

COVID-19 lockdowns: Linkages between lockdown-induced employment disruptions, water access and hygiene practices in informal settlements of Nairobi

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Adolescents in Nairobi's slums are

being hit hard by COVID-19 measures

Covid-19: Nairobi's slums could explode any time UN Habitat warned pandemic is likely to hit the vulnerable people

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UN Habitat warned pandemic is likely to hit the vulnerable people hardest.



Beyond handwashing: Water insecurity undermines COVID-19 response in developing areas

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Covid 19: The water burden in the slums

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Formal water sources (4%)	Informal water sources (96%)	
Kiosks maintained by community youth group	Tap-points on road transects	
Kiosks maintained by NGOs	Tanker-trucks Yard shared tap-points	
Government boreholes		

What was the relationship between employment disruptions during the first lockdown period (April - June 2020) and household ability to afford water?

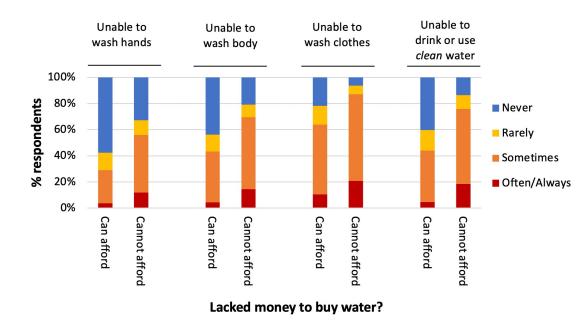
Employment disruptions

- Small business shutdown
- Reduction in work hours
- Found alternate employment

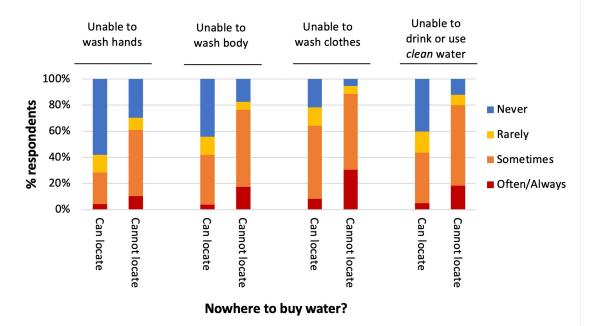
Household ability to **afford** water

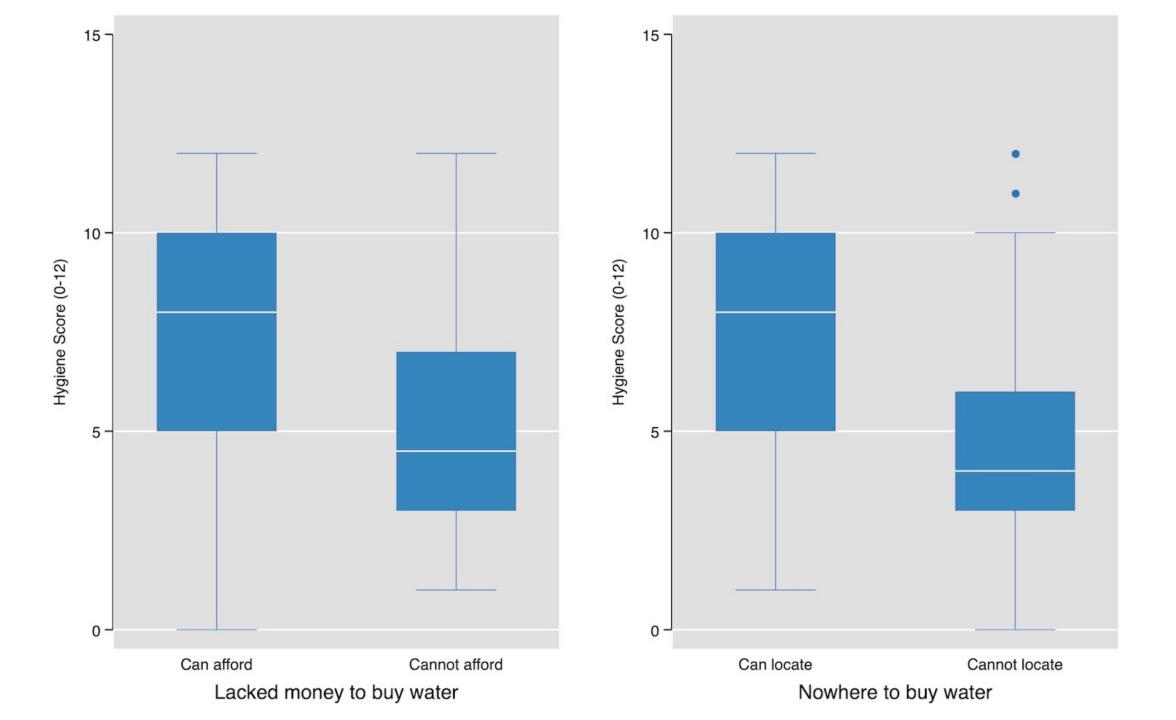
What role did water availability and household ability to afford water play in maintaining hygiene practices during the lockdown?





Hygiene outcomes by water access (availability)







+ Employment loss ↓ Water affordability

2	+ Water affordability↑		Hygiene score
	+ Water availability	1	Hygiene score
EPAN A	+ Tap-points	1	Hygiene score
	- Water collection	↓	Hygiene score
6	- HH density	Ļ	Hygiene score

Limitations

- Doesn't take into account seasonal rainfall variations
- No before & after comparison 2019 questions have a different recall period than 2020 survey questions



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