

Participant 2

I: on record you give me permission to record you?

P2: Yes

I: Who lives in the family/household?

P: My family is a big family. We live like... When I am home, we like to watch TV and joking with each other, and I ask my children how was school. We like to drink tea. Most of the time, we are happy. When Anna is not home, we are happy.

I: Can you share with me what you feel were some of the biggest changes that you had to deal with during the COVID-19 pandemic?

P2: we always wished the time to be over. Because it was not nice at that time, we sat at home always thinking we are going to lose our jobs. The children just stayed at home doing nothing. They ran around in the streets, because when they don't go to school that have time to do bad things.

I: so the biggest changes was children not going to school and worrying about loosing employment.

I: How did the adults care for the children needs during this time?

P: When I was home.... The thing is my boss took care of me. Always sending me food, so we managed like that. I received my whole salary while I was home, not working. So we were fine

I: so you did not work?

P": no I dint work.

I: Can you tell me how you and your family cared for the children in the household during the COVID-19 pandemic

PWe made sure we always cooked to have food. And we made sure they stayed inside so that they do not bet sick.

I: Please tell me how routines and responsibilities changed

P:. The lockdown really affected child X. Because this child is a very slow learner, so that period that he stayed at home, not going to school, it was not good. The time that went back to school they wanted him to do good. But he ended up repeating the grade, because he is not a fast learner and did not get the help he needed. He was not fast enough to keep up with his work and when he went back, he was far behind.

I how old is he now

P: He is 9 years old

I: How did you feel about all the changes in the caring of the children?

P: They did not like it. To sit at home and not going to school. I needed to cook all the time. They are playing, eating, watching TV, this was not good. They wanted to go to school, but, even that time when they went back alternating in groups, was not good. The children struggled to keep up and had less help from teachers. So, they really struggled with school, and I was not able to help them.

I: Who did you ask or go to for help and/or who offered help to you during the COVID-19 pandemic?

P: I talked to my daughter, I don't really have other friends.

I: How did you keep in touch with extended family, friends, neighbours, church, or religious support?

P: I do not have a lot of friends, my children are my friends. The time I was not working I kept my children inside the house, because you never know where you can get covid

I: How did your children understand COVID-19? (What did it mean to them? How did they make sense of it?)

P: At first they did not understand it. Even the time they needed to wear a mask, they took it off frequently. It is not something they grew up with and they are not used to it.

I: Who did your children speak to about their feelings during COVID?

P: They did not talk to anyone

I: One of the biggest things that changed for children, was when they had to school from home. Can you share how your child may have experienced this? (What was challenging? What did they enjoy about this? Were they able to keep up with the work?) Please motivate your answer.

P: The children found it very difficult. The this of our government school, that did not give the children much to do. The children needed to work on their own. The private schools still had a lot of help. These children could stay at home. There was a lady that told me, if her children do not go to school for 3 days, they receive 3 days worth of work. But our government schools did not work like that. It was difficult not to have the

teacher there all the time. It was my work to be the teacher and I did not know anything.

I: How did you and the family cope with having to monitor and supervise the children's schooling during this time? (What was challenging? What worked well? How did you have to adapt your household to accommodate schooling and working from home?)

P: My oldest daughter helped, there was a lot of children and their school work was difficult. It added a lot of pressure on my daughter.

I: Do you think your child missed out on anything during the COVID-19 pandemic? Can you please explain further? (Aspects such as not being able to play with friends; extramural/cultural activities, not being able to see extended family, such as grandparents and/or cousins could be included)

P: yes, they were not playing with friends and they missed their teachers.

I: Were they able to keep in touch with their friends from school and how were they able to do so?

P: No, they lived far from each other. And everyone kept to themselves and was told not to get in physical touch of anyone

I: Tegnology

P: No, we do have phones but we did not have money for data or airtime

I: Did the behaviour of the child or children change during the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, please explain.

P: Yes, they were naughty. They were very bored so they became naughty.

I: Please describe your family's financial position during the COVID-19 pandemic

P: I received my whole salary, I also received my grant money. My income stayed the same throughout the whole pandemic

I: Please elaborate on how the COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted your family's financial position (such as financial difficulties; how and where you coped and/or found support) and how these may have impacted the child/children and caring for them.

P: Even though I received my salary, the children was home the whole day. So they ate much more during the day. Usually my children receive food at school, and then I needed to give them food.

I:What did you struggle with in terms of resources

P: There was times that we had too little to eat, and the children still got other sicknesses and it was very difficult to get seen by a doctor.

I: If there were difficulties, what were the main things that were lacking (such as enough food and necessities; technology for the children's learning or entertainment; resources that the children usually received at school such as school feeding)

P: Medicine was my biggest concern and worry.

I: What were your worries or concerns about these difficulties, especially in relation to the children?

P":I was very worried that I would get sick and not being able to provide for my children. There will be no one to take care of them if may have got sick.

I: How did the children feel about or cope with these difficulties

P:The children was scared of becoming sick and not having enough food, Also sanitiser was very expensive and I could not afford it.

I:Please describe the employment situation of yourself and the rest of your household during the COVID-19 pandemic

I:I stayed employed and received my whole salary during the Covid 19 pandemic

Please elaborate on changes, difficulties, or positive factors (such as loss of work, working from home, changes in working hours) and how these may have impacted the child/children and caring for them

