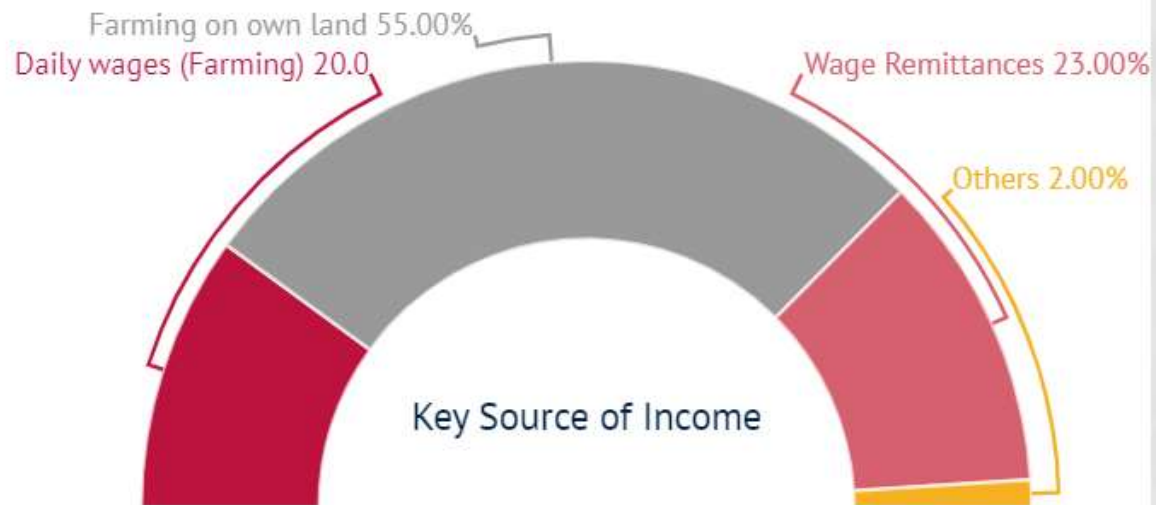


# REBUILDING LIVES

In early May'20, we interviewed over 2,000 families of small farmers, landless labourers and returning migrants in Balrampur, East UP. This was Part 2 of our Rapid Assessment Survey Series to understand the economic impact of the lockdown on rural families. We mapped harvest related challenges, the extent to which COVID specific government entitlements had reached vulnerable families and overall livelihood concerns. The survey's rich insights help set sharp priorities for how we can support families to rebuild their lives post the lockdown.

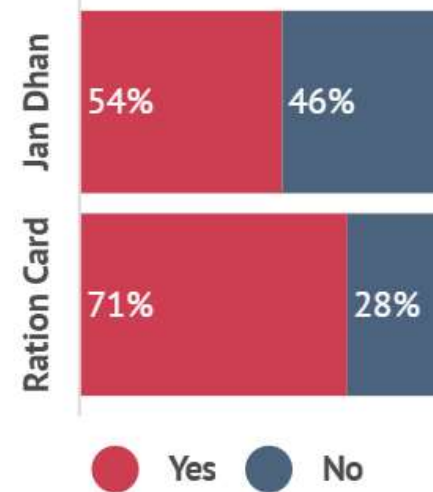
# Small farmers and migrants need more than ONE source of income

We spoke to families of small farmers, farm labourers and returning migrants. Over 50% of families shared that they rely on at least two sources of income.



## Coverage of Jan Dhan and Ration Cards needs expansion

Nearly all families had an Aadhar card. Yet a significant % of households are yet to benefit from the government's flagship food security and financial inclusion programmes



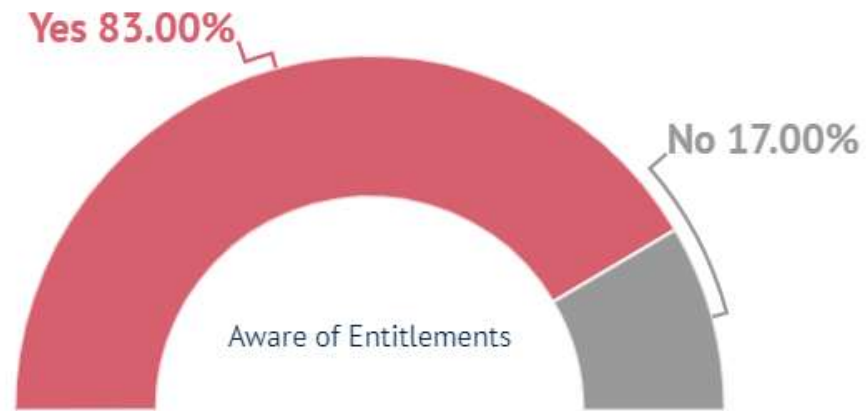
## 70% families need MGNREGS job cards

The rural employment guarantee programme requires households to have active job cards. Only 30% of families interviewed had one.



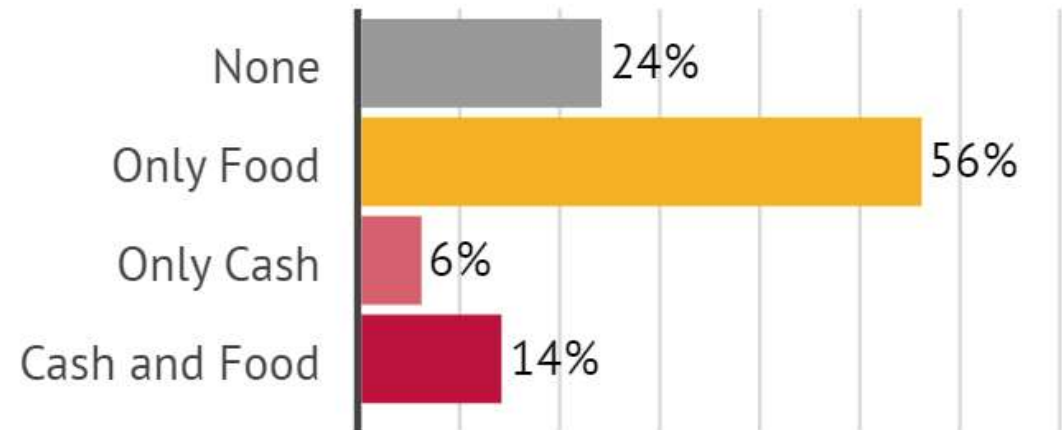
## Citizens are aware of entitlements announced by the government

80%+ households are aware that the government has announced benefits for them in the aftermath of COVID



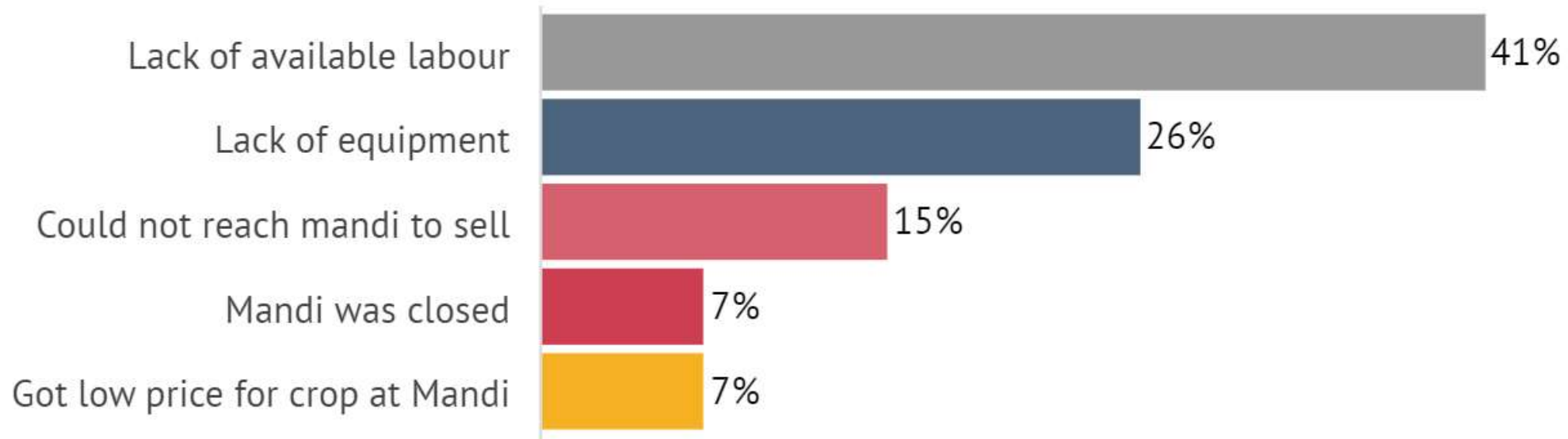
## Food rations are reaching families, cash transfers are trailing

76% of households reported receiving a benefit. Receipt of cash transfers was not widely reported at the time of interviews



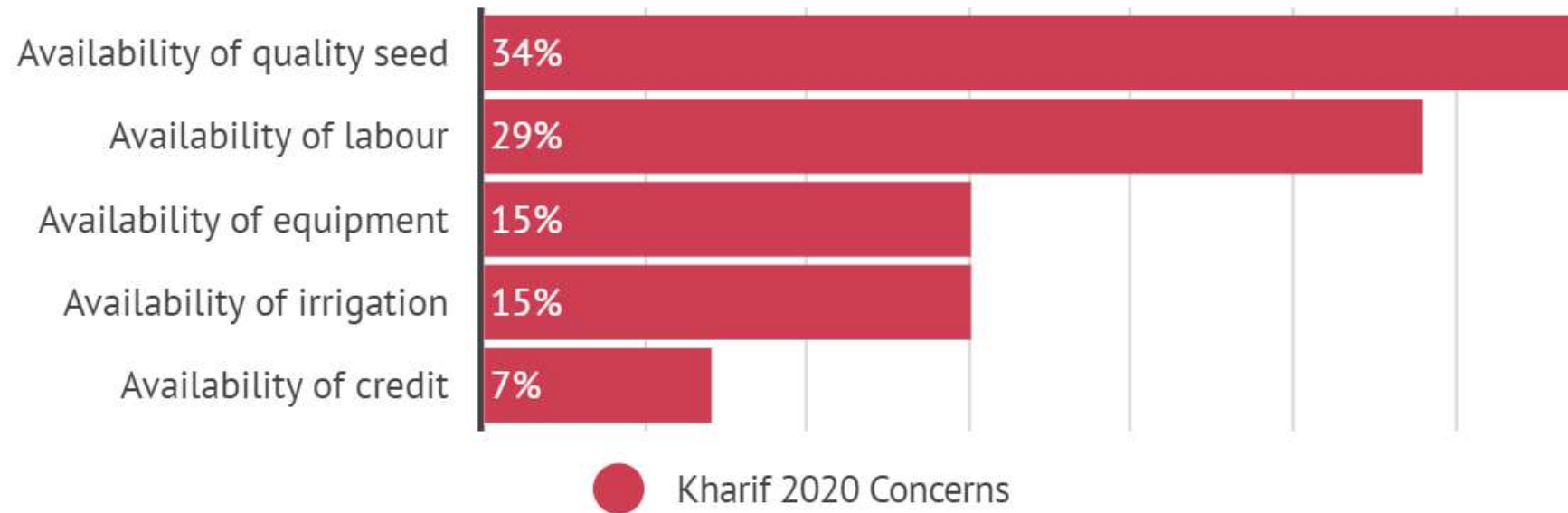
## 63% farmers report adverse impact on this year's Rabi Harvest

The lockdown hampered the Rabi harvest as it disrupted availability of labour and equipment. Access to mandis was also a clear challenge. Nearly 40% of farmers expect lower prices and incomes this season



## A challenging Rabi has amplified concerns for the upcoming Kharif season

Over 80% of farmers are worried about the upcoming Kharif season. Availability of seeds and labour are their dominant concerns





# WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

This survey was led by People's Action for National Integration (PANI) - HUF's partner in East UP. The insights from the survey have helped us focus efforts on how we can **rebuild livelihoods** disrupted by COVID19. Our aim now is to:

- Get more households within the scope of the Food Security Act and entitlements
- Facilitate job cards and access to work through MGNREGS for vulnerable families
- Ensure farmers have access to quality seed and equipment to secure Kharif 2020