UNHCR, in association with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), carried out a household level survey to collect socioeconomic data on persons of concern to UNHCR (PoC). The study examines the impact of COVID-19 on forcibly displaced populations in Costa Rica, focusing on access to essential services, livelihoods, and food insecurity.

**Population:** PoC in Costa Rica registered in proGres. The sample is representative of UNHCR’s registration database, but not necessarily of the entire displaced population in the country.

**Data collection:** two rounds of a phone survey conducted by IPA and UNHCR. The survey was developed in line with the World Bank’s questionnaire for their High-Frequency Phone Surveys (HFPS) among national populations in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

### COVID-19 and vaccination

- **20%** One in five households has experienced COVID-19 infection (round 2).
- **36%** Have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (round 2).
- **80%** Believe the vaccines are safe and effective.

### Assistance

**Food- and cash-based support fell between the two rounds.**

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### Employment and sources of income

- **74%** Report a reduction in total family income compared to pre-COVID times (round 1).
- **57%** Report a reduction in total family income compared to previous round (round 2).
- **68%** Report being employed (round 2).

- **Venezuelans** are more likely to be involved in formal employment compared to the other nationalities.
- **Nicaraguan households** are more likely to have experienced employment disruption between the two rounds (including a household member losing a job, having a formal contract suspended or seeing a reduction in the number of hours).

### Food insecurity

- **61%** Report an adult skipping a meal in the last week (round 2).
- **Nicaraguan population faces higher levels of food-related vulnerability, compared to the other nationalities.**

### Financial insecurity

- **55%** Feel their household economic circumstances are "very threatened" by the crisis.
- **50%** Without bank or mobile savings account.
- **70%** Forced to deplete assets or rely on others to meet daily needs between the two survey rounds.

### Education

Nearby 50% of respondents consider the quality of school to be poor or very poor (round 2), compared to only 15% prior to March 2020.

**Nicaraguan households report limited access to internet and other computer resources compared to the other nationalities.**


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