



Listening to Young Lives at Work in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

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Introduction

Young Lives at Work conducted a phone survey of 2750 young people aged 18 and 25 in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to measure the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health, well-being, jobs, and education trajectories of young people as of July 2020.



Key Highlights

1. Young people are mostly well-informed about the precautions to be taken to avoid contracting COVID-19. The internet was a major source of this information.
2. Only 15% of the sample correctly stated the common symptoms of the virus, which shows that there is also a lot of misinformation
3. Only 7% young people did not leave their houses at all during the lockdown, but the others had to go outside for basic-needs and work.
4. Rural households that could not comply with the social distancing guidelines were more likely to report positive cases.
5. The economic crisis due to the lockdown has severely affected informal and self-employed workers:
6. At least one member of the household lost a job in 72% of the sampled households
7. 75% of informal workers and 66% of self-employed workers in the sample lost jobs or had income losses due to the pandemic.
8. Only 28% workers in urban areas were able to work remotely
9. Caring responsibilities have increased for 8% 25-year-olds and 2% 18-year-olds and this burden mostly falls on young female members of the household.
10. Food insecurity has increased substantially, especially for households that were reported to be food insecure when previously surveyed in 2016. This happened despite food distribution by the government.
11. 66% of the sample that was in education had to interrupt their studies and 27% of those who were planning to enrol chose not to. The most vulnerable students are least likely to have access to remote education which is why the digital divide is expanding, especially for students with poorly educated parents in rural areas.
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