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## Migration and COVID-19: Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

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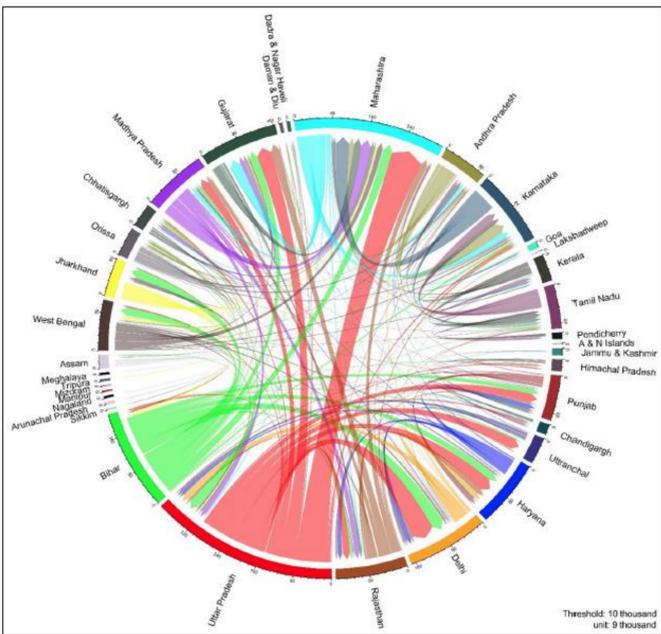
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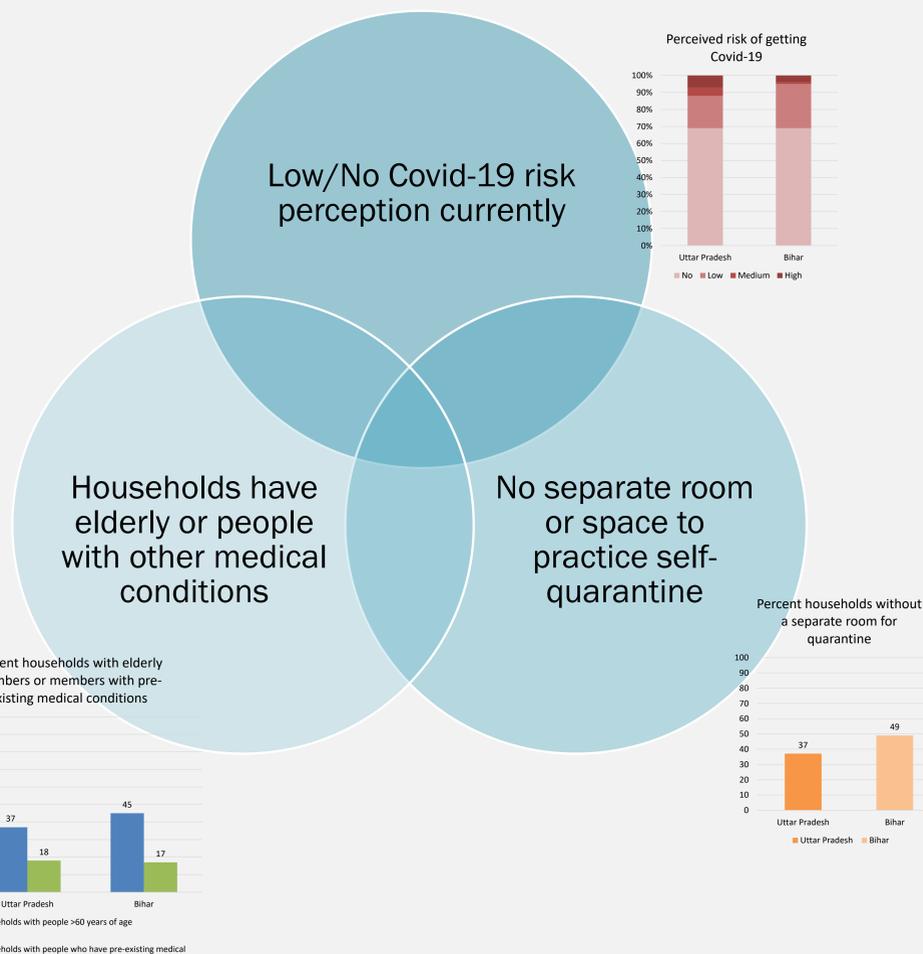
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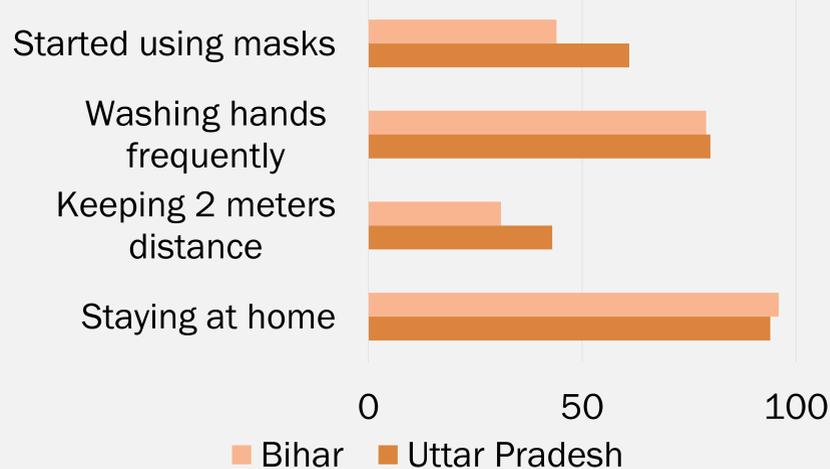


- Historically, Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar are the two highest out-migration states with a net migration rate of -1.9 to -1.
- Data from our telephone survey suggests that 28% (n=1237+) of the households in the two states have a migrant worker living/working outside; with 37% among rural households and 18% among urban households.
- Migration from these two states is mostly to metros in the states of Maharashtra, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

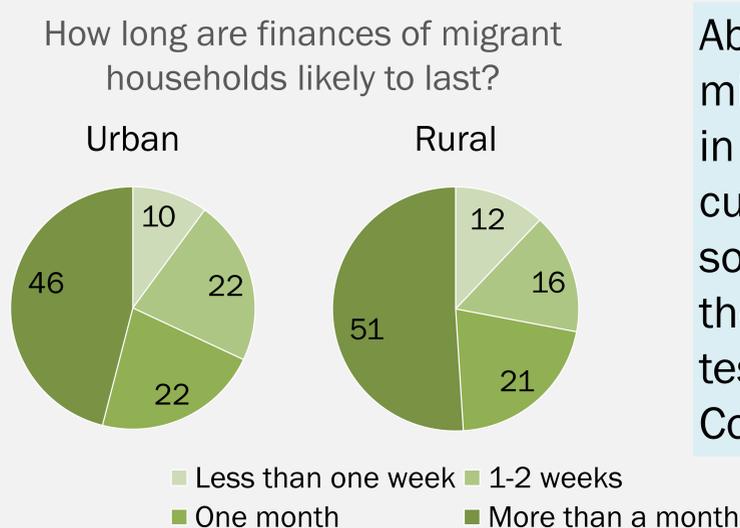
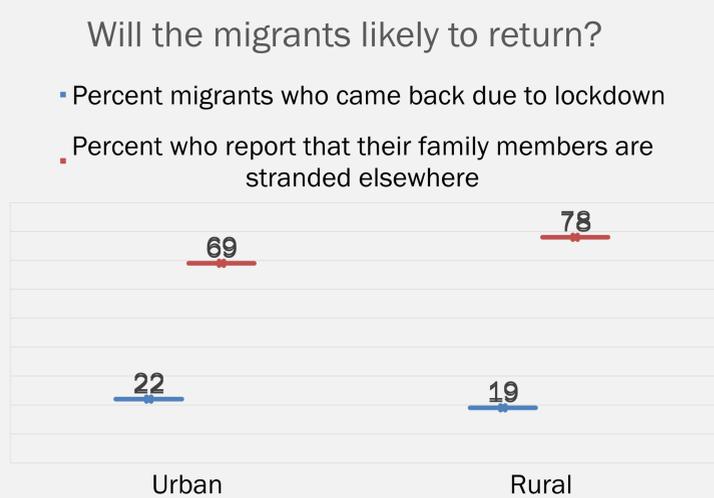
The return migration before or potentially with relaxation in the lockdown, makes households and the rural healthcare systems highly vulnerable, because of 3 critical factors of concern



So far, migrant households in UP and Bihar are largely adhering to social distancing guidelines



However, some migrant households are facing challenges



About 2 percent of migrant households in Bihar and UP currently have someone close to them who has tested positive for Covid-19.

We need to act now, unitedly, to win the war against Covid-19

**Support workers in receiving communities**

73% migrant households report they've lost their job or main income source. Identify ways to help them return to work



**Intensify social security/net programs in Bihar and UP**

- Household needs:
- Ration: 89%
  - Cash: 46%
  - Medicines: 24%
  - Cooking gas: 8%



**Monitor migration within India so that it can be done safely.**

Survey shows that migrant workers stranded in other parts of the country; their needs must be addressed



**Promote adherence to social distancing behaviors**

With low numbers of infections and strong contact tracing efforts, we can win the war against Covid-19.