### **COFFEE FARMERS AND COVID-19 IN ETHIOPIA JUNE 2020 - JANUARY 2021**

Health concerns have

Concerns about education increased

after schools reopened in October:

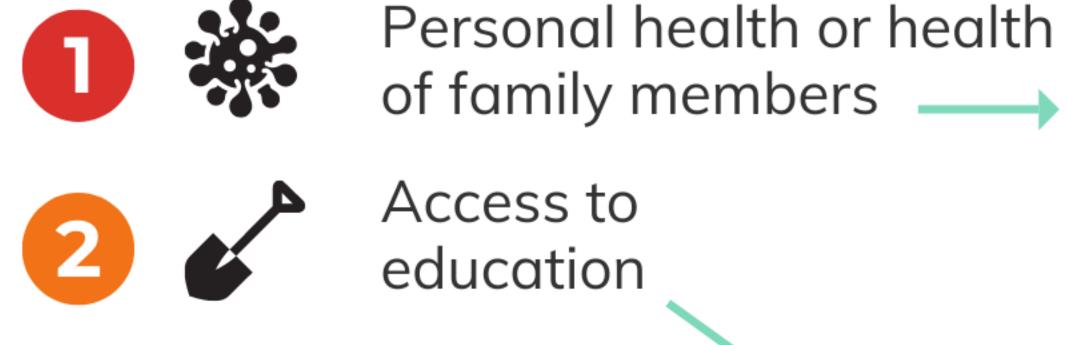




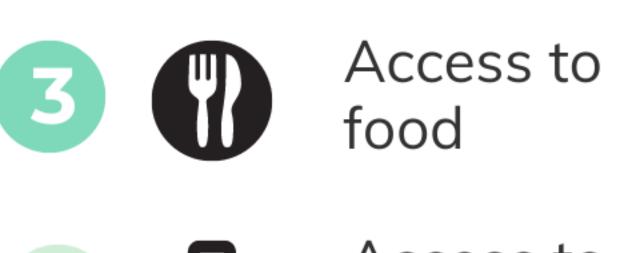


#### Farmers' top COVID-19 concern is health

Farmers' top concerns about COVID-19 over time



**increased** over time as case numbers grow: **62**% (June) (January)

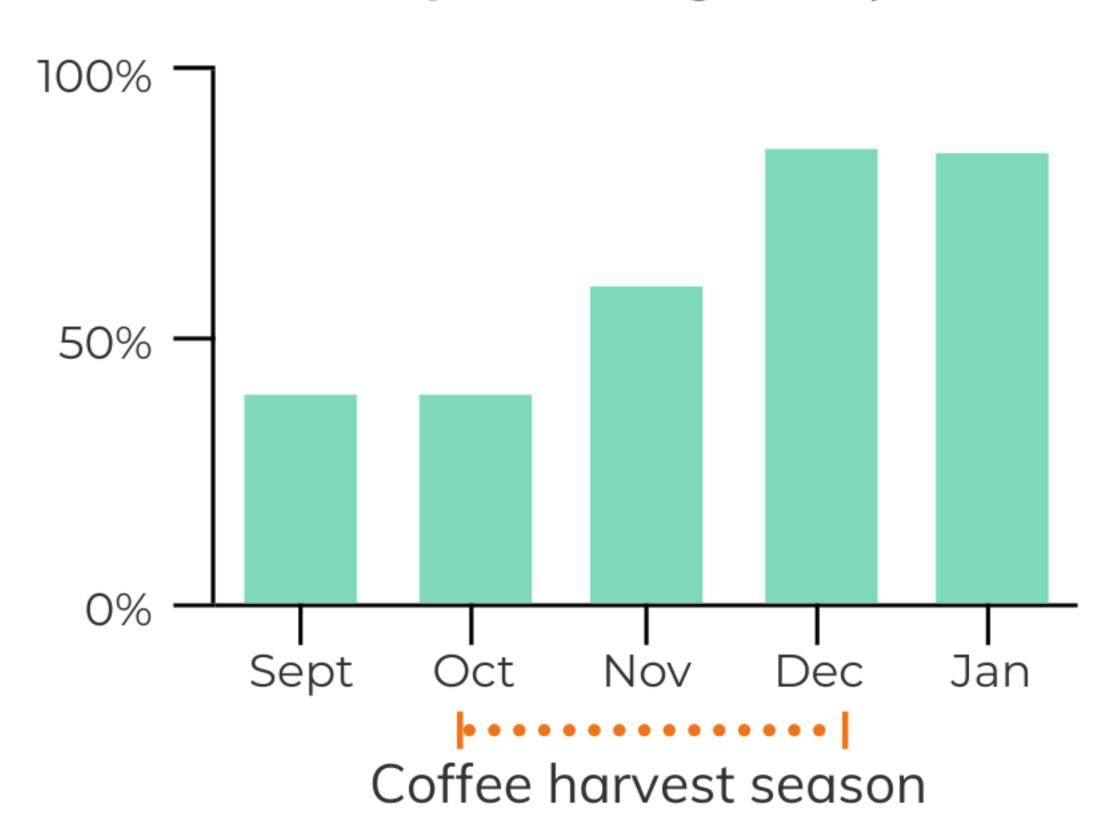


20% 41% Access to (October) (January) employment

Farmers with no concerns about COVID-19 increased from 1% in June 2020 to 19% in January 2021

#### More farmers report earning income during coffee harvest

Farmers who report generating income in the preceding 7 days:



#### Income loss from coffee farming is low; food prices remain a concern



<10%

of farmers report loss of income from coffee farming during harvest season, mostly due to the lower price of coffee per kg

Fewer farmers report food-related concerns when prompted...



(January) (June)

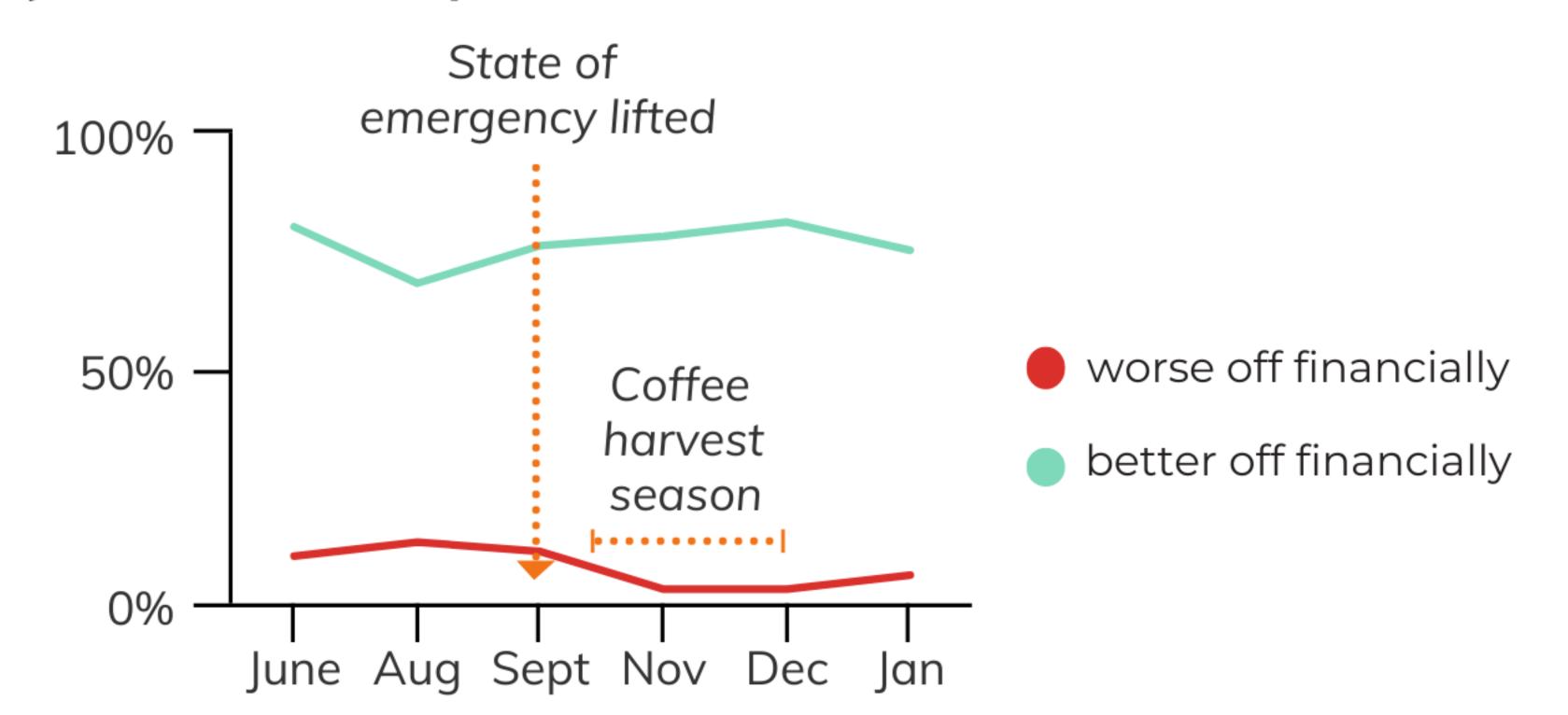
...but increasing food prices remain an issue:



of farmers report increased food prices in January

#### Farmers are positive about the future, reflecting their expectations for coffee sales and the COVID-19 situation in the country

How do farmers view their financial wellbeing in one years' time, compared to now?



# **COFFEE FARMERS AND COVID-19 IN KENYA JUNE 2020 - JANUARY 2021**

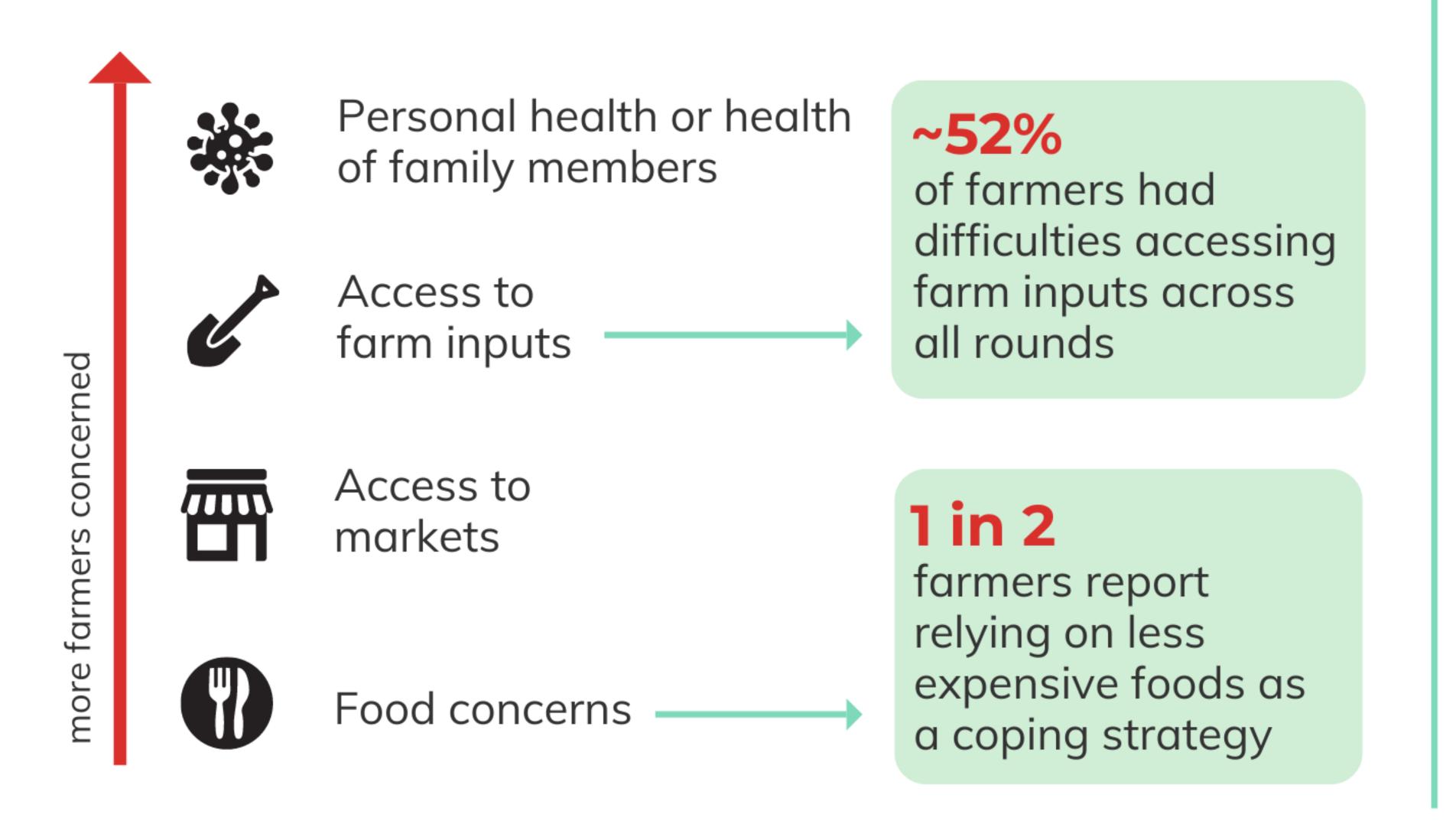








#### Farmers' top COVID-19 concern remains health



# Some coffee farming activities have been affected by COVID-19

Most affected: pest & weed management

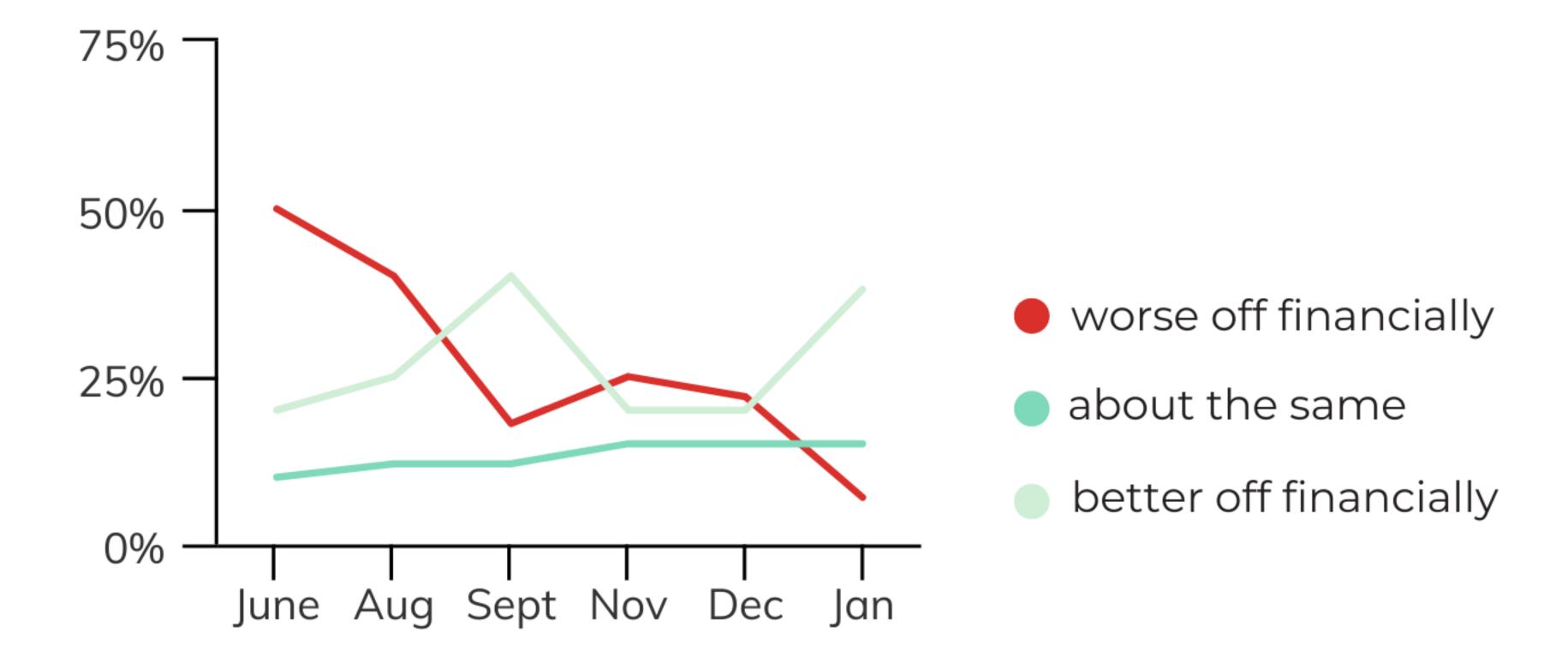


Least affected: harvesting



#### Pessimism about the future is declining

How do farmers view their financial wellbeing in one years' time, compared to now?



## The share of farmers using coping strategies is falling

91% → 81%
(June) (January)
of households are using more than one coping strategy

Top coping strategies reported:





Relied on less preferred / cheaper foods

Used savings

ed Reduced ngs meal size or number

### COFFEE FARMERS AND COVID-19 IN UGANDA **JUNE 2020 - JANUARY 2021**





#### Farmers' top COVID-19 concern is health

Farmers' top concerns about COVID-19 over time





Personal health or health of family members





Access to employment





Access to education





Access to markets

#### >80%

of households included children who were attending school prior to closures. In January 2021, schools were still closed except for students preparing for national exams

#### Coffee farming activities affected by COVID-19, but less so over time

Most affected: applying fertilizer

**34%** → **8**%

(January)

of farmers applying fertilizer (~25% of farmers) report difficulties doing so

Least affected: weeding & pruning

of farmers weeding & pruning report difficulties. This is the most reported activity: at least 30% of farmers report weeding & pruning in a given month



Main reason for challenges: lack of finances

South

#### Income loss from coffee farming; food prices decreasing over time



(December)

of farmers report losing income from coffee farming during harvest seasons, mainly due to lower coffee prices



Price of fresh coffee cherry:

(June)

(December)

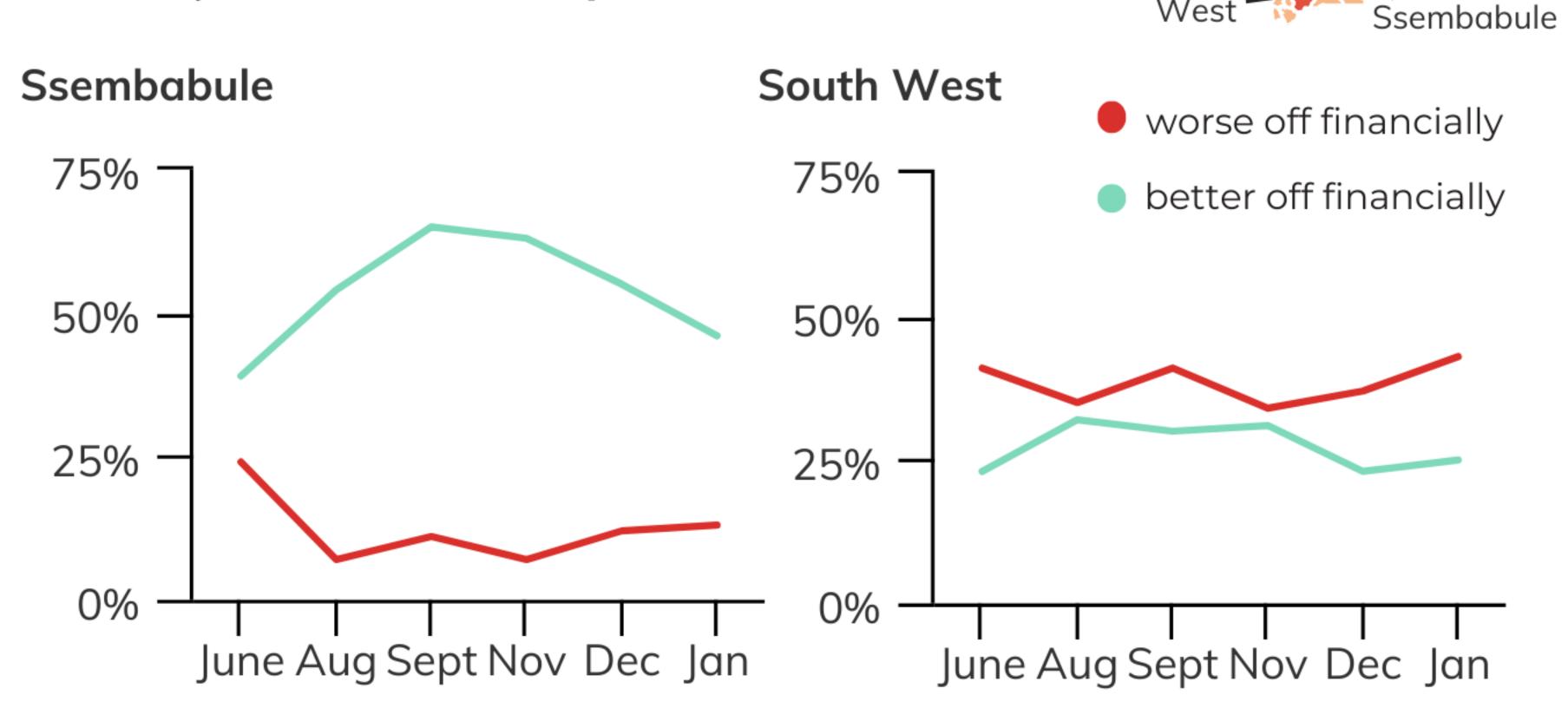


(January) (July)

of farmers report increased food prices

#### Farmers in Ssembabule more optimistic about the future than farmers in South West

How do farmers view their financial wellbeing in one years' time, compared to now?



### COFFEE FARMERS AND COVID-19 IN ZIMBABWE







#### Farmers' top COVID-19 concern is health

JULY 2020 - JANUARY 2021

Farmers' top concerns about COVID-19 (all rounds)





Personal health or health of family members





Access to farm inputs





Access to markets





Food concerns ----

#### >80%

of households are engaging in more than one food coping strategy: reducing meal size or number or relying on less preferred or cheaper food were the most common across all rounds

# Coffee farming activities affected by COVID-19, but less so over time

#### Most affected: harvesting

#### >30%

of farmers harvesting report difficulties doing so from July - September (peak harvest season).

### Most common farming activity also least affected: weeding

#### >1 in 2

farmers were weeding in all rounds. Around 10% reported challenges doing so.

### Income loss, access to inputs and food spending decreasing



**22**%

**→ 5**%

(January

of farmers report losing income from coffee farming



95%

**→ 32**%

(Aug) (January)

of farmers report trouble accessing inputs like manure, compost and fertilizer



**29**%

**→ 14**%

uly) (January)

of farmers report spending more on food

### Optimism for the future is related to the level of COVID-19 restrictions in place

How do farmers view their financial wellbeing in one years' time, compared to now?

