

Gojo & Company | **Sri Lanka Financial Diaries Tracking Survey (2022 Oct)**

2022-11-25

Summary

- Majority of the diarists are still stressed
- Less and less diarists have difficulties in accessing food, but the rising prices of food items is still a major concern
- Diarists' income keep on decreasing, as almost half report their income has decreased from September

Comments from Diarists

“There’s no money to spend although all my needs are available for purchase.”

“I give my children dinner, but I don’t eat.”

“The situation in the future will be worse.”

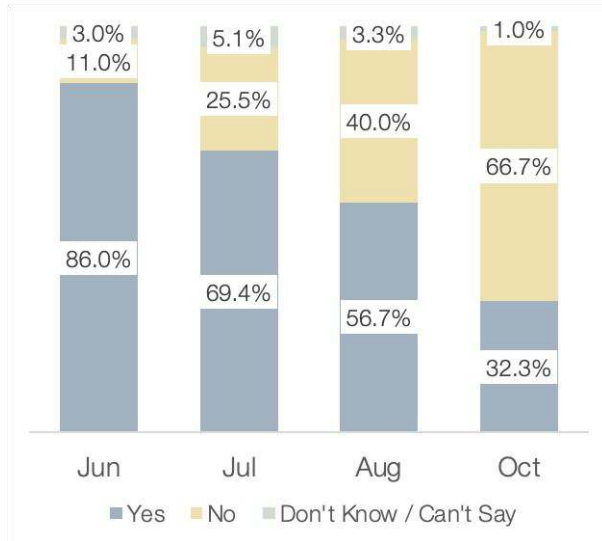
“Living is difficult.”

“There is no stability in the country.”

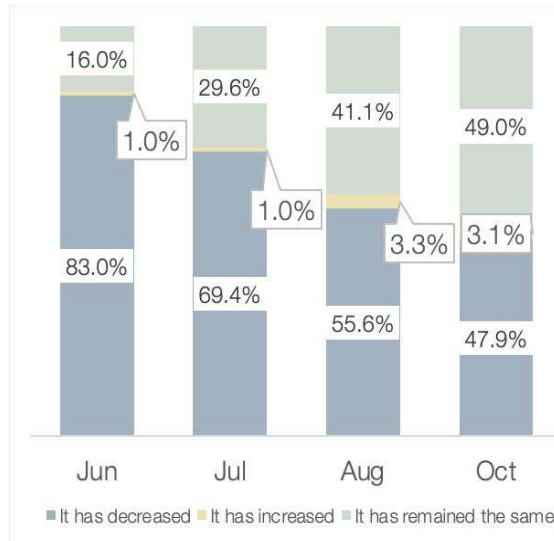
“The future of the kids are at risk.”

Monthly Change (Jun-Oct)

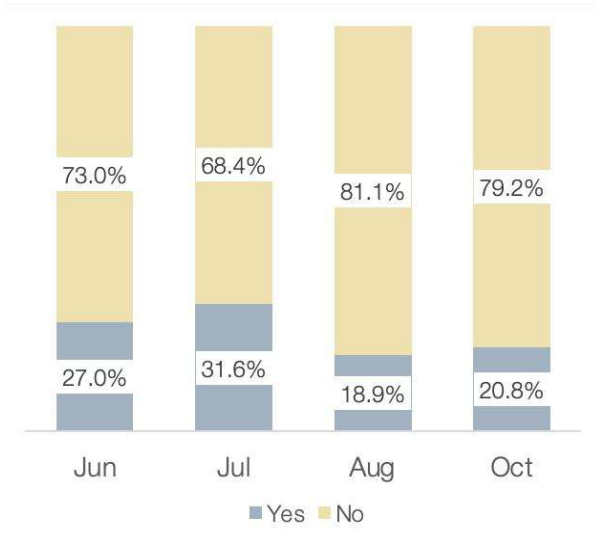
Have you had difficulties finding food in shops near you in the past week?



How did your income / your partner's income change in the past month?

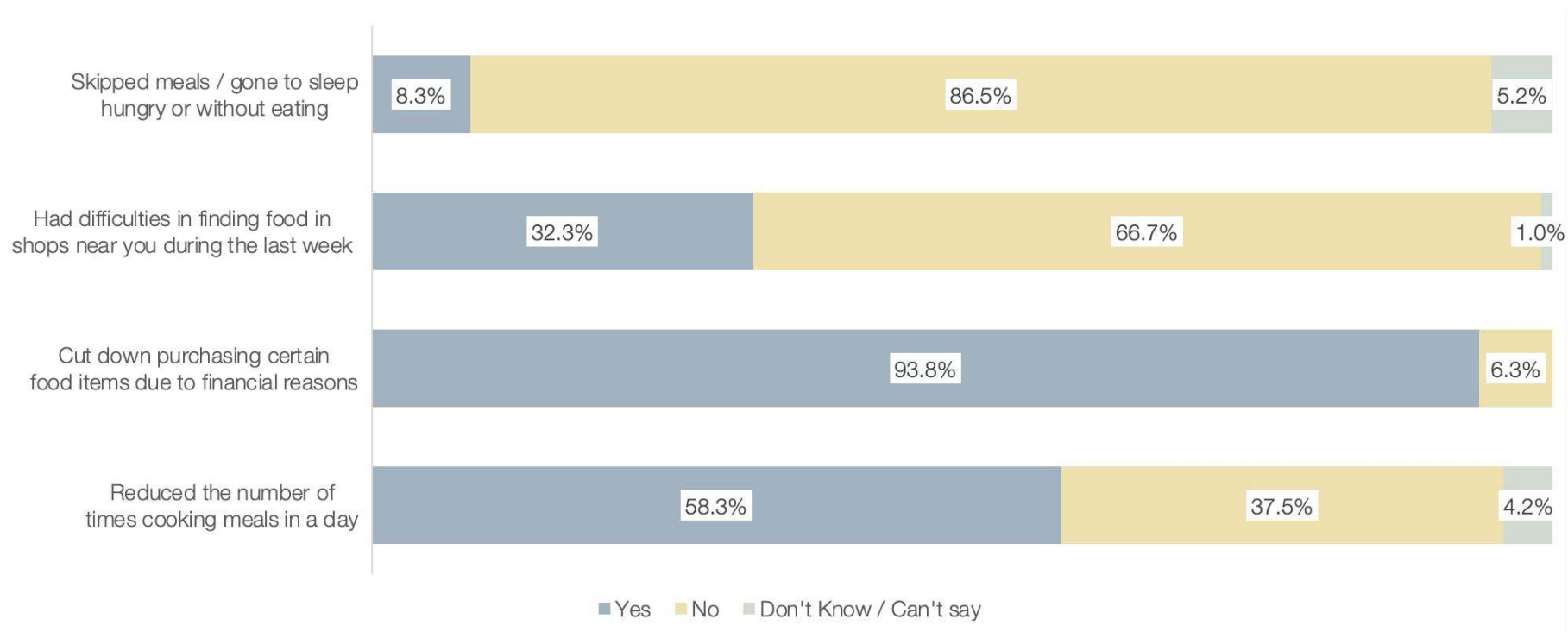


Can you tell us whether you experienced any instance where you had to source funds in the last 2 weeks?



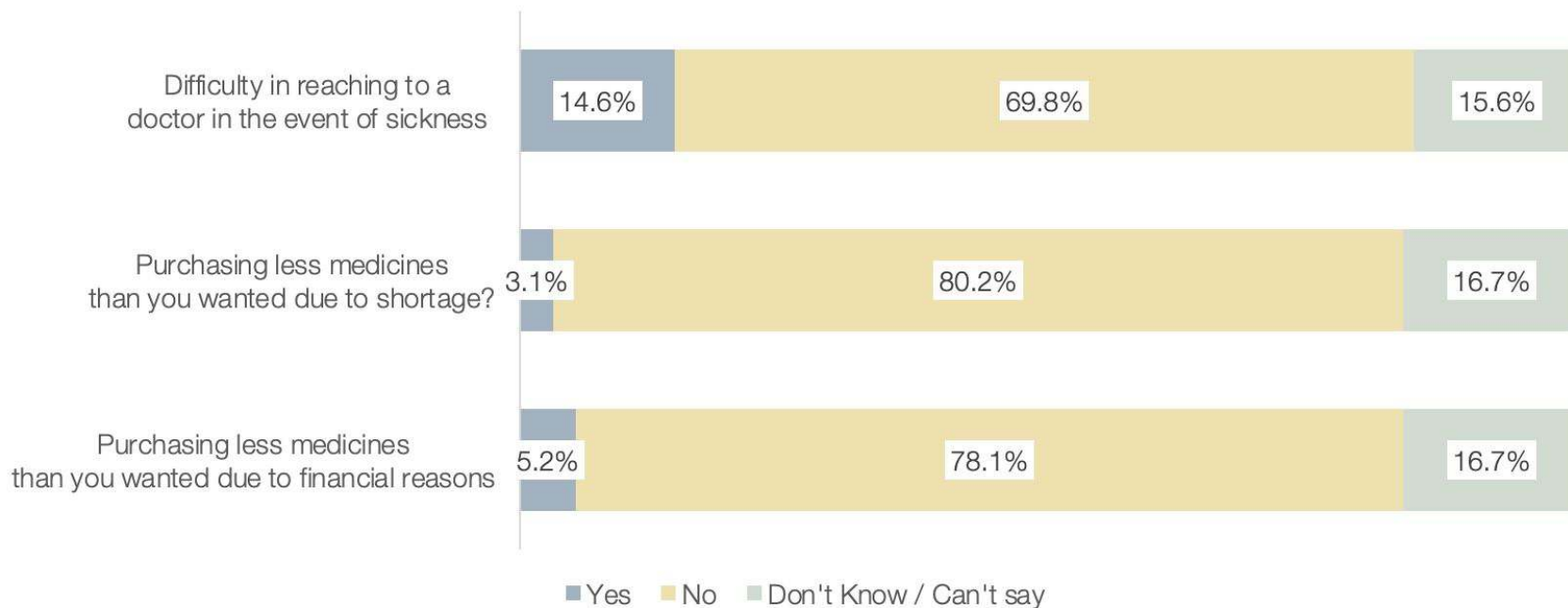
Food (Oct)

Did you face any of the below situations in the last 2 weeks?



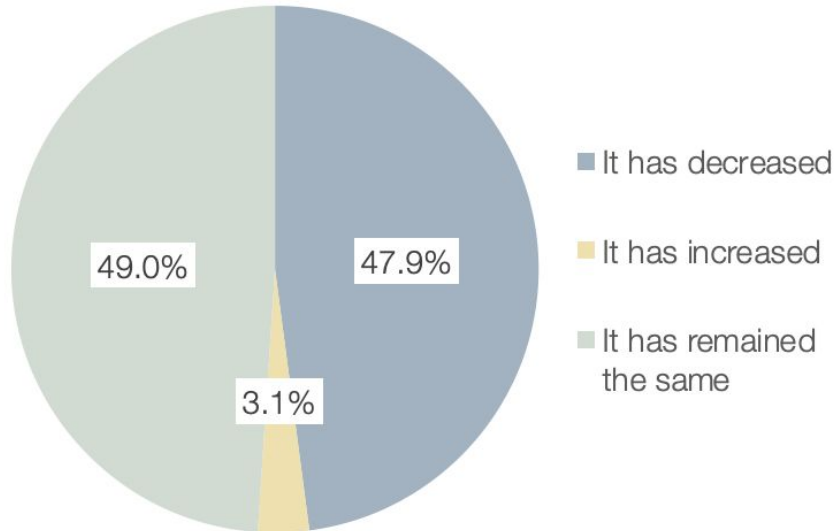
Health (Oct)

Did you face any of the below situations in the last 2 weeks?

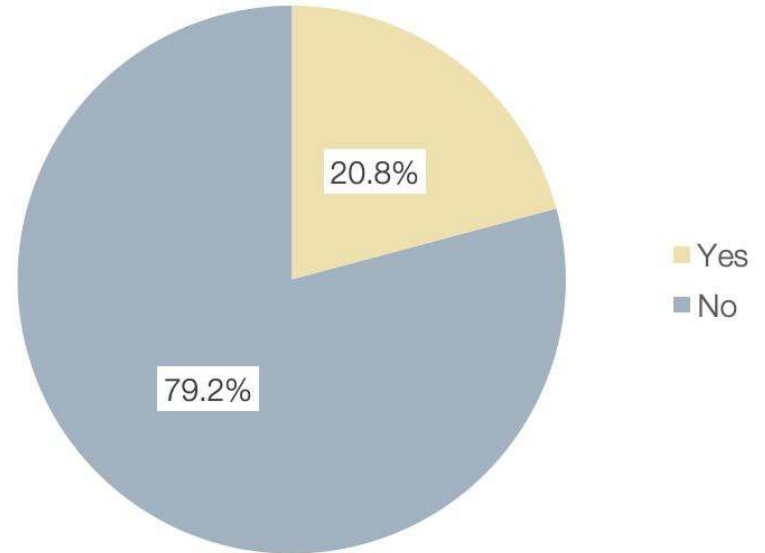


Household Financial Situation (Oct)

How did your income / your partner's income change in the past month?

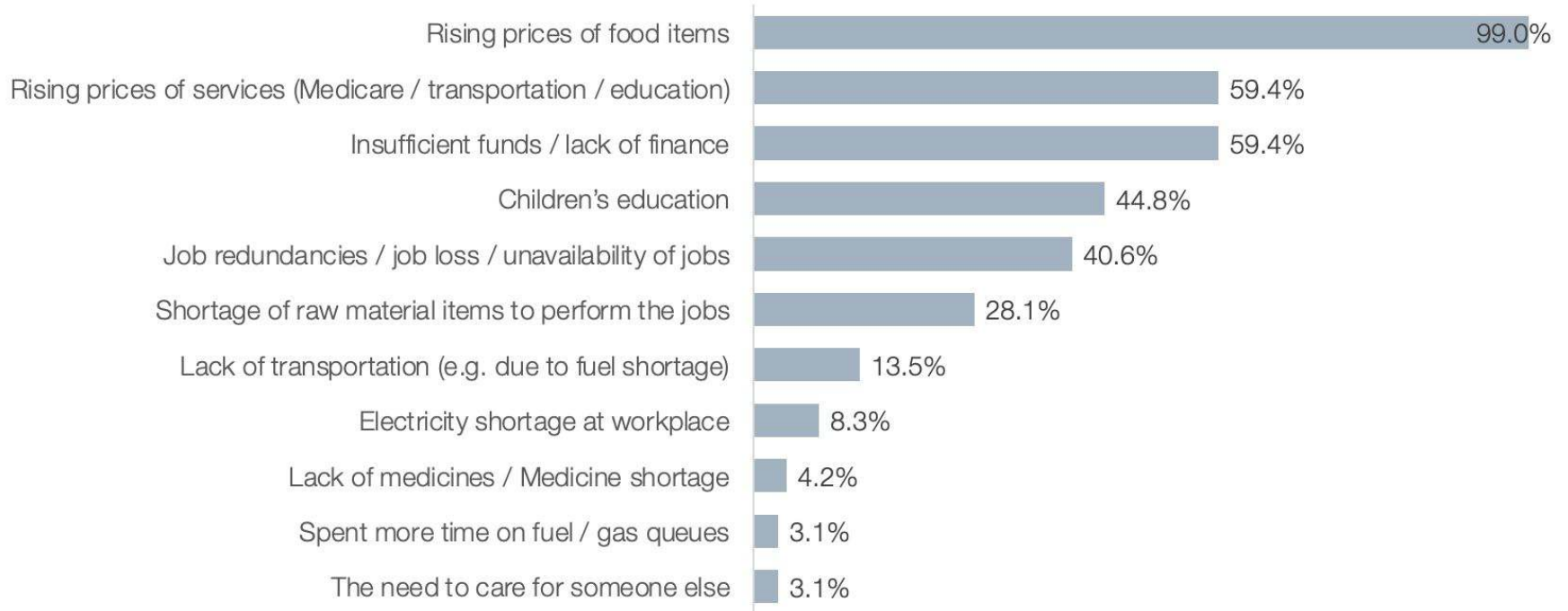


Can you tell us whether you experienced any instance where you had to source funds from a financial institution or from a friend / neighbor in last 2 weeks?



Worst Aspect of Crisis (Oct)

What at this right moment, is the worst aspect of the crisis for you and your family?

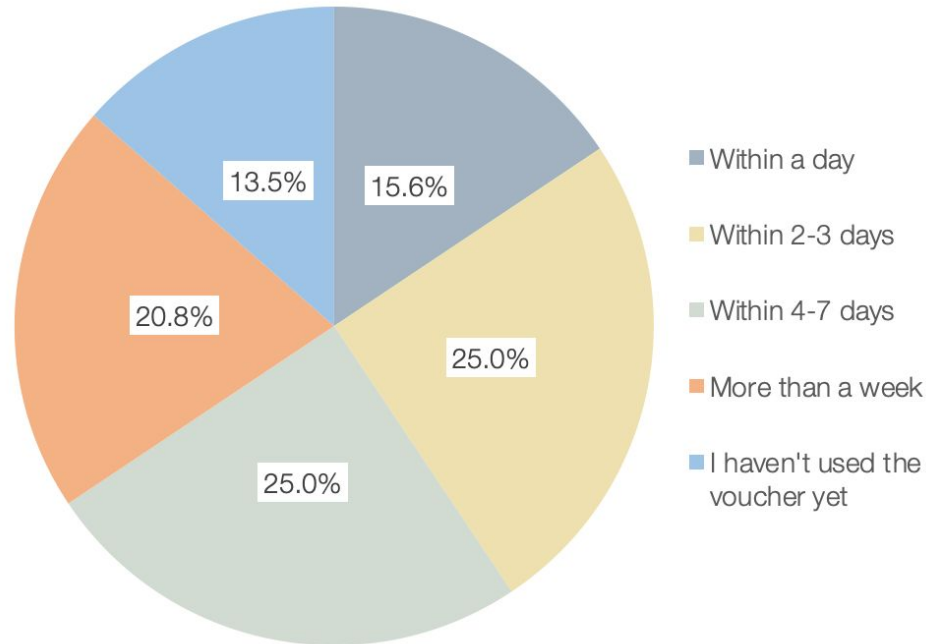


Voucher Program

- We distributed food vouchers to all diarists as a token of our appreciation for their participation in the project, with the help of the Sejaya and Sparkwinn teams
- Each voucher was worth 5000 LKR
- Recipients were able to use the vouchers at Cargills stores, a supermarket chain in Sri Lanka

Voucher Utilization

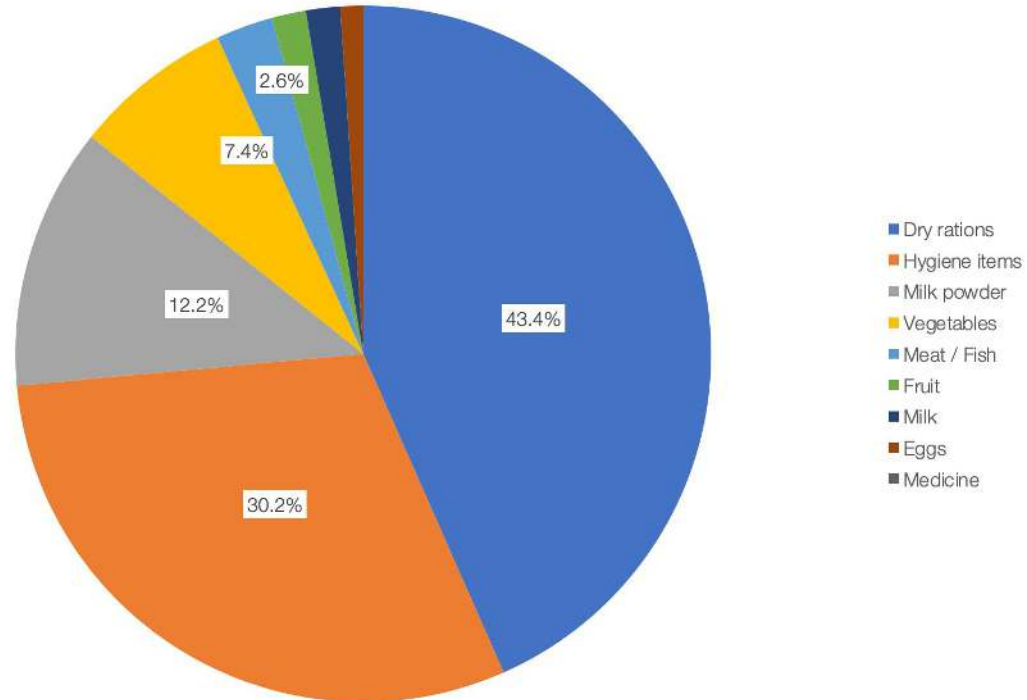
After receiving the voucher, when did you use it?*



*data collected two weeks after voucher distribution

Voucher Utilization

What did you use it for?



How Vouchers Impacted Their Lives

“It was a great help.”

“We bought food and what we needed.”

“When we didn’t have any money, it was a big relief.”

“Provided food during the economic crisis. Thank you for your assistance.”

“It’s like I got paid for 6 days.”

Notes

- Data from Gojo Sri Lanka Financial Diaries Project, taking daily inflows and outflows of 100 low-income households across Sri Lanka
- Tracking survey was conducted to all diarists during Oct 8-9, 2022
- We are grateful to Sparkwinn Research and our group company Sejaya Micro Credit Limited for their support in conducting this survey

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