




Food Security (Resilience) Survey

Survey across White Sands in these affected areas only, **Sulpur Bay, Enumakel, Lapangtawa, Lowiepeng, Louno, Enimah.**

 **69 Female**

 **53 Male**

This Include:

4 men with disability and 4 women with disability

28 lactating and 9 pregnant women

39 Female Headed Household

48 elderly (22 female and 26 male)

7 others interviewees, that including youths and children (6 female and 1 male), that adds up to the 122 respondent.

Summary of Findings:

Comparing to the October Food Security PDM there was an increase percentage of respondent have said **“Yes”** they have gone to sleep at night hungry because there was no food. *—referring to question 8 and 9*

In addition a question was asked around if women who are pregnant or breast feeding have to go to bed without food because there is not enough food. There was an increase total Of 60% respondents who have said **“Yes”**. *—referring to question 10*

Findings: Comments around how they access food:

“Families in Vila send Rice but they still eat sugar banana”

“When no ash, we have cabbage and root crops but for a very small time”

“As a widow, I find it challenging so I weave mats and baskets to sell and pay for food”

“We trade with fish for root crops and coconut for greens and vegetables”

“Harvest banana that is not ready”

“Share small food with others” “Pay for food in the market”

Findings on what they eat: 22% of the respondent mention that they eat sugar banana and coconut including Nabalango (an eatable leaf they chew with coconut and salt) leaf and its fruit. Few mentions about drinking more water and eating mushrooms.

However, **86% of comments collected from the 122 respondent mentioned food shortages** – many mention volcanic ash as the main contributing factors to food shortage while few mention El Nino and TC Pam that makes it worst. A total of **33% requested for food assistance.**

Recommendation comment:

“We really need help to sustain our Food Security”



Some exclusive comments include:

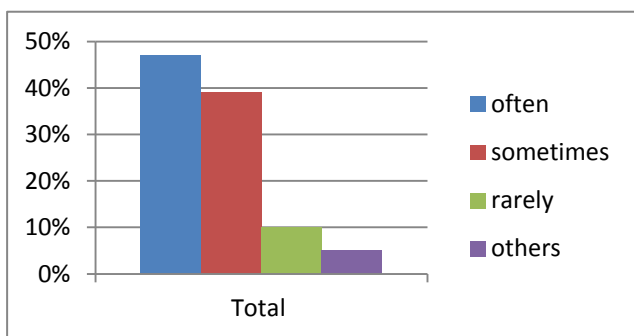
- “Women’s and children suffer more to find food”
- “No food to sell to earn income for school fees...” “No food in the garden”
- “We did plant, but root crops did not grow well” “No local food in market”
- “No food so children had to left school” “We need help with food”
- “Stealing in gardens” “Only children eat”
- “Men drink more kava to eat small and allow more food for the children”
- “Send children to school, so they can find food in school”
- “Eat one time a day and most times we sleep without eat”

Question 1: In the last four weeks, have you worried your household will not have enough food?

5% = No

95% = Yes

1.a Frequency for those responding ‘Yes’ (others is the total responding “No”)

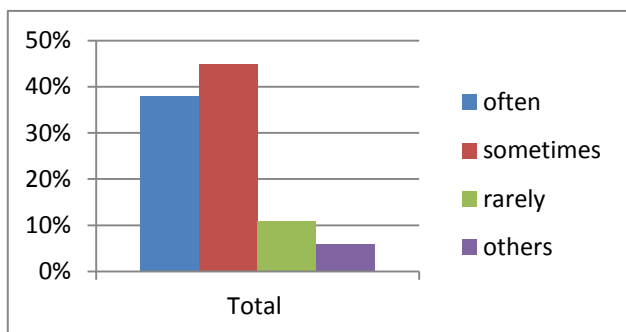


Question 2: In the last four weeks have you worried that you or someone in your household was not able to eat the food you/they wanted because it was not available?

6% = No

94% = Yes

2.a Frequency for those responding ‘Yes’ (others is the total responding “No”)



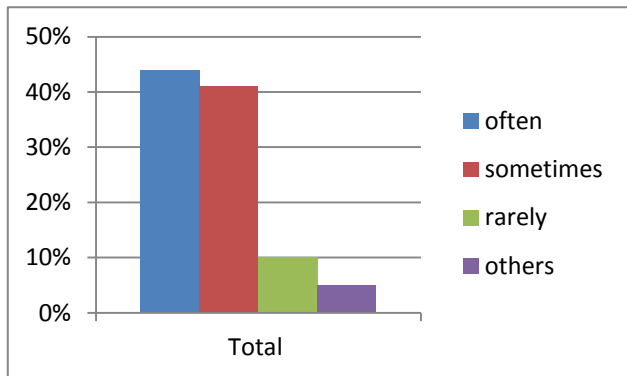


Question 3: In the past four weeks, did you or any member of your household eat a limited variety of food, because food was not available?

5% = No

95% = Yes

3.a Frequency for those responding 'Yes' (*others is the total responding "No"*)

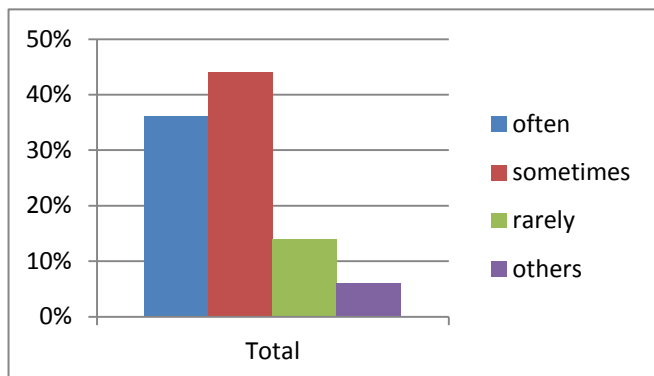


Question 4: In the past four weeks, did you or any member of your household have to eat foods you did not want to eat, because of a lack of resources to get other foods?

6% = No

94% = Yes

4.a Frequency for those responding 'Yes' (*others is the total responding "No"*)



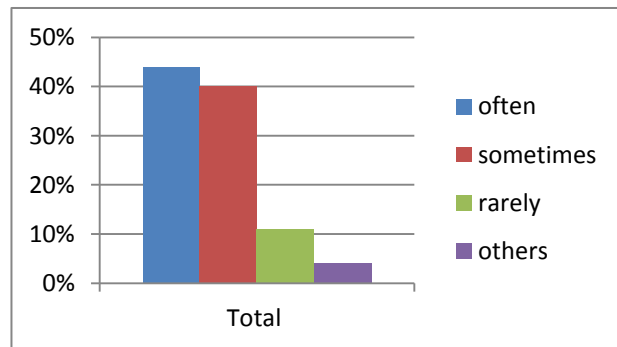


Question 5: In the past four weeks, did you or any household member have to eat a smaller meal than you felt you needed because there was not enough food?

6% = No

94% = Yes

5.a Frequency for those responding 'Yes' (*others is the total responding "No"*)

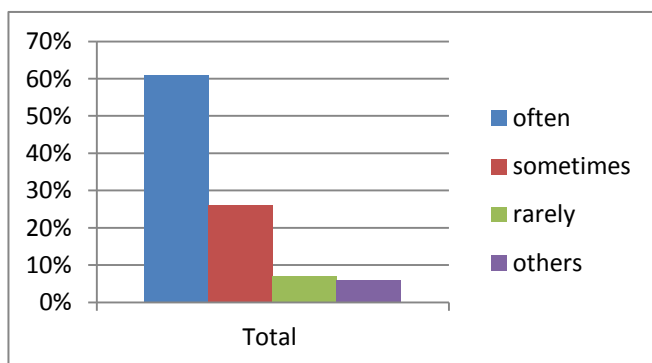


Question 6: In the past four weeks, did you or any HH member have to eat fewer meals in the day because there was not enough food?

6% = No

94% = Yes

6.a Frequency for those responding 'Yes' (*others is the total responding "No"*)



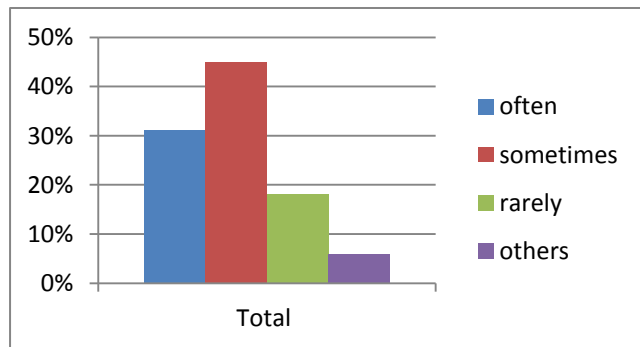


Question 7: In the past four weeks, was there ever no food to eat of any kind in your household because of lack of resources to get food?

6% = No

94% = Yes

7.a Frequency for those responding 'Yes' (*others is the total responding "No"*)

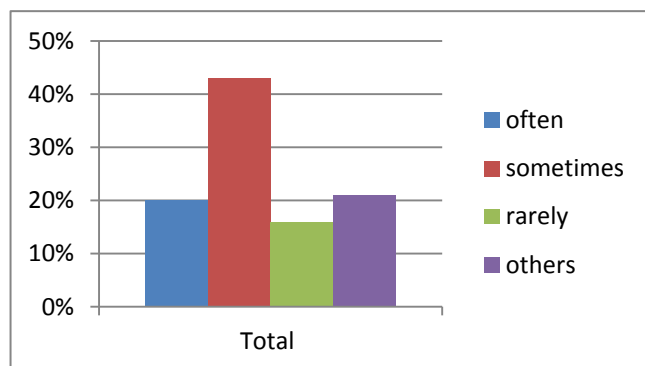


Question 8: In the past four weeks, have you or any household member gone to sleep at night hungry because there was not enough food?

21% = No

79% = Yes

8.a Frequency for those responding 'Yes' (*others is the total responding "No"*)



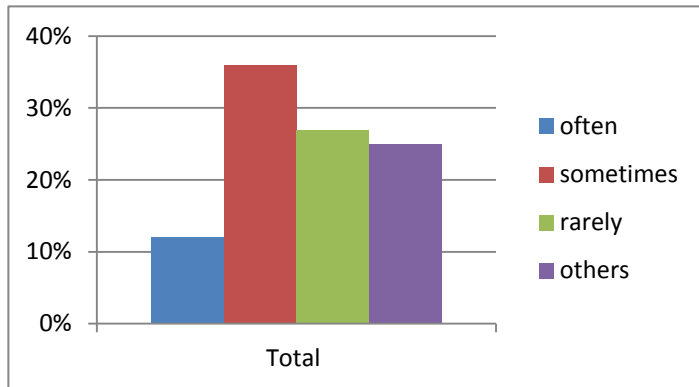


Question 9: In the past four weeks, did you or any HH member go a whole day and night without eating anything because there was not enough food?

25% = No

75% = Yes

9.a Frequency for those responding 'Yes' (*others is the total responding "No"*)



Question 10: In the past four weeks, did any women in your household who are pregnant or breast feeding have to go without food because there is not enough food?

40% = No

60% = Yes

10.a Frequency for those responding 'Yes' (*others is the total responding "No"*)

