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*Preliminary Findings:*  
**Youth Covid-19 online survey:**  
**Teen Mom (aged 15-19 years old)**

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# About the survey

- Online survey - Data collected from 1st June – 31 July 2020
- The survey was shared through the members of Children and Youth Council of Thailand and the networks of UNFPA and Unicef.
- **Ethical consideration**
  - **Privacy issues:** The questionnaires allowed respondents to keep some questions 'blank' in case that they might not want to answer.
  - **Confidentiality:** The survey was anonymous and self-administered. No personal identification information of respondents was recorded. The analysis was done by not disclosing any individual information, but as an overview.
  - **Informed consent:** Teen moms who accessed the link to the questionnaire would see information about the survey and were asked for their consent to be recorded in the database. There were 450 people who accessed the survey, and 95 were screened to be teen mothers aged between 15-19 years old and was consent to complete the survey after reading a message on study objectives, and risks and benefits of taking the survey.

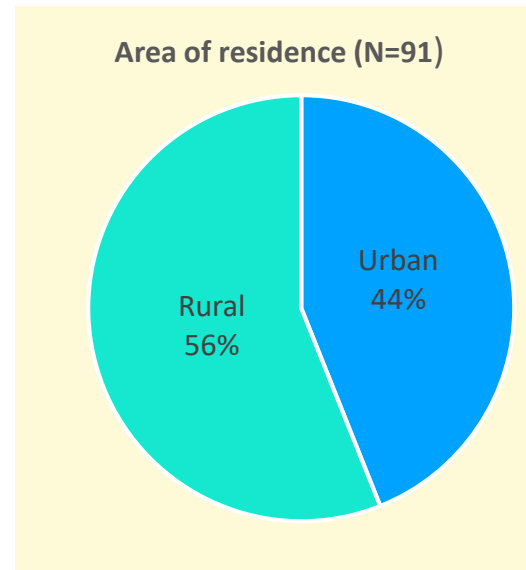
# Key findings

## General information

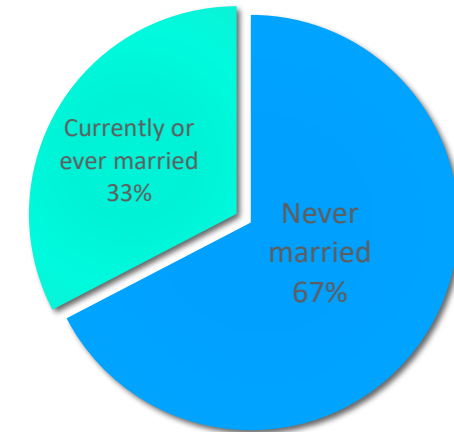
- The online survey was completed by 95 teen moms aged 15-19 years old from 35 provinces. Majority of the respondents were from rural area.
- Large proportion of them are living with their parents, extended family
- Most of teen moms are never married and having only one child.
- Forty percent of teen moms already dropped out from school and among those who dropout 48% reported their childbearing was the reason.
- About half of them having paid job or income, but only 3% reported that the income is enough for their living.
- Teen moms and their families receive benefits, especially the subsidized money for child from birth to 6 years old. However, the benefits was reported as insufficient for majority of them.

# General characteristics of teen moms in the survey

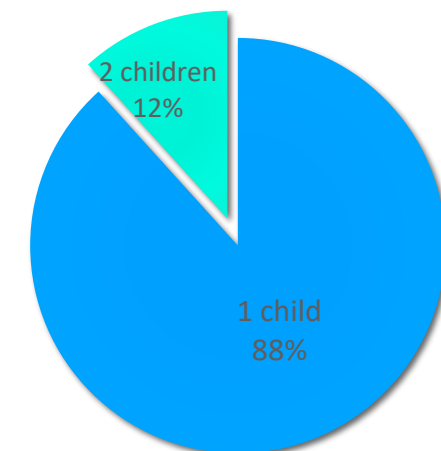
Age	n	%
15	6	6.3
16	15	15.8
17	23	24.2
18	20	21.1
19	31	32.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Mean</b>	<b>17.58</b>	
Std. Deviation	1.268	



Marital status (N=95)



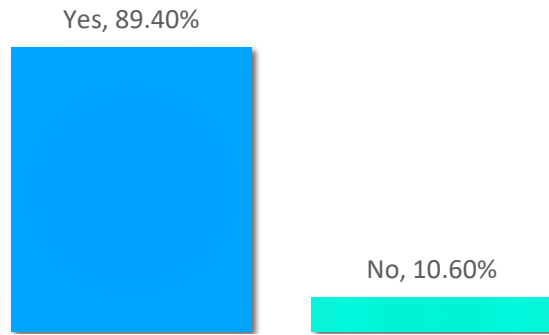
Number of children (N=94)



- Inclusion criterion: age 15-19 years old and having biological child(ren)
- 95 completed responses from 35 provinces including Bangkok, and majority (56%) are from rural areas
- Mean age is 17.58, and largest proportion is teen mom aged 17 years old
- 67% are never married, and these included those who are in some forms of relationships, i.e. being cohabiting with their partners
- All respondents already have child. 88% of them have one and 12% have two children

# General characteristics – Living arrangement

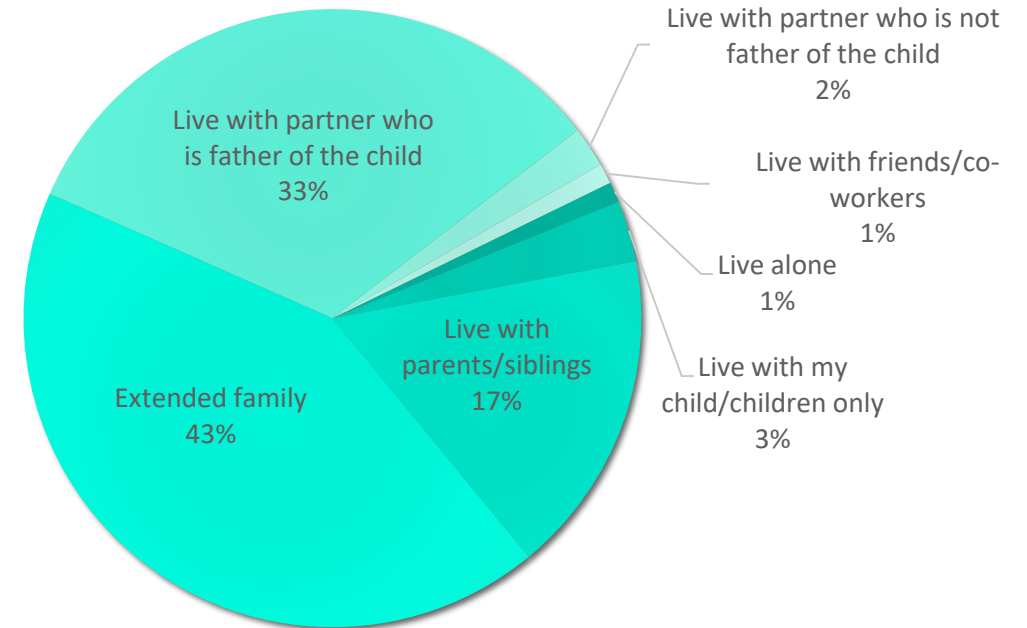
Are you currently living with your child? (N=94)



If no, with whom your child is currently living with?

	n	%
Grandparents	6	60.0
Father's relatives	1	10.0
My relatives	3	30
Total	10	100

Living arrangement (N=94)



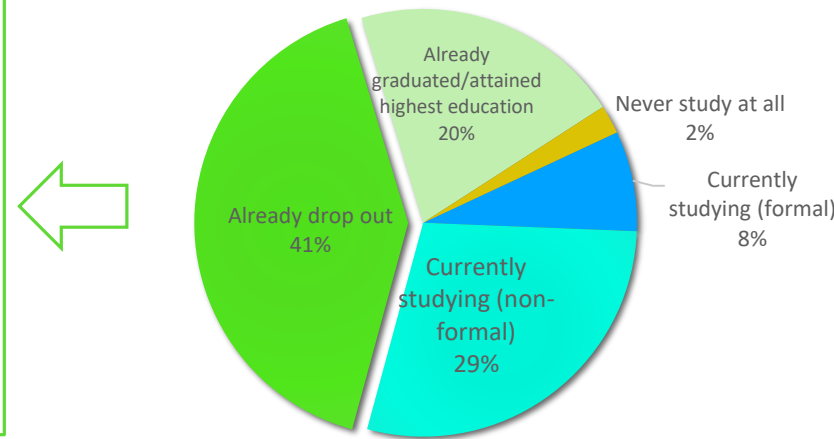
- Majority of teen moms in this survey were living with their family and their own children. Altogether only about 6% are not living in extended family or with their parents.
- Only about 10% of teen moms reported that they were not living with their children. Six of them had their children live with the grandparents, while the rest left their children with relatives either of themselves or of their husbands.

# General characteristics - Education

- Only about 36% of 95 teen moms remain in educational system, either formal or non-formal system
- The question on education level was about the current level for those who still studying and the highest level completed for those who were not in education. Only one teen mom in this survey is at bachelor degree level of education. Based on their age, most of the teens mom are either in or finished primary and secondary level of education.

Highest education level completed		
Educational level of those who dropped out	n	%
Primary school	25	67.6
Lower secondary	10	27.0
Upper secondary	1	2.7
Vocational	1	2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100</b>

Are you currently studying? (N=93)



Current level of study OR highest education level completed if not currently in education		
Educational level	n	%
Primary school	36	41.4
Lower secondary	30	34.5
Upper secondary	17	19.5
Vocational	3	3.4
Bachelor	1	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100</b>

- Over 40% or 37 teen moms already dropped out from school and the highest level of education among those who dropped out is upper secondary school and vocational.
- **26 out of 37 teen moms who already dropped out from schools reported that having childbearing was the reason**

# General characteristics – Employment/Occupation

**Which of the following describes your occupation?  
(Before Covid-19 outbreak)**

	n	%
Unemployed	25	26.9
Unpaid family work	8	8.6
Not working (studying)	10	10.8
Employee (private)	6	6.5
Own business (small)	1	1.1
Own business (large)	1	1.1
One-person business	10	10.8
Daily wage worker	32	34.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>

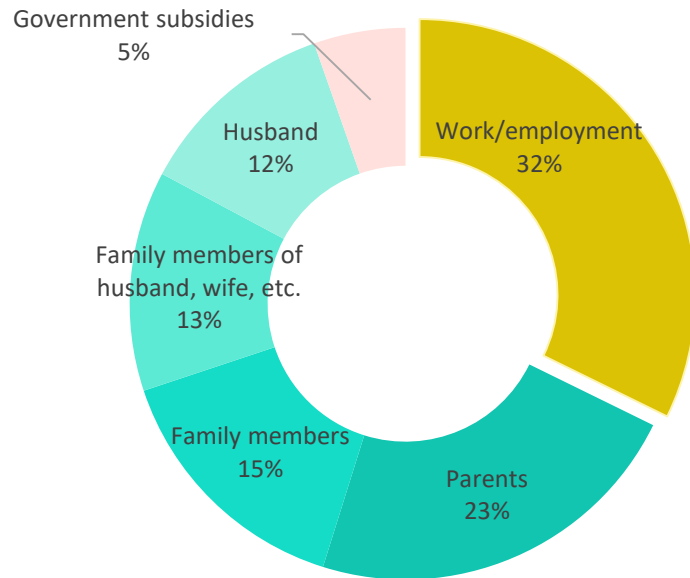
**Which of the following describes your current occupation?  
(During or after COVID19)**

	n	%
Unemployed	34	36.6
Unpaid family work	7	7.5
Not working (studying)	6	6.5
Employee (private)	1	1.1
Own business (small)	3	3.2
Own business (large)	1	1.1
One-person business	12	12.9
Daily wage worker	29	31.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>

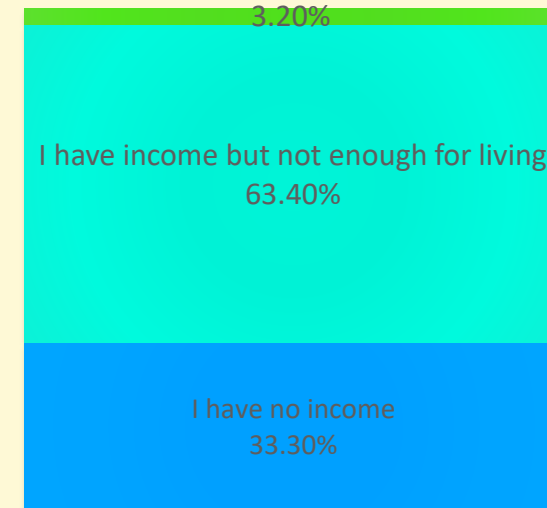
- Larger proportion of teen mom in this survey were employed or doing some business for income, both before and during or after COVID-19.

# General characteristics – Financial status

**Main source of money for spending (N=93)**



I have income and enough for living



**Do you currently have enough income? (N=93)**

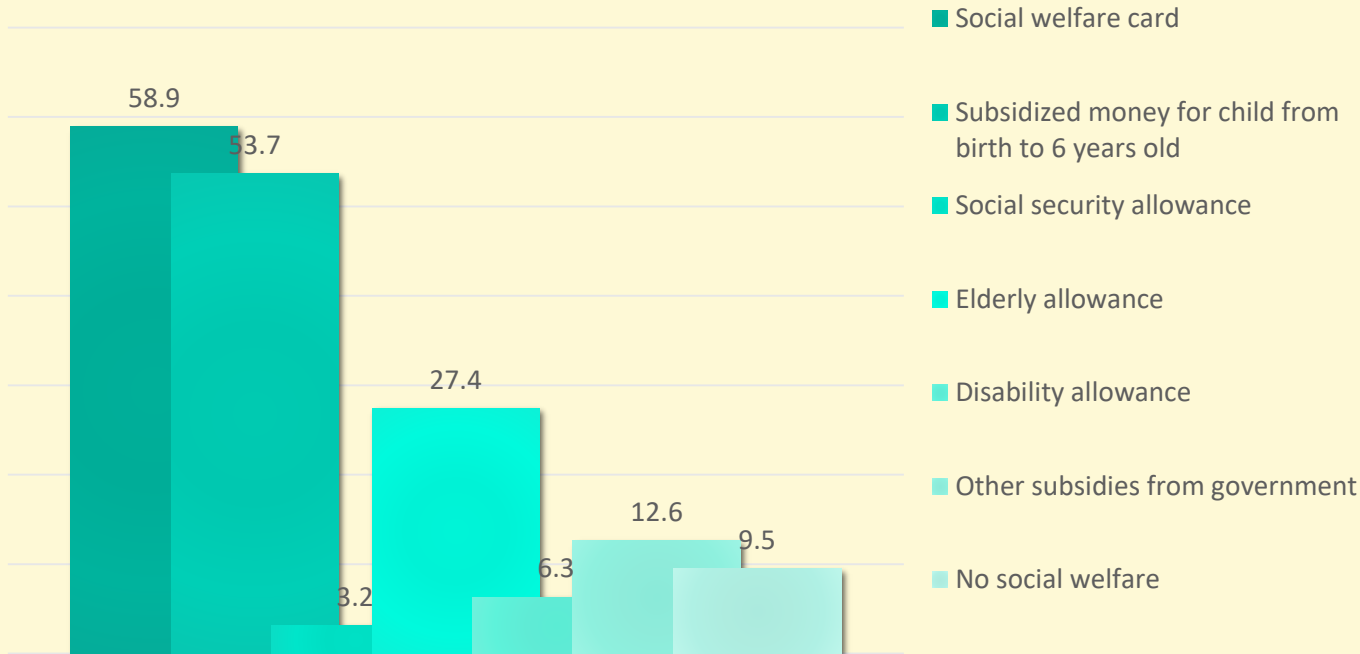
- Though over half of teen moms were employed or had income from their business, only 32% of teen moms reported that the main source for their spending was from their work/employment, while majority of them were relied on their parents, husbands, or others.
- 5% of teen moms were relied on government subsidies for their living.
- Asked if the income was sufficient, only 3.2% thought that their income was enough for their living.



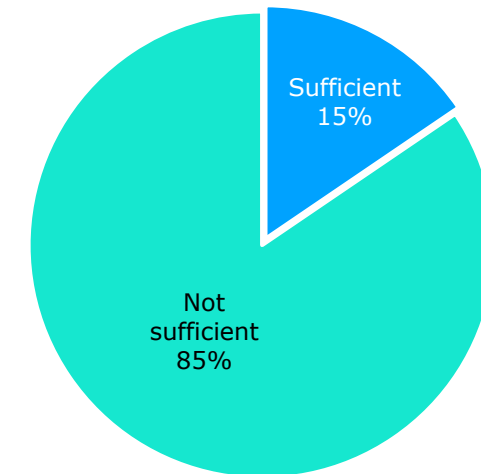
# General characteristics – Social benefits

- Over 88% of respondents receiving any types of social benefits either by themselves or their household members
- But only 15% thought that the benefits were sufficient for their and their family living

Benefits received by teen moms and their household members  
(multiple answer) (N=95)



Is the social benefit sufficient? (N=84)



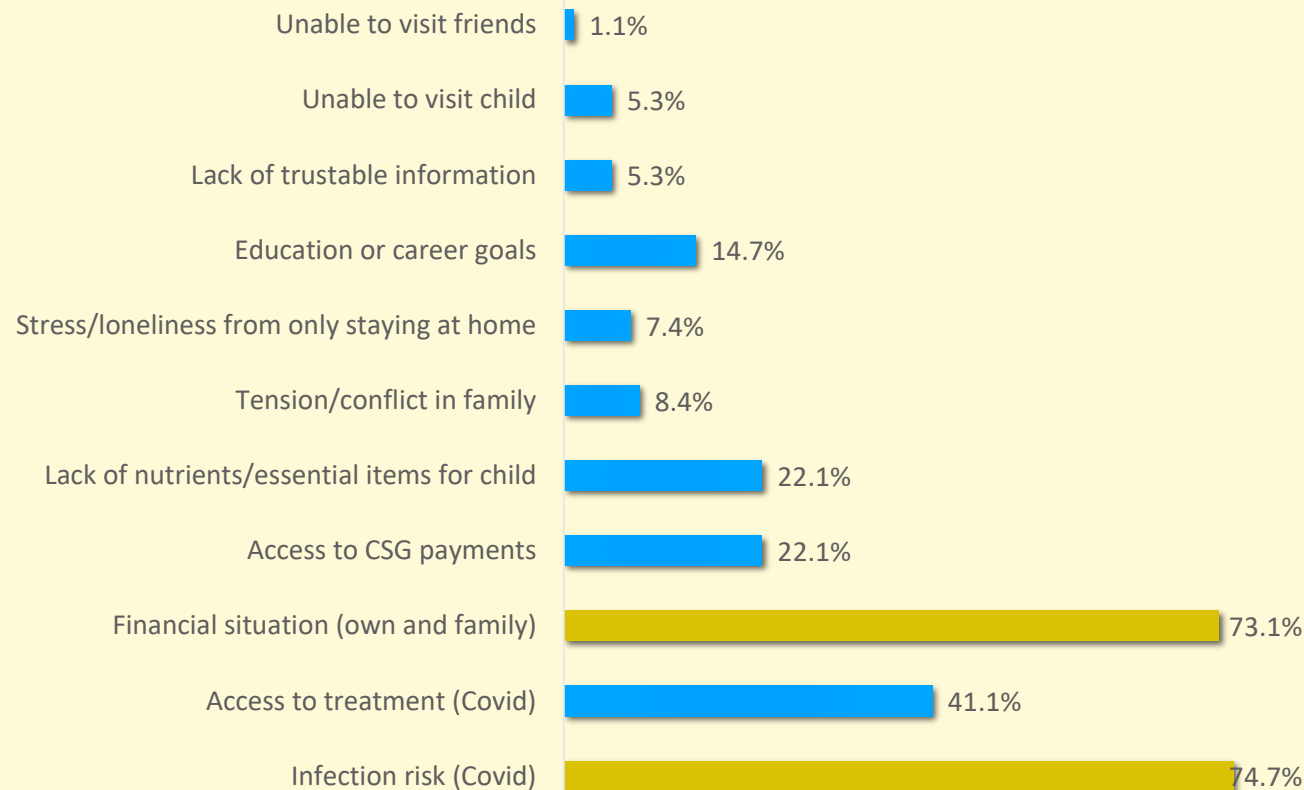
# Key findings

## COVID-19 impact

- In general, the issues most of teen moms concerned about is COVID infection and the financial situation of themselves and their families, and their access to treatment.
- Among teen moms who had income job before COVID-19 (N=43), **over 86% become unemployed or loss their income during COVID19**
- Though, large proportion of teen moms living with their child(ren) received some forms of supports during COVID-19, most of teen moms losing their jobs or income during COVID19 did not receive supports
- In general, teen moms had difficulties during COVID-19 in buying essentials, accessing to health service for themselves and their child(ren) and those who lost their job or income are more in these troubles.
- In general, not all teen moms hold health care insurance or aware of having one. The 30Baht is most reported as covering for both teen moms and their child(ren). Among those who had concerns or difficulties accessing to health service during COVID-19, majority are those who do not have or not aware of having any health care insurance for themselves and their child(ren).
- About over 20% of teen moms reported having difficulties accessing to sexual and reproductive health services, before and during COVID19

# COVID-19 impact – General concerns

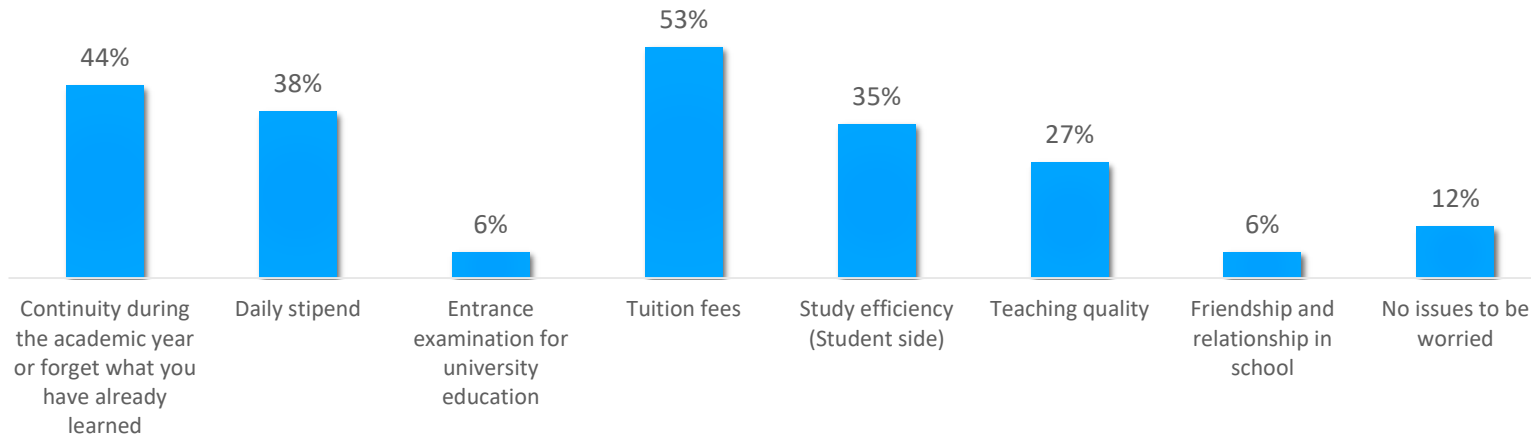
In general, what are your most important concerns during the Covid-19 outbreak?  
(N=95)



- In general, the issues most of teen moms concerned about is COVID infection and the financial situation of themselves and their families, and their access to treatment.
- Given that over 90% of teen moms reported that their income was not sufficient, the financial situation of their own and their family become what over 70% of them concerned the most.

# COVID-19 impact – Concerns about education

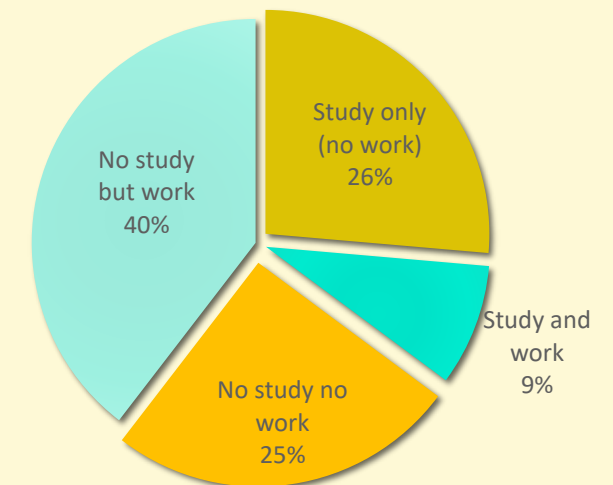
Which issue are you most concerned that will be negatively affected by the Covid-19 outbreak for your education? (N=34)



- Though at the age of studying, many teen moms are not currently in education, and many of those who remained in education do have to work to earn income for their livings too.

- 34 teen moms in this survey are currently in education system, either formal and informal
- During COVID-19, they are most concerned about the tuition fee, continuity of their education and money that they need for going to school

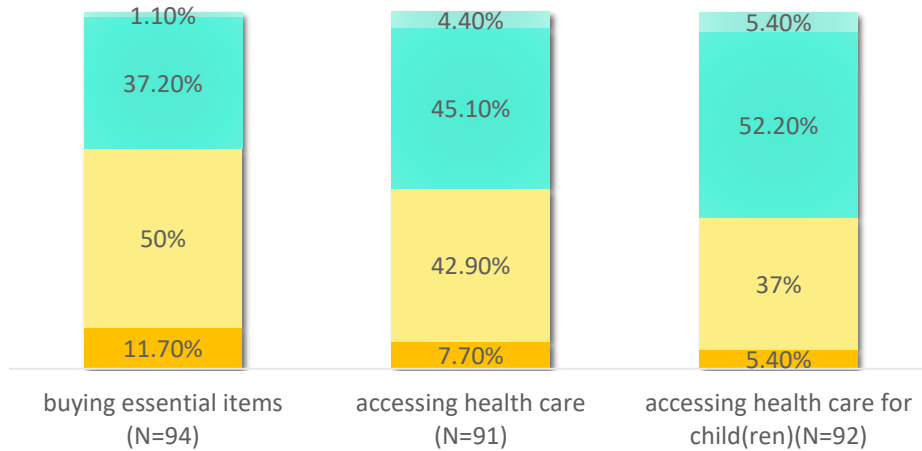
Teen moms working and studying status (N=91)



# COVID-19 impact – Facing some difficulties

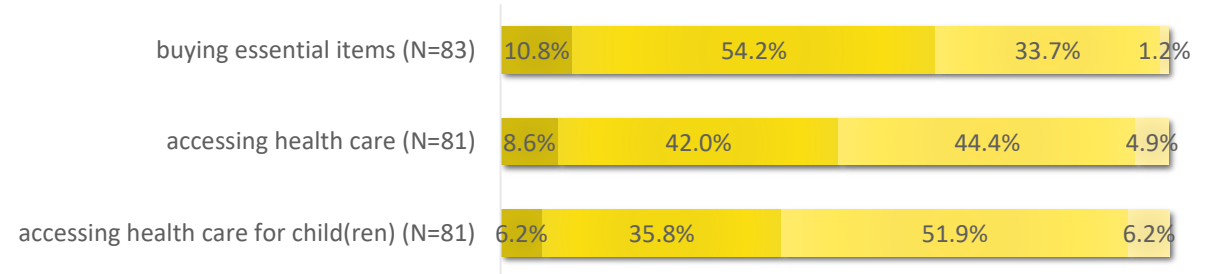
Among all respondents

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Among those who lived with their children

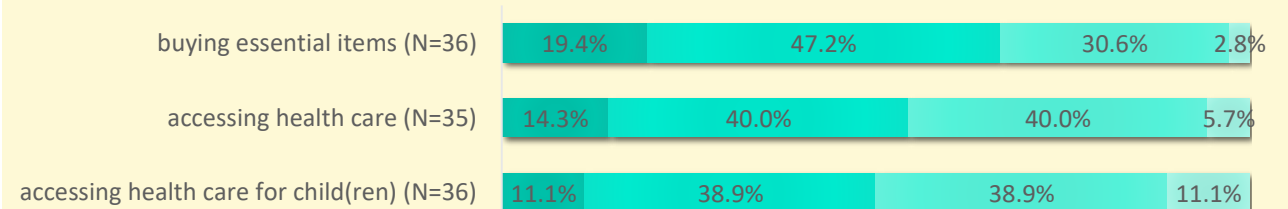
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- In general, teen moms had difficulties during COVID-19 in buying essentials, accessing to health service for themselves and their child(ren)
- More teen mom who lived with their children and those who lost their job or income during COVID-19 faced these difficulties

Among those who lose income during COVID19

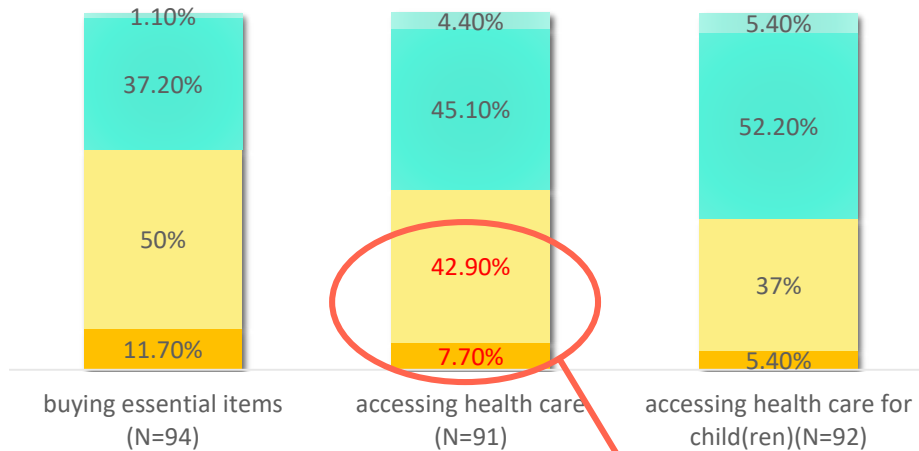
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Among those who faced difficulties accessing to health services during COVID19 (N=46)	Mother only	Child only	Mother and child	Neither mother nor child	Don't know	N
Private healthcare coverage	0	0	0	24	6	30
30 Baht card	6	1	24	3	9	43
school or workplace group health insurance	3	0	0	17	8	28
Social Security				19	7	26

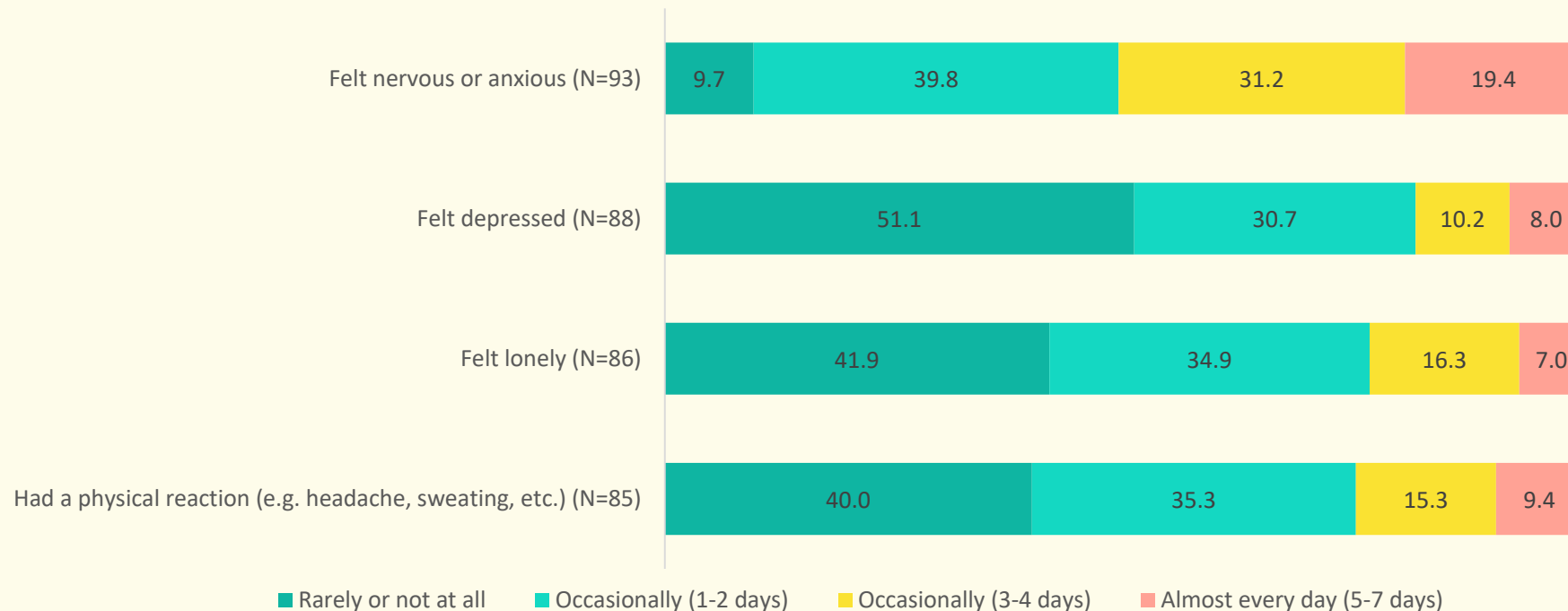
Teen moms who faced difficulties accessing to health care during COVID-19 (N=46), more than half of them do not have health insurance or not sure if they have any.

The unaware of having 30 Baht health coverage is reported by 12 of these teen moms with health care difficulties.

# COVID-19 impact – Being anxious or nervous

Almost 20% of the respondents reported feeling nervous or anxious almost everyday when thinking about COVID-19 outbreak, and another 31% felt it occasionally

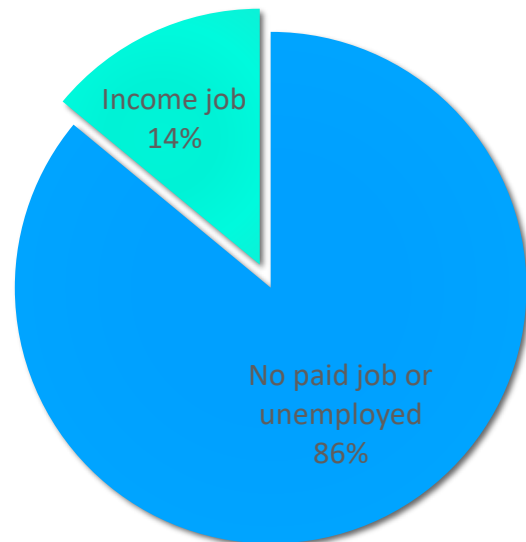
When thinking about the COVID-19, have you felt or experienced any of the following?



# COVID-19 impact – Losing job

Among teen moms who had income job before COVID-19 (N=43), **over 86% become unemployed or loss their income during COVID19**

Current employment and income status  
(N=43)

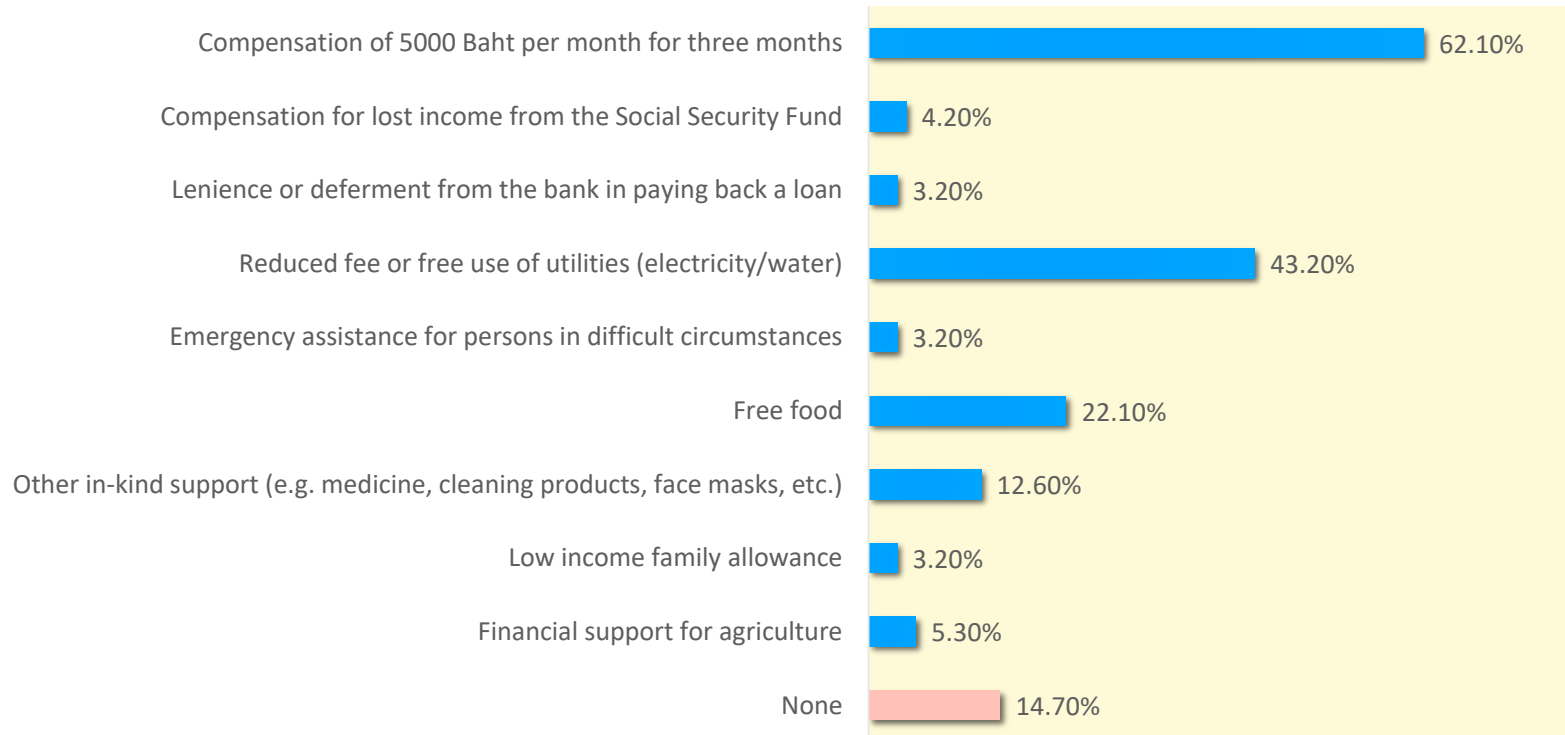


General info of those who become unemployed during COVID19 (N=37)	
Age group	n
Age 15 to 17	23
Age 18 to 19	14
Marital status	
Never married	29
Currently or ever married	8
Live with children	
Yes	34
No	2
Area of residence	
Urban	18
Rural	17
Having Social Welfare	
With Social welfare	31
Without Social welfare	6



# COVID-19 impact – Not all teen moms accessed to financial or social support during COVID-19

Have you or your family received financial/social support during the outbreak? (multiple choice) (N=95)



Given that 73% of the respondents reported they most concerned about their and their family financial situation during COVID-19, a large proportion of respondents (62%) also received 5,000 Baht compensation.

Almost 15% reported not receiving any financial/social support

# COVID-19 impact – Access to SRH services

- About over 20% of teen moms reported having difficulties accessing to sexual and reproductive health services, before and during COVID19

Difficulties accessing to these services before and during COVID19 (%)

