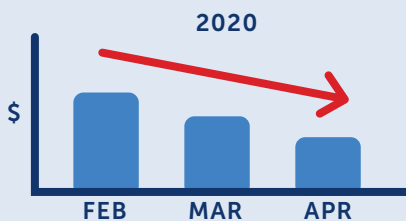


The COVID-19 pandemic is more than a global health crisis – it is also a social and economic crisis with huge impacts on the labor market.



ENERGIA conducted a survey of women energy entrepreneurs across five countries.

INCOME DECLINED for all women entrepreneurs surveyed.



Reasons for declined income: Loss of customers, decline in stock supply, challenges in being paid for products sold on credit and in paying back loans.



84% are facing financial stress.



84% are concerned about food access.



87% are concerned about access to healthcare.



74% are worried about increased childcare responsibilities.

Most women surveyed were not aware of HOW TO GET HELP from their governments but many asked for specific help like prepaid phone credit, food, personal protective equipment, aid with technology and financial assistance.



Women entrepreneurs are **RESOURCEFUL**

84% of those surveyed said they have access to a mobile phone, which they could charge regularly. Many are using texting, calls and social platforms to make sales. Other opportunities that women entrepreneurs are exploring include door-to-door sales, product diversification and farming.

