

# 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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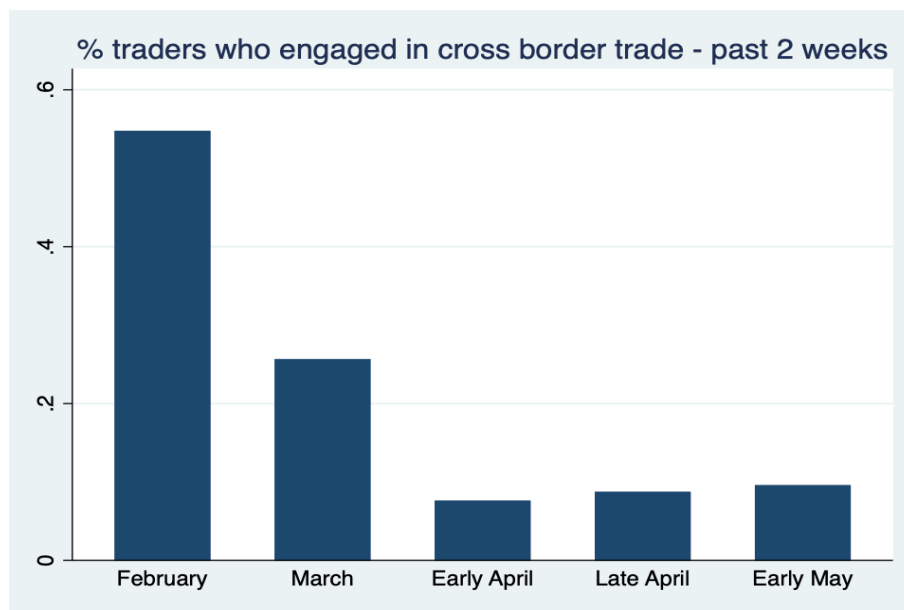
## Trading activity: did you trade - past 2 weeks



## Expectation of business wellbeing

	Late April			Early May		
	Today mean	In 2 weeks mean	In 3 months mean	Today mean	In 2 weeks mean	In 3 months mean
Very good	0.00	0.03	0.15	0.00	0.01	0.12
Good	0.06	0.23	0.33	0.06	0.26	0.33
Average	0.22	0.31	0.23	0.25	0.32	0.32
Bad	0.40	0.26	0.12	0.35	0.26	0.11
Very bad	0.32	0.18	0.18	0.34	0.14	0.12
Observations	968	971	971	932	932	932

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



## Issues while crossing the border - past 2 weeks

	February mean	March mean	Early April mean	Late April mean	Early May mean
Corruption	0.06	0.11	0.36	0.29	0.38
Harrassment	0.03	0.13	0.25	0.28	0.30
Long waiting times	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.07
Confiscation	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.07
Other	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.31	0.00
Observations	594	230	56	65	71

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

