Trade and Covid-19 - Border Traders Project

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This data comes from surveys conducted with domestic and cross border traders through the Trader Border Project that focus on traders in markets located within 40 kms distance to the Kenya-Uganda border. The markets are in Busia, Bungoma and Kakamega (Kenya). Traders have been surveyed since February 2020 and are currently being surveyed every two weeks through phone surveys. The representative sample includes 1160 small and medium scale traders, both domestic and cross-border traders. Cross border traders use both the official Busia or Malaba border crossings and/or informal border crossings. 79% of the traders trade in agriculture products, 21 % in shoes and clothing. The sample includes 80% women traders.

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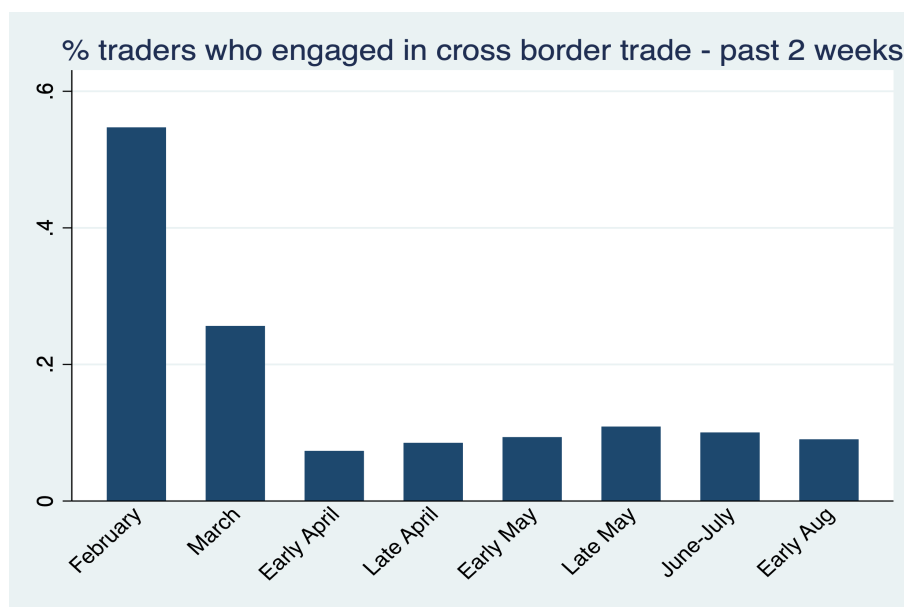
Trading activity: did you trade - past 2 weeks

Expectation of business wellbeing: today, in 2 weeks and in 3 months

	Late April			Early May			Late May		
	Today mean	In 2 W mean	In 3 M mean	Today mean	In 2 W mean	In 3 M mean	Today mean	In 2 W mean	In 3 M mean
Very good	0.00	0.03	0.15	0.00	0.01	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.09
Good	0.06	0.23	0.33	0.06	0.26	0.33	0.07	0.24	0.38
Average	0.22	0.31	0.23	0.25	0.32	0.32	0.24	0.36	0.38
Bad	0.40	0.26	0.12	0.35	0.26	0.11	0.40	0.29	0.10
Very bad	0.32	0.18	0.18	0.34	0.14	0.12	0.28	0.09	0.06
Observations	969	972	972	932	932	932	937	937	937

	June-July			Early Aug		
	Today mean	In 2 W mean	In 3 M mean	Today mean	In 2 W mean	In 3 M mean
Very good	0.01	0.02	0.18	0.01	0.03	0.14
Good	0.14	0.31	0.49	0.17	0.34	0.50
Average	0.39	0.45	0.23	0.40	0.44	0.30
Bad	0.30	0.16	0.07	0.31	0.15	0.04
Very bad	0.16	0.07	0.03	0.12	0.04	0.03
Observations	891	892	892	904	904	904

Border crossing: did you trade cross border - past 2 weeks

% traders who engaged in cross border trade - past 2 weeks

Issues while crossing the border - past 2 weeks

	Feb mean	March mean	Early April mean	Late April mean	Early May mean	Late May mean	June-July mean	Early Aug mean
Corruption	0.06	0.11	0.36	0.29	0.38	0.24	0.38	0.41
Harrassment	0.03	0.13	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.15	0.22	0.12
Long waiting times	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.03
Confiscation	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.00
Other	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Observations	594	230	56	65	71	86	79	74

Corruption and harassment while crossing the border - compared to past 2 weeks