

## Public awareness and perception towards COVID-19 in Sub-Saharan African countries during the lockdown

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**Supplementary data file.** Sample of survey tool used in the study

### CONSENT

I willingly agree to participate in this survey because I am interested in contributing to the knowledge and perceptions on Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Pandemic. I understand that there are no forms of payments or reward associated with my participation.

UNDERSTOOD, AGREE AND INTERESTED

NOT UNDERSTOOD, DISAGREE AND NOT-INTERESTED

Country of origin

Country of residence

Province/State/County

Gender

MALE

FEMALE

OTHERS

Age (Years)

Marital Status

SINGLE

MARRIED

SEPARATED/DIVORCED

WIDOW/WIDOWER

Religion

MUSLIM

CHRISTIAN

AFRICAN TRADITIONALIST

OTHERS

Highest level of education

PRIMARY SCHOOL

HIGH/SECONDARY SCHOOL

POLYTECHNIC/DIPLOMA

UNIVERSITY DEGREE (Bachelors/Professional)

POSTGRADUATE DEGREE (Masters/PhD)

Employment Status

SELF EMPLOYED

EMPLOYED

UNEMPLOYED

STUDENT/NON-STUDENT

Occupation

Do you live alone?

YES

NO

If you live with family/friends, how many of you live together?

**General KNOWLEDGE of COVID-19 Origin and outbreak**

Are you aware of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak?

YES

NO

Are you aware of the origin of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak?

YES

NO

Do you think Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak is dangerous?

YES  
NO

Do you think Public Health Authorities in your country are doing enough to control the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak?

YES  
NO

Do you think Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has little effect(s) on Blacks than on Whites?

YES  
NO  
NOT SURE

#### KNOWLEDGE OF PREVENTION

Do you think Hand Hygiene / Hand cleaning is important in the control of the spread of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak

YES  
NO  
NOT SURE

Do you think ordinary residents can wear general medical masks to prevent the infection by the COVID-19 virus?

YES  
NO  
NOT SURE

Do you think Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is associated with 5G communication?

YES  
NO  
NOT SURE

Do you think antibiotics can be effective in preventing Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak?

YES  
NO  
NOT SURE

If yes to Q22 above, have you purchased an antibiotic in response to COVID-19 disease outbreak?

YES  
NO

Do you think there are any specific medicines to treat Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)?

YES  
NO  
NOT SURE

Do you think there would be a vaccine for preventing Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in the next 6 months?

YES  
NO  
NOT SURE

Do you think Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) was designed to reduce world population?

YES  
NO  
NOT SURE

Knowledge of symptoms

The main clinical symptoms of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) are: (Type "YES" or "NO" to the suggested options as applicable)

FEVER  
FATIGUE  
DRY COUGH  
SORE THROAT

Unlike the common cold, stuffy nose, runny nose, and sneezing are less common in persons infected with the COVID-19 virus.

TRUE  
FALSE  
NOT SURE

There currently is no effective cure for COVID-2019, but early symptomatic and supportive treatment can help most patients recover from the infection

TRUE  
FALSE  
NOT SURE

It is not necessary for children and young adults to take measures to prevent the infection by the COVID-19 virus.

TRUE  
FALSE  
NOT SURE

COVID-19 individuals cannot spread the virus to anyone if there's no fever.

TRUE

FALSE  
NOT SURE

The COVID-19 virus spreads via respiratory droplets of infected individuals

TRUE  
FALSE  
NOT SURE

Knowledge of prevention

To prevent getting infected by Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), individuals should avoid going to crowded places such as train stations, religious gatherings, and avoid taking public transportation

TRUE  
FALSE  
NOT SURE

Isolation and treatment of people who are infected with the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) virus are effective ways to reduce the spread of the virus. The observation period is usually 14 days

TRUE  
FALSE  
NOT SURE

Not all persons with COVID-2019 will develop to severe cases. Only those who are elderly, have chronic illnesses, and are obese are more likely to be severe cases.

TRUE  
FALSE  
NOT SURE

Have you or anyone you know been affected by the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in any way(s)?

YES  
NO

If Yes to Q36 above, how did the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) affect you or that person you know?  
(Type "YES" or "NO" as applicable to the listed effects)

LOST JOB  
LOST/CLOSED DOWN BUSINESS  
CONTRACTED COVID-19  
HOSPITALIZED DUE TO COVID-19  
COMPLETELY SEPARATED FROM FAMILY  
COMPLETELY STRANDED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY/AWAY FROM REGULAR HOME/IN A  
DIFFERENT LOCATION FROM USUAL LOCATION OF RESIDENT  
**PERCEPTION OF RISK OF INFECTION**  
Risk of becoming infected.

VERY HIGH

HIGH  
LOW  
VERY LOW  
UNLIKELY

Risk of becoming severely infected

VERY HIGH  
HIGH  
LOW  
VERY LOW  
UNLIKELY

Risk of dying from the infection

VERY HIGH  
HIGH  
LOW  
VERY LOW  
UNLIKELY

How worried are you because of COVID-19?

A GREAT DEAL  
A LOT  
A MODERATE AMOUNT  
A LITTLE  
NONE AT ALL

How do you feel about the self-isolation? (Type "YES" or "NO" to the suggested options as applicable)

WORRIED  
BORED  
FRUSTRATED  
ANGRY  
ANXIOUS

I consider the self-isolation as necessary and reasonable

STRONGLY AGREE  
AGREE  
NEITHER AGREE, NOR DISAGREE  
DISAGREE  
STRONGLY DISAGREE

Do you think that if you are able to hold your breath for 10 seconds, it's a sign that you don't have COVID-19?

YES  
NO  
NOT SURE

If you drink hot water, it flushes down the virus

STRONGLY AGREE

AGREE

NEITHER AGREE, NOR DISAGREE

DISAGREE

STRONGLY DISAGREE

WE HAVE TWO OUTCOMES VARIABLES FOR CHLOROQUINE STUDY

Perception and Action

Do you believe that Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) can be cured by taking Chloroquine tablets?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

If yes to Q46 above, have you purchased Chloroquine for the Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

YES

NO

How likely do you think Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) will continue in your country?

VERY LIKELY

LIKELY

NEITHER LIKELY, NOR UNLIKELY

UNLIKELY

VERY UNLIKELY

If Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues in your country, how concerned would you be that you or your family would be directly affected?

EXTREMELY CONCERNED

CONCERNED

NEITHER CONCERNED, NOR UNCONCERNED

UNCONCERNED

EXTREMELY UNCONCERNED

**PRACTICE REGARDIING COVID-19**

In recent days, have you gone to any crowded place including religious events?

ALWAYS

SOMETIMES

RARELY

NOT AT ALL

NOT SURE

In recent days, have you worn a mask when leaving home?

ALWAYS  
SOMETIMES  
RARELY  
NOT AT ALL  
NOT SURE

In recent days, have you been washing your hands with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds each time?

ALWAYS  
SOMETIMES  
RARELY  
NOT AT ALL  
NOT SURE

Are you currently or have you been in (domestic/home) quarantine because of COVID-19?

YES  
NO

Are you currently or have you been in self-isolation because of COVID-19?

YES  
NO

Since the government gave the directives on preventing getting infected, have you procured your mask and possibly sanitizer?

YES  
NO

Have you travelled outside your home in recent days using the public transport

YES  
NO

Are you encouraging others that you come in contact with to observe the basic prevention strategies suggested by the authorities?

YES  
NO

How much have you changed the way you live your life because of the possibility of continuing of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)?

A GREAT DEAL  
A LOT  
A MODERATE AMOUNT  
A LITTLE  
NONE AT ALL



**THANK YOU FOR TAKING OUR SURVEY**