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Responding to COVID-19 in African Countries:

Executive Summary of Polling Results: Guinea

August 2020



INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact societies across health, financial and day to day life.

This document provides the findings from public opinion polls in Guinea to understand the public's knowledge, risk perception, attitudes, access to information, reactions, behaviors and practices related to COVID-19.

This Executive Summary is supplemented by an Appendix with the results should readers require additional detail.

METHODOLOGY

The public opinion polls were conducted from 6 August to 18 August 2020. The polling was conducted by telephone.

Samples were drawn to be nationally representative of each Member State; weighting was applied by gender and region to align the final data with the population. The national unweighted sample size in Guinea is 1,283 interviews.

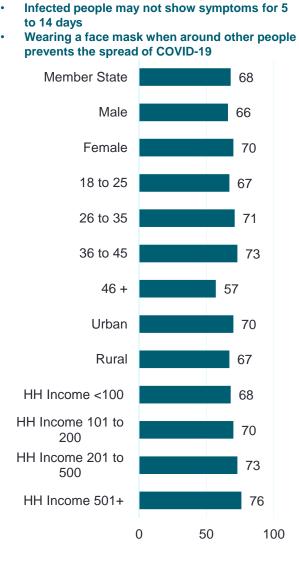


Key Findings



- **PHSM support and adherence:** Support for most PHSMs is high among survey respondents, especially for personal preventive measures such as washing hands and wearing a face mask. Self-reported adherence was lower than support, particularly for measures that restrict economic activity.
- Risk perceptions and information: Only one in five survey respondents in Guinea believe they are at risk for contracting COVID-19, a lower proportion than in other African Union (AU) Member States surveyed. Close to half of all respondents hold misconceptions or believe rumors or myths that could undermine adherence to PHSMs.
- Essential health services: A high proportion of households that needed medical care have had difficulty accessing health care visits (41%) or medicines (55%), and people with longstanding illnesses are particularly affected.
- Economic burden and food security: The vast majority of respondents (87%) report having lost income compared to last year, and three-quarters are facing difficulty accessing food. One in four respondents in Guinea reported receiving government support in the previous month. Most of this was in the form of subsidies for services.

Information, Perception & Misinformation



Washing hands helps prevent getting COVID-19

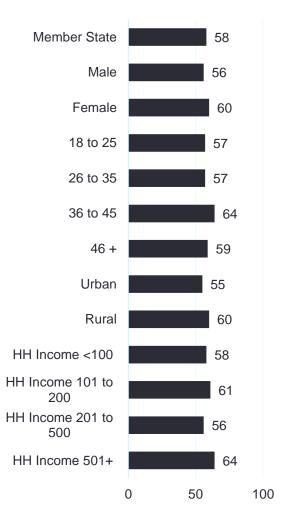
Preventive Measures

% True for ALL three statements:

Reaction to Recovered Patients

% True (one statement):

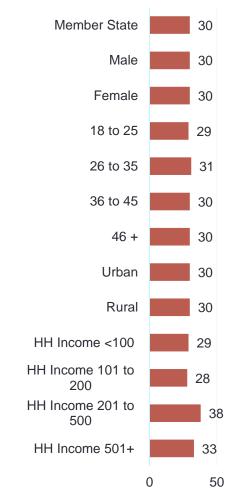
People who have recovered from COVID-19 should be avoided to prevent spreading it.



Misinformation

% True for BOTH statements:

- Foreigners are discrediting African medicines which could cure COVID-19
- Foreigners are trying to test vaccines on us



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Q2. I'm going to read things people have said about coronavirus or COVID-19. Please tell me if you think each is definitely true, probably true, probably false, or definitely false. If you don't know, say so. (True = Definitely + Probably True)

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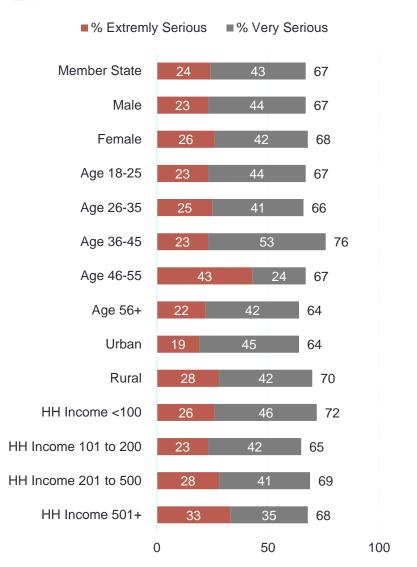
Risk Perceptions

~ %	Very High ∎% H	igh
Member State	13 7 20	
Male	12 7 19	
Female	15 6 21	
Age 18-25	13 6 19	
Age 26-35	13 6 19	
Age 36-45	15 9 24	
Age 46-55	12 8 20	
Age 56+	23 11 34	
Urban	15 6 21	
Rural	12 7 19	
HH Income <100	13 8 21	
HH Income 101 to 200	13 5 18	
HH Income 201 to 500	13 6 19	
HH Income 501+	11 8 19	
	0	50

Perceived risk of catching COVID-19:



Perceived severity of COVID-19 on health:



Q9. If you were infected by coronavirus or COVID-19, how seriously do you think it would affect your health? Not at all seriously, Somewhat seriously, Very seriously, Extremely seriously, Don't know / no response

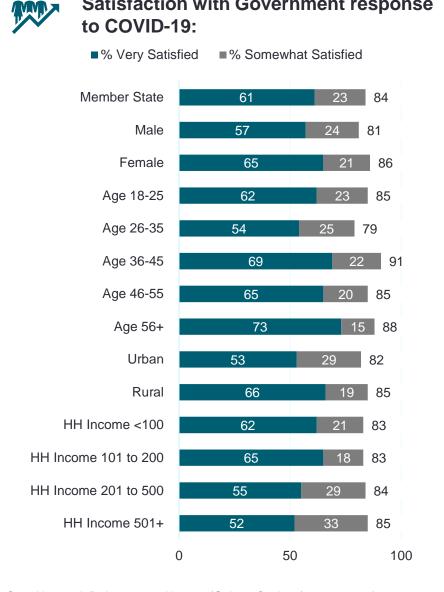
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Q8. Please indicate what you think your level of risk of catching coronavirus or COVID-19 is: Very high, High, Medium, Low, Very Low, Don't know

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Satisfaction and Trust with the COVID-19 Response



Satisfaction with Government response

Trust in handling of the coronavirus in Guinea Conakry: % Trust a great deal + fair amount **68%** Presidency 73% Ministry of Health 73% Hospitals/ health centers

Your own family doctor

Traditional Healers

 \mathcal{N} 27%

Q12. To what extent, if at all, do you trust each of the following individuals and organizations' handling of the coronavirus in Guinea Conkary? A great deal, A fair amount, Not very much, Not at all, Don't know, Not heard of organisation, Not applicable.



Q11. How satisfied are you with your (Guinea Conkary) government's response to coronavirus or COVID-19? Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Somewhat dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied, Don't know / not sure

76%

SUMMARY OF Public Health and Social Measures (PHSMs)



	Adherence: level to which these activities describe "you personally"					perce	Support: ption of nec	essity
	Completely applies	Mostly applies	Sometimes applles	Does not apply to me		Absolutely necessary	Somewhat necessary	Not really necessary
Wear a face mask in public when near others	72	10	13	5		82	14	4
Wash more often than they used to	68	10	19	10		85	13	2
Avoid handshakes and physical greetings	50	11	24	14		69	18	12
PERSONAL PHSMS: SUMMARY	63	10	19	10		79	15	6
Stop joining public gatherings and places of entertainment	51	10	23	15		59	21	19
Stop going to the church/mosque	50	9	17	24		37	21	42
PUBLIC GATHERING PHSMS: SUMMARY	51	10	20	20		48	21	31
Reduce the number of times going to the market or grocery store	26	11	38	25		44	26	30
Staying home instead of going to work, school or other regular activities	23	8	29	41		26	22	51
MOBILITY PHSMS: SUMMARY	25	10	34	33		35	24	41

Please see Appendix for detail by country

Q13. Over the past seven days, to what extent do each of the following describe you personally?

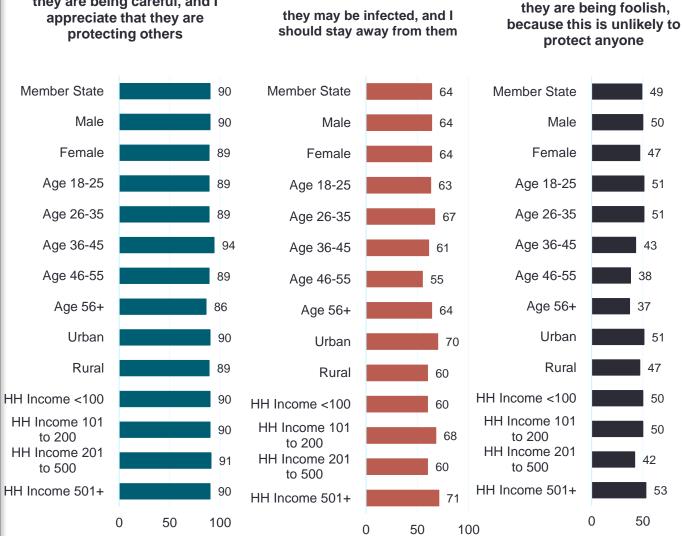
Q14. Thinking of the last four weeks, was asking people to do each of the following absolutely necessary, somewhat necessary, or not really necessary to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Guinea Conkary?

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Face masks: Perceptions, **Use and Attitudes**



they are being careful, and I



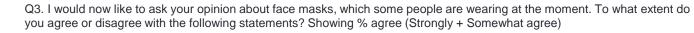
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99% have a face mask ready to wear

Adherence: Wear a Face Mask in **Public Around Others: Completely applies:** 72% Mostly applies: 10%

> Q4. Do you have a face mask of any kind that is ready for you to wear? Q13g. Over the past seven days, to what extent do each of the following describe you personally?: G) Wearing a face mask in public when near others



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Impact on Health Care Services

Missed, Delayed or Skipped Health Care Services:

% Yes: (among those requiring services)	42%
People with longstanding illness	42%
Women	40%
Low Income (HH Income <100)	41%
High Income (HH Income 501+)	47%
Urban	45%
Rural	40%

Base = require services (50%)

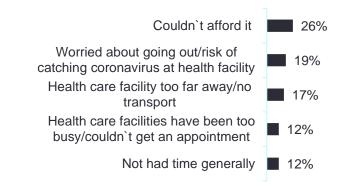


Difficulty accessing medications:

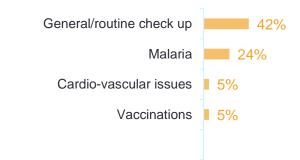
% Much More Difficult (among those requiring medications)	37%
People with longstanding illness	40%
Women	37%
Low Income (HH Income <100)	43%
High Income (HH Income 501+)	32%
Urban	36%
Rural	38%



Reason for Missed, Delayed or Skipped Services:







Base = require medication (96%)

Q21. Have you or any other person in your household delayed, skipped or been unable to complete health care visits since the COVID-19 crisis?

Q24. Has the COVID-19 crisis made it more difficult to obtain medications you need for you or your household or has it had no impact? If you do not need medications, please say so.

Q22. Why have you or another person in your household delayed, skipped or been unable to complete health care visits since the COVID-19 crisis? Q23. And do you mind if I ask what those delayed, missed or not completed health care visits were for?



Economic and Food Relief Measures

Barriers and Difficulties Purchasing Food

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural	HH income < 100USD	HH income 500+
EXPERIENCED 'ANY' BARRIER ONE DAY OR MORE:	75	72	78	73	76	80	65
Experienced 1 day or more:							
had difficulties in going to food markets due to restrictions imposed	35	33	37	33	34	38	28
had difficulties in buying food due to most food markets being closed?	36	34	39	33	37	42	34
been unable to buy the amount of food you usually because of shortages in the markets	47	46	48	47	48	52	44
been unable to buy the amount of food you usually buy because the price was too high?	59	55	63	57	63	67	45
been unable to buy the amount of food you usually buy because your income has dropped?	51	48	57	54	53	57	46

Q17. In the past 7 days, how many days have you or someone in your household experienced any of the following?

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Impact on Income: % Reporting Income is Smaller than last year	84%
Women	83%
Men	85%
Low Income (HH Income <100)	88%
High Income (HH Income 501+)	73%
Urban	83%
Rural	85%

Q18. How does the amount of money you made in the past 7 days compare to the amount you made this time last year? Is it... Bigger, Smaller, Stayed the Same, Don't make any, Don't know.

Impact on Unpaid work: % Reporting More Hours on Unpaid Work	27%
Women	29%
Men	25%
Low Income (HH Income <100)	29%
High Income (HH Income 501+)	21%
Urban	26%
Rural	28%

Q19. Since the crisis began, have you had a change in your hours spent on unpaid work, such as childcare, care of the elderly and housework? More hours, less hours, no change in hours, don't know.



Concerns about resuming normal activities

Female	78	12 90
Age 18-25	78	12 90
Age 26-35	71	16 87
Age 36-45	74	9 83
Age 46-55	80	13 93
Age 56+	83	10 93
Urban	71	15 86
Rural	78	11 89
HH Income <100	78	12 90
HH Income 101 to 200	78	12 90
HH Income 201 to 500	70	17 87
HH Income 501+	75	12 87
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Thinking about resuming normal

me feel very anxious

■ % Strongly Agree

Male

Member State

activities after the lockdown makes

■% Somewhat Agree

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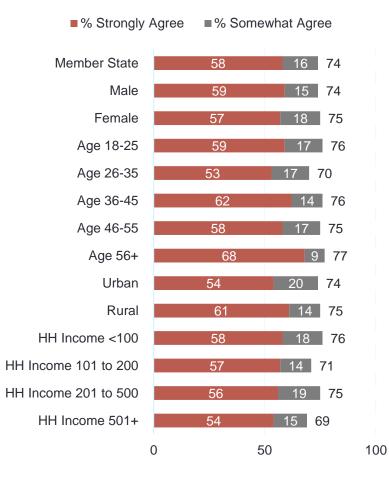
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I would feel comfortable taking public transportation such as local buses or trains if it was not too busy



Q15. To what extent to you agree or disagree with the following statements?



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Expectations about COVID-19

■ Too Much Risk	Need to get Economy Moving					
Member State	36	63				
Male	34	66				
Female	38	60				
Age 18-25	36	63				
Age 26-35	33	66				
Age 36-45	37	61				
Age 46-55	48	47				
Age 56+	33	59				
Urban	34	65				
Rural	37	62				
HH Income <100	36	63				
HH Income 101 to 200	39	60				
HH Income 201 to 500	34	66				
HH Income 501+	34	65				
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Loosening Restrictions: "too risky to loosen

restrictions" versus "there is a low risk and

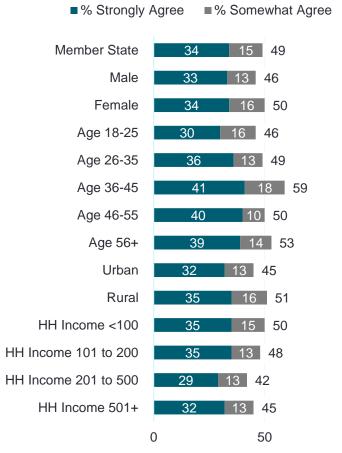
need to get economy moving"

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Q16. Some people say that loosening restrictions now puts too many people at risk of contracting COVID-19 and we need to wait at least a few more weeks. Other people say that the health risk is minimal if people follow social distancing rules and we need to get the economy moving again. Which is closer to your point of view?



It will be at least six months before COVID-19 is contained



Q15. To what extent to you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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Additional Methodology Details

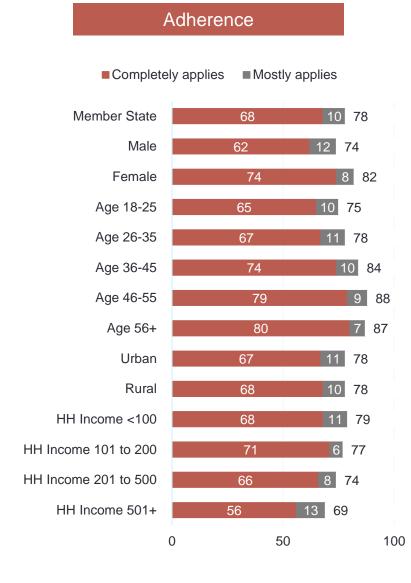
- The public opinion polling was conducted using a telephone interviewing methodology.
- The questionnaire was developed by Resolve to Save Lives, Ipsos and members of the PERC consortium.
- The polling program was approved by local review boards and all respondents gave explicit permission to participate in the polling.
- Note that where referenced, income categories should be interpreted as indicative as sample sizes vary and income reporting can be subject to bias.
- The weighted sample sizes for the demographic breaks in this report are as follows:

	Total	Male	Female	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56+	Urban	Rural	Under 100	101 - 200	201 - 500	501+
Base: All	1200	606	594	601	360	141	59	39	473	727	473	220	188	71

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PERSONAL **Public** health and social measure (PHSM)



Washing my hands many times per day

Absolutely necessary ■ Somewhat necessary Member State 13 98 85 Male 83 97 14 87 98 Female 11 Age 18-25 85 98 13 Age 26-35 83 98 Age 36-45 96 89 7 Age 46-55 90 99 9 Age 56+ 92 7 99 84 Urban 14 98 Rural 86 11 97 HH Income <100 87 12 99 HH Income 101 to 200 86 10 96 HH Income 201 to 500 82 96 14 HH Income 501+ 79 98 50 100 0

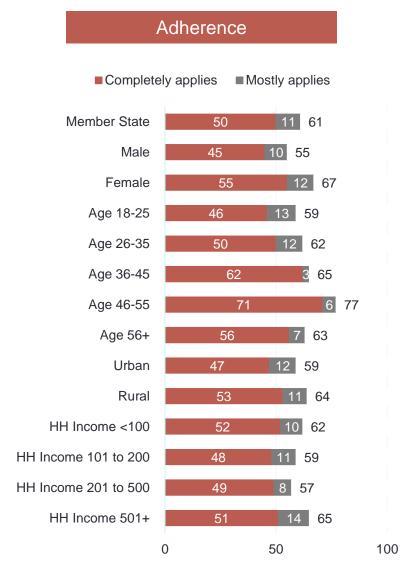
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Q13. Over the past seven days, to what extent do each of the following describe you personally?: Washing my hands with soap or using hand sanitizer many times per day

Q14. Thinking of the last four weeks, was asking people to do each of the following absolutely necessary, somewhat necessary, or not really necessary to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Guinea Conakry?: ...wash their hands with soap or use hand sanitizer more often than they used to

PERSONAL **Public** health and social measure (PHSM)



Avoiding handshakes and physical greetings

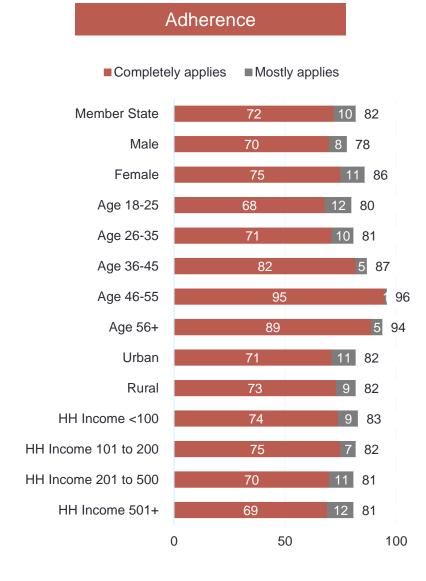
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Absolutely nec	cessary	Somew	hat necess	ary
Member State		69	18	8 87
Male		68	19	87
Female		71	1	7 88
Age 18-25		69	16	85
Age 26-35		69	19	88
Age 36-45		69	20	0 89
Age 46-55		72		20 92
Age 56+		72		24 96
Urban		69	18	8 87
Rural		69	18	8 87
HH Income <100		71	1	6 87
HH Income 101 to 200		71	2	20 91
HH Income 201 to 500		67	19	86
HH Income 501+		65	22	87
	0	5	60	100

Q14. Thinking of the last four weeks, was asking people to do each of the following absolutely necessary, somewhat necessary, or not really necessary to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Guinea Conkary?: Avoiding handshakes and physical greetings



Q13. Over the past seven days, to what extent do each of the following describe you personally?: Avoiding handshakes and physical greetings

PERSONAL Public health and social measure (PHSM)



Wearing a face mask in public when near others

Absolutely neo	cessary	■Somewhat ne	ecessary
Member State		82	14 96
Male		81	14 95
Female		82	15 97
Age 18-25		81	15 96
Age 26-35		80	16 96
Age 36-45		85	12 97
Age 46-55		88	12 100
Age 56+		92	6 98
Urban		83	14 97
Rural		81	15 96
HH Income <100		80	17 97
HH Income 101 to 200		84	11 95
HH Income 201 to 500		85	11 96
HH Income 501+		85	10 95
	0	50	100

Support

Q14. Thinking of the last four weeks, was asking people to do each of the following absolutely necessary, somewhat necessary, or not really necessary to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Guinea Conkary?: Wearing a face mask in public



Q13. Over the past seven days, to what extent do each of the following describe you personally?: Wearing a face mask in public when near others

PUBLIC GATHERING Public health and social measure (PHSM)

Completely applies				
50	9 59			
47	8 55			
54	11 65			
48	10 58			
52	10 62			
55	8 63			
56	4 60			
39	11 50			
54	10 64			
47	9 56			
48	9 57			
51	10 61			
53	7 60			
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Avoiding the church/mosque

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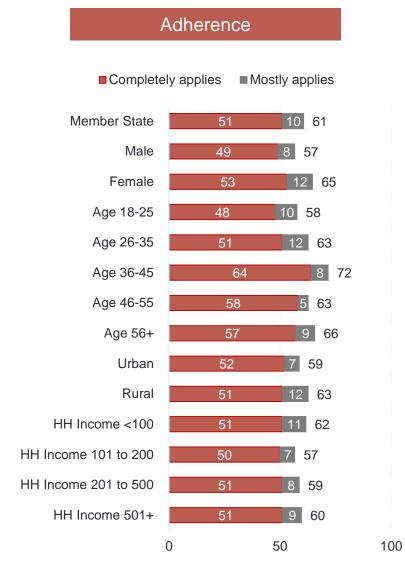
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Member State	37	21 58		
Male	35	20 55		
Female	39	21 60		
Age 18-25	34	20 54		
Age 26-35	38	24 62		
Age 36-45	43	20 63	3	
Age 46-55	39	12 51		
Age 56+	50	18	68	
Urban	38	19 57		
Rural	36	22 58		
HH Income <100	36	21 57		
Income 101 to 200	37	24 61		
Income 201 to 500	35	17 52		
HH Income 501+	36	18 54		
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Q14. Thinking of the last four weeks, was asking people to do each of the following absolutely necessary, somewhat necessary, or not really necessary to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Guinea Conkary?: Avoiding the church/mosque



Q13. Over the past seven days, to what extent do each of the following describe you personally?: Avoiding the church/mosque

PUBLIC GATHERING Public health and social measure (PHSM)



Avoiding public gatherings and places of entertainment

Absolutely necessary ■ Somewhat necessary Member State 59 21 80 Male 59 80 21 60 Female 82 Age 18-25 20 78 58 Age 26-35 59 83 24 Age 36-45 63 85 Age 46-55 70 87 17 Age 56+ 68 86 79 Urban 58 21 Rural 60 21 81 HH Income <100 59 19 78 HH Income 101 to 200 59 21 80 HH Income 201 to 500 60 85 HH Income 501+ 58 20 78 0 50 100

Support

Q14. Thinking of the last four weeks, was asking people to do each of the following absolutely necessary, somewhat necessary, or not really necessary to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Guinea Conkary?: Avoiding public gatherings and places of entertainment



Q13. Over the past seven days, to what extent do each of the following describe you personally?: Avoiding public gatherings and places of entertainment

MOBILITY Public health and social measure (PHSM)

/	Adherence			
■ Completely applies ■ Mostly applies				
Member State	23 8 31			
Male	17 7 24			
Female	29 8 37			
Age 18-25	22 9 31			
Age 26-35	18 6 24			
Age 36-45	32 7 39			
Age 46-55	34 8 42			
Age 56+	32 7 39			
Urban	19 8 27			
Rural	25 7 32			
HH Income <100	23 7 30			
HH Income 101 to 200	19 7 26			
HH Income 201 to 500	22 6 28			
HH Income 501+	15 9 24			
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Staying home instead of going to work, school or other regular activities

Support Absolutely necessary Somewhat necessary Member State 26 48 Male 21 20 41 Female 56 31 Age 18-25 28 21 49 Age 26-35 20 24 44 Age 36-45 52 25 Age 46-55 57 41 Age 56+ 62 31 31 45 Urban 23 Rural 28 51 HH Income <100 26 20 46 HH Income 101 to 200 20 24 44 HH Income 201 to 500 46 25 HH Income 501+ 34 14 48 0 50 100

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Q13. Over the past seven days, to what extent do each of the following describe you personally?: Staying home instead of going to work, school or other regular activities

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Q14. Thinking of the last four weeks, was asking people to do each of the following absolutely necessary, somewhat necessary, or not really necessary to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Guinea Conkary?: Staying home instead of going to work, school or other regular activities

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MOBILITY Public health and social measure (PHSM)

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Female	27 13 40
Age 18-25	26 10 36
Age 26-35	23 11 34
Age 36-45	36 10 46
Age 46-55	31 16 47
Age 56+	27 12 39
Urban	25 9 34
Rural	27 12 39
HH Income <100	26 13 39
HH Income 101 to 200	22 8 30
HH Income 201 to 500	33 6 39
HH Income 501+	30 12 42
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Adherence

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Mostly applies

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Completely applies

Member State

Male

Reducing the number of times I go to the market or grocery store

Support ■ Somewhat necessary Absolutely necessary Member State 70 44 Male 44 24 68 Female 44 27 71 Age 18-25 23 43 66 Age 26-35 42 72 30 Age 36-45 43 71 Age 46-55 55 22 77 Age 56+ 57 81 Urban 24 68 44 71 Rural 44 27 HH Income <100 71 45 26 HH Income 101 to 200 40 27 67 HH Income 201 to 500 43 29 72 HH Income 501+ 64 43 21 0 50 100

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Q13. Over the past seven days, to what extent do each of the following describe you personally?: Reducing the number of times I go to the market or grocery store

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Q14. Thinking of the last four weeks, was asking people to do each of the following absolutely necessary, somewhat necessary, or not really necessary to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Guinea Conkary?: Reducing the number of times I go to the market or grocery store