Gojo & Company | Sri Lanka Financial Diaries Tracking Survey (2023 Feb)

2023-03-28

Summary

- Diarists' financial stress levels are returning to similar levels of August '22
- Diarists' income keep on decreasing with more than half reporting that their income has decreased from January
- Rising prices of food items is still a top concern

Comments from Diarists

"How can we live in this manner?"

"The price of good has increased manifold."

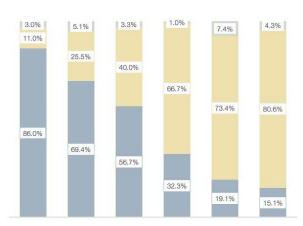
"We only cook twice a day."

"New job opportunities are fewer now."

"I don't know how to live in this current situation."

Monthly Change (Jun '22-Feb '23)

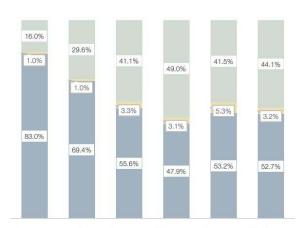
Have you had difficulties finding food in shops near you in the past week?



Jun-22 Jul-22 Aug-22 Oct-22 Dec-22 Feb-23

Yes No Don't Know / Can't Sav

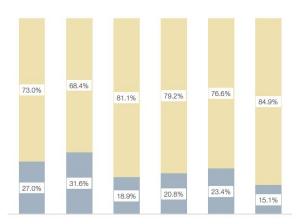
How did your income / your partner's income change in the past month?



Jun-22 Jul-22 Aug-22 Oct-22 Dec-22 Feb-23

It has decreased It has increased It has remained the same

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

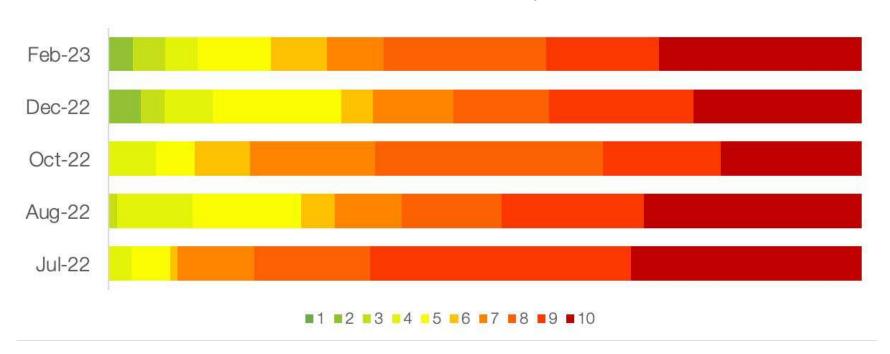


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Yes No

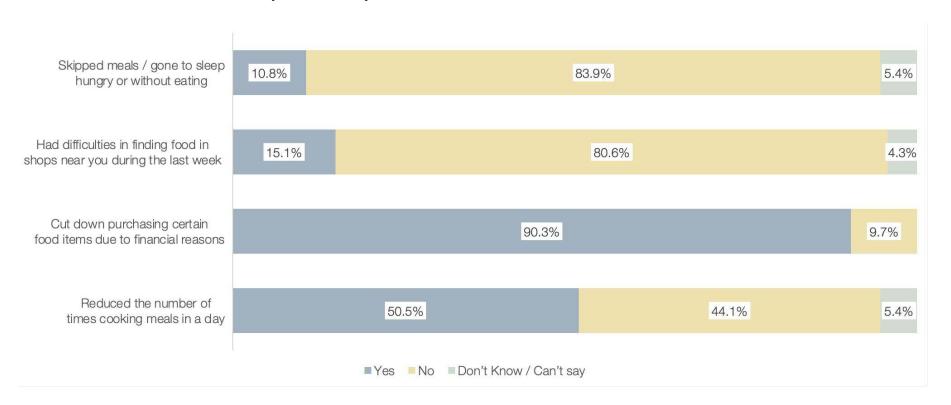
Level of Stress (Jun '22-Feb '23)

How stressed are you in the past two weeks financially? 1 = Not stressed at all, 10 = Very stressed



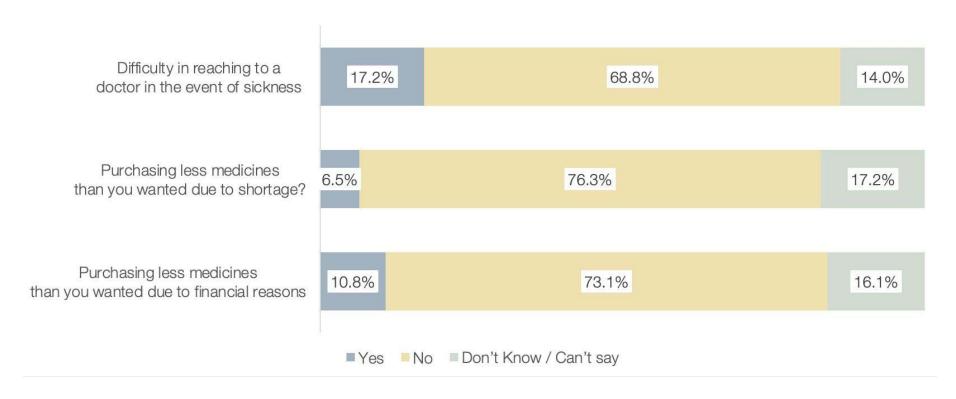
Food (Feb '23)

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



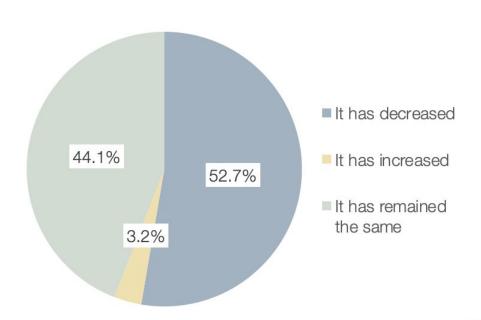
Health (Feb '23)

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

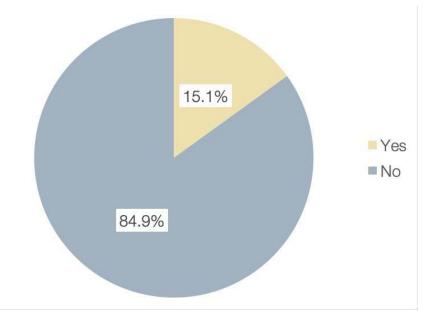


Household Financial Situation (Feb '23)

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

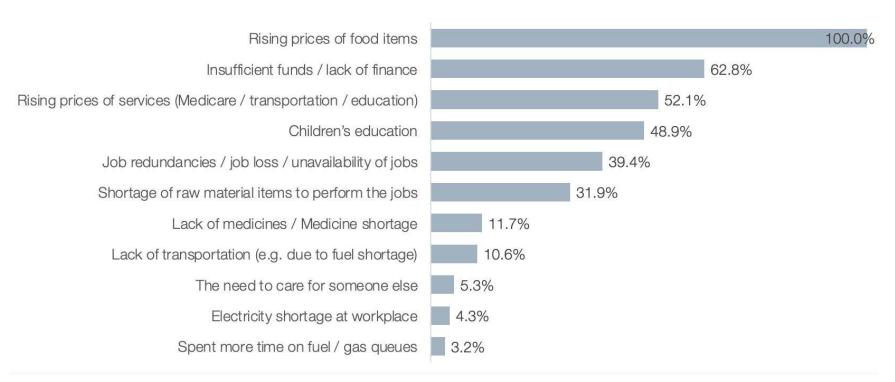


Can you tell us whether you experienced any instance where you had to source fund from a financial institution or from a friend / neighbor in last 2 weeks?

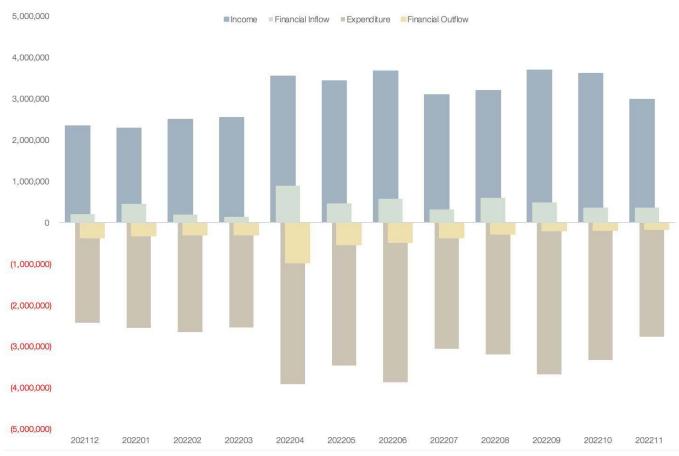


Worst Aspect of Crisis (Feb '23)

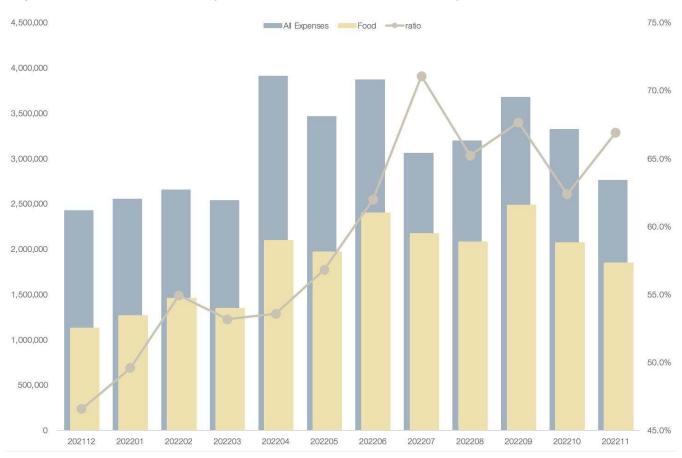
What at this right moment, is the worst aspect of the crisis for you and your family?



Inflow and outflow of households (Dec '21-Nov'22)



Food expenses ratio (Dec '21-Nov '22)



Notes

- Data from Gojo Sri Lanka Financial Diaries Project, taking daily inflows and outflows of 94 low-income households across Sri Lanka
- Tracking survey was conducted to all diarists during Feb 18-19, 2023
- 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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