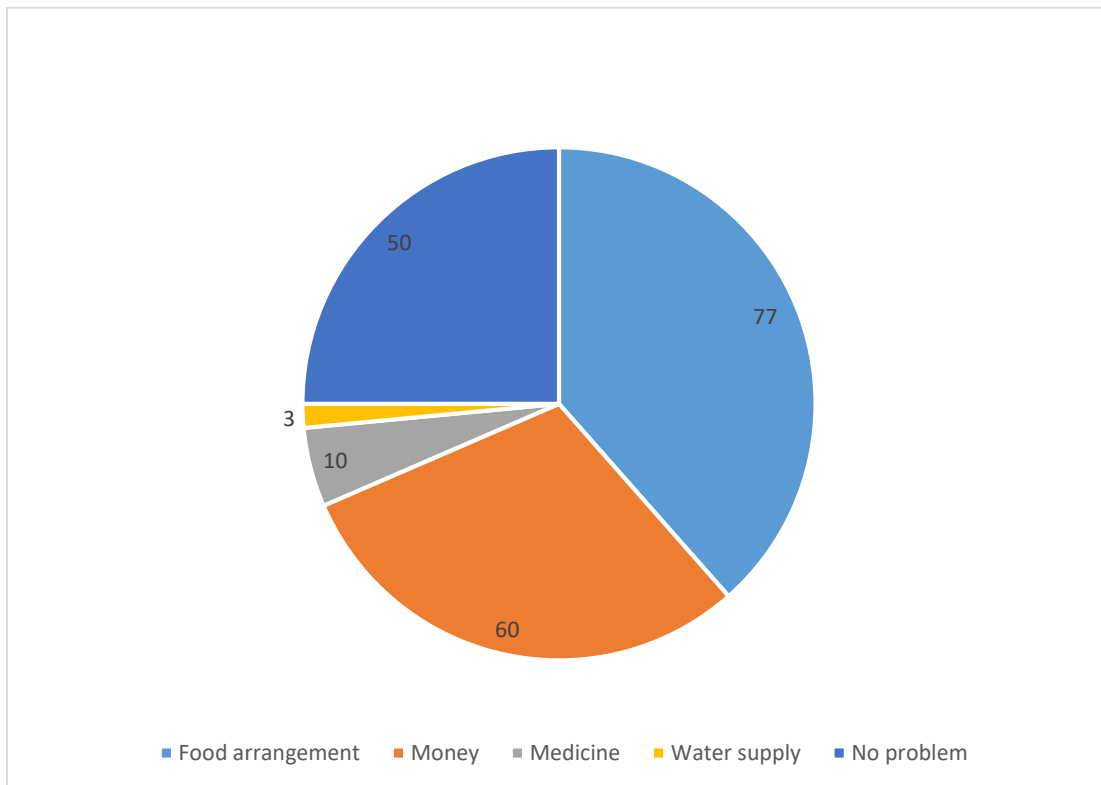


DWSSC Survey Report –Effects of lockdown on domestic workers

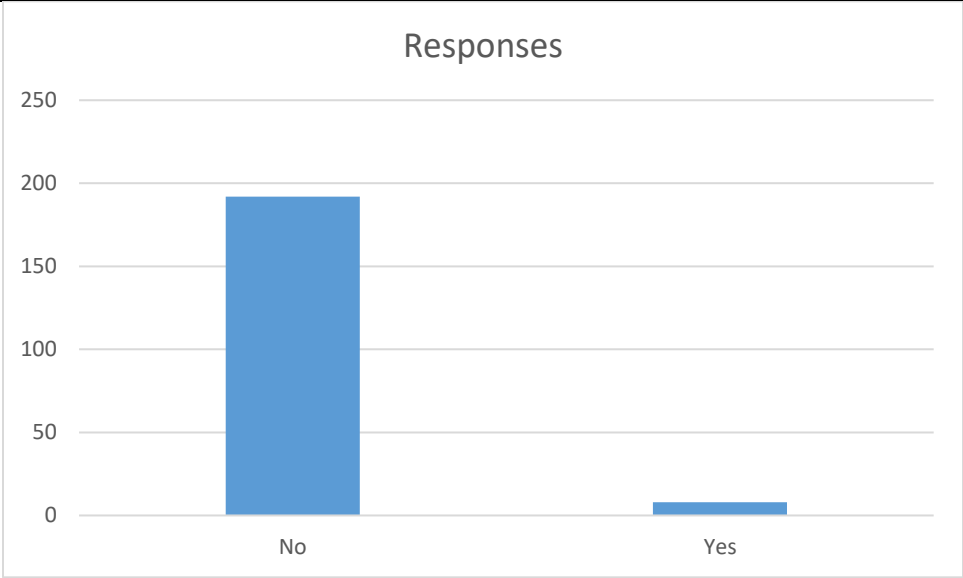
During the lockdown, as movement of every person got stopped in general, this affected the domestic workers as well. The domestic workers were asked not to report to work and the Govt. advised the employers to pay them for the lockdown period as well. In this respect DWSSC did a survey by contacting a random sample group of 200 workers of 8 states – Delhi, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, to get the answers of the following questions. This survey was done by DWSSC Training Team Members.

Questions asked during survey –

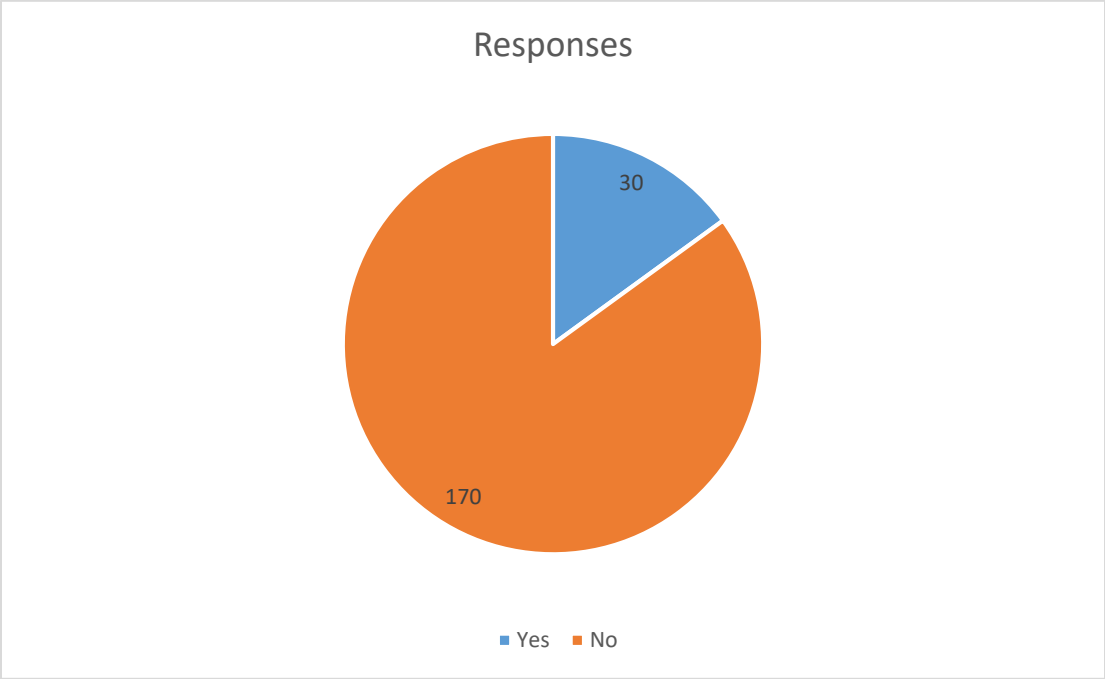
Q.1 What major challenge are you facing due to lockdown?	Responses
Food arrangement	77
Money	60
Medicine	10
Water supply	3
No problem	50



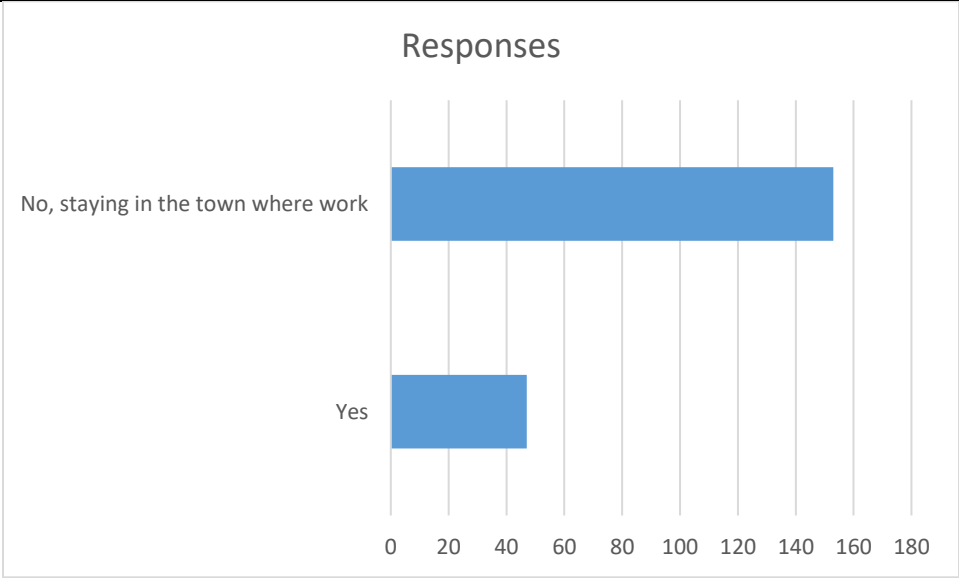
Q.2. Are you still going to work in households	Responses
No	192
Yes	8



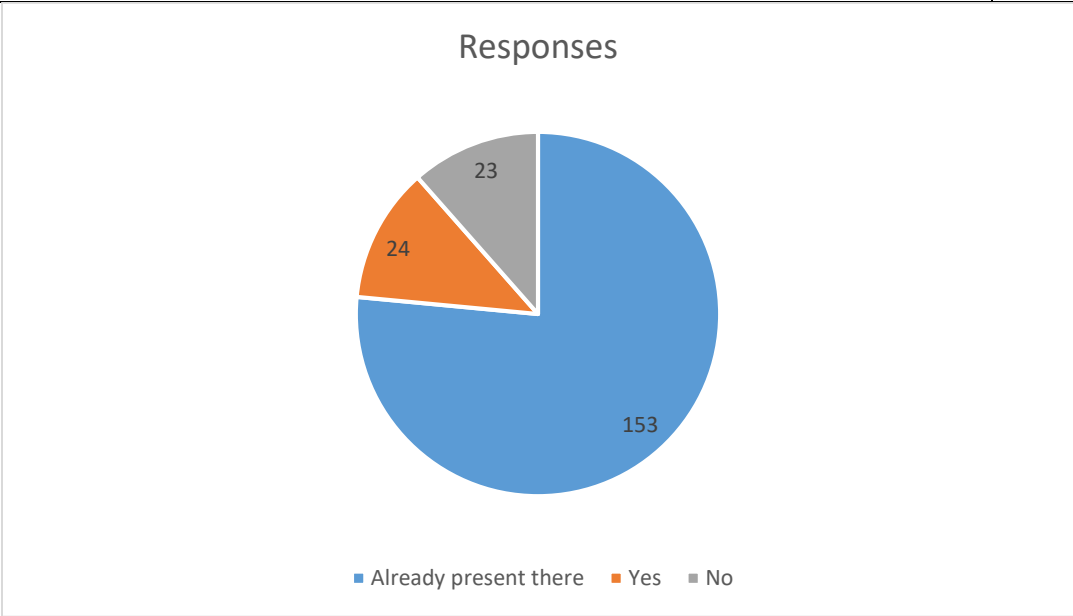
Q.3 Is employer paying for lockdown period, if not working	Responses
Yes	30
No	170



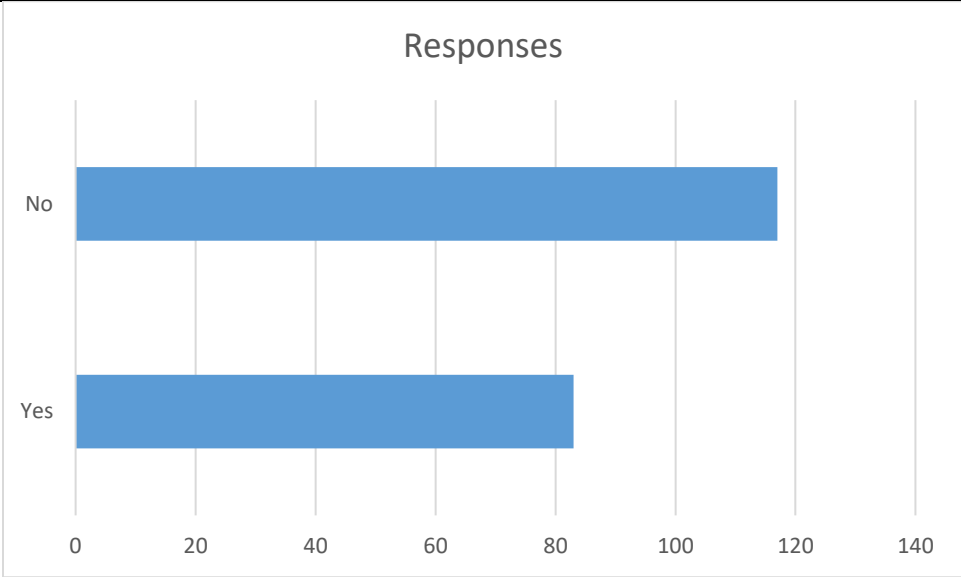
Q 4. Have you migrated to your native place due to lockdown?	Responses
Yes	47
No, staying in the town where work	153



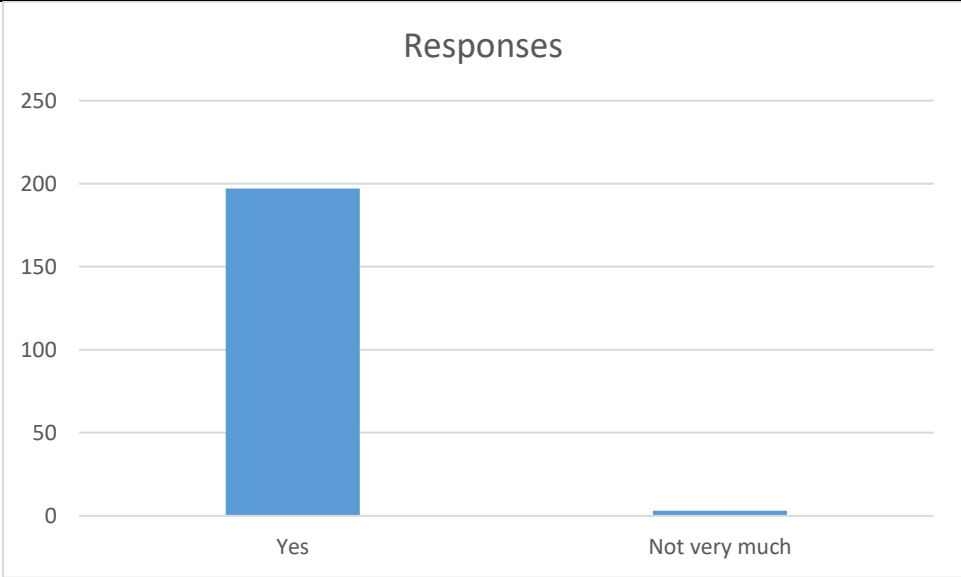
Q 5. Would you like to come back to the city where were you working, if migrated back?	Responses
Already present there	123
Yes	24
No	23



Q 6. Do you know the helpline numbers to avail help being provided by the Govt	Responses
Yes	83
No	117



Q.7 Are you aware about the precautions to be safe from COVID-19?	Responses
Yes	197
Not very much	3



Note- The calls were made to more than 800 domestic workers but majority of their phone numbers were switched off or not reachable. It may be possible that due to financial crunch the workers might have not recharged their phone numbers.

Conclusion – This data is just for the representation and may be differ if the larger group could have been contacted, yet the outcome of this survey is following –

1. 38% of the domestic workers mentioned that they are facing problem of arrangement of food as the stocks in the nearby shops are limited. Though not all but some also mentioned that they are facing problem in getting ration provided by Govt. as well.
2. 30% of the domestic workers told that they don't have enough money with them and this is the biggest challenge as they don't know how long they will be able to manage with that. The majority of them are those whose employers are not paying them for the lockdown period.
3. 25% of the workers say that they are not facing any such specific problem of food and majority of these workers are those who have returned back to their native place or whose employers are paying them salary of the lockdown period as well.
4. 96% of the domestic workers are not going to work during lockdown while only 4% are still working.
5. 85% domestic workers mentioned that their employers are not paying for the lockdown period while only 15% are being paid. The majority of the workers of big cities are being paid by their employers.
6. 23.5% of domestic workers migrated back to their native place as their spouse/ fathers were daily wage workers like painters, mason etc. These workers are majorly from the big cities. 76.5% workers are still staying in the cities/ towns where they work as they are living with their families.
7. Only 41.5% of the domestic workers were aware about the Govt. Helplines to avail the facilities being provided during the lockdown period.
8. Majority of the domestic workers (98.5%) are aware about the precautions should be taken to be safe from COVID-19.