

YOUTH VOICES



**A report on what the youth
of South Africa are saying.**

16-22 May 2020

Key Insights of the Week
Deep Dive : Income Sources



Overview of this weeks Insights



“We already use the SASSA Childcare grant and don’t have any more money.”

Comments:

“Lockdown is hard for everyone sure, even more difficult for unemployed folks. I have no income, i rely on my mom for food to get by, she’s also not employed, the whole household rely on child grant for income. We are a family of 9, most of us are above 18 years, only 3 children receive grant. We have however, learnt some survival skills, like having a single meal a day, drinking a lot of tea throughout the day, with no sugar which, health-wise is kinda good for us right 😊. I’m an unemployed graduate.”



“We’re angry and scared about our children going back to school, while we can’t work”

Comments:

“No siblings of mine will go to school, just imagine sending your child to face death that is going to happen here in Western Cape. We have an increasing number of death bcoz there are no testing crews in our community as said by the government”

“Did they think b4 saying this the number of people infected increases day by day so will our kids be safe or we're just sending our kids for death penalty”

“But she missed the critical part, the issue of transport also needs to be attended because no transporter will agree to transport 3 learners”



“We need more resources for self-sustainability and self-education”

Comments:

“Hi everyone...on my side i relying on sassa grant too but since there is a little increase il be getting 940...my cousin sister and I we have decided to start our own thing like selling chicks and start planting vegetables...we hope its gonna go well since our hope of getting job since this lockdown has faded.”



“We have lost our jobs due to lockdown and not hearing anything from any grants/UIF”

Comments:

“I was working then lost my job due to the lockdown “

“Ay it's very hard Bro.. We starving nd I lot my job also”

“we hope its gonna go well since our hope of getting job since this lockdown has faded”

“I will be appreciate that, cz life is hard with [no] job nd also income at the end of the month”



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The top performing posts this week were all around Education Ministers briefings.

Big Topics + Comments Of The Week

Schooling

- So if this thing goes on for years, you still won't send your kids to school???
- Really it doesn't make sense bcs we also need to be employed too
- No siblings of mine will go to school, just imagine sending your child to face death that is going to happen here in Western Cape. We have an increasing number of deaths because there are no testing crews in our community as said by the government,
- But she missed the critical part, the issue of transport also needs to be attended because no transporter will agree to transport 3 learners
- Public transport, they don't comply with sanitising at all especially in pmb, are they gonna do it to the children, please do something about it.

Gardening

- I love it what can I start with seeing it's winter that I can plant please help me clueless when comes to seeds?
- My spinach 😊😊 grow your own food

Covid19 Brigades

- Polokwane please guys
- I applied but I'm in Carletonville
- What about Capetown?

Income Sources

- Asking my friends even though they're very tired of me
- I have been surviving by my savings since UIF process it's so long
- Surviving during this lockdown is very hard.



YV: Gauteng

Concerned about amount of people outdoors living normally.



YV: Women

In Development



YV: BCM

Quiet, but many participants are surviving on Childcare Grants.



YV: Employment

Majority of the participants in the group have lost their jobs due to lockdown.



YV: Western Cape

Interested in Online Courses, and Self -Sustainability content. (Such as gardening)



YV: Facebook

Not yet active.



“We are unable to access the SASSA Relief Grant due to already claiming a Childcare grant.”

Unemployment and no Income is the biggest issue, where 63% of the participants are unemployed. However, the biggest source of income at this stage is the SASSA Childcare Grant.

This proves a great challenge as this income was already being used for other needs, and is not covering the full households needs.

People are looking for the Food Parcel Relief services and other means of creating self-sustaining food production, such as growing their own crops for sale and consumption.

Story from Listening Group

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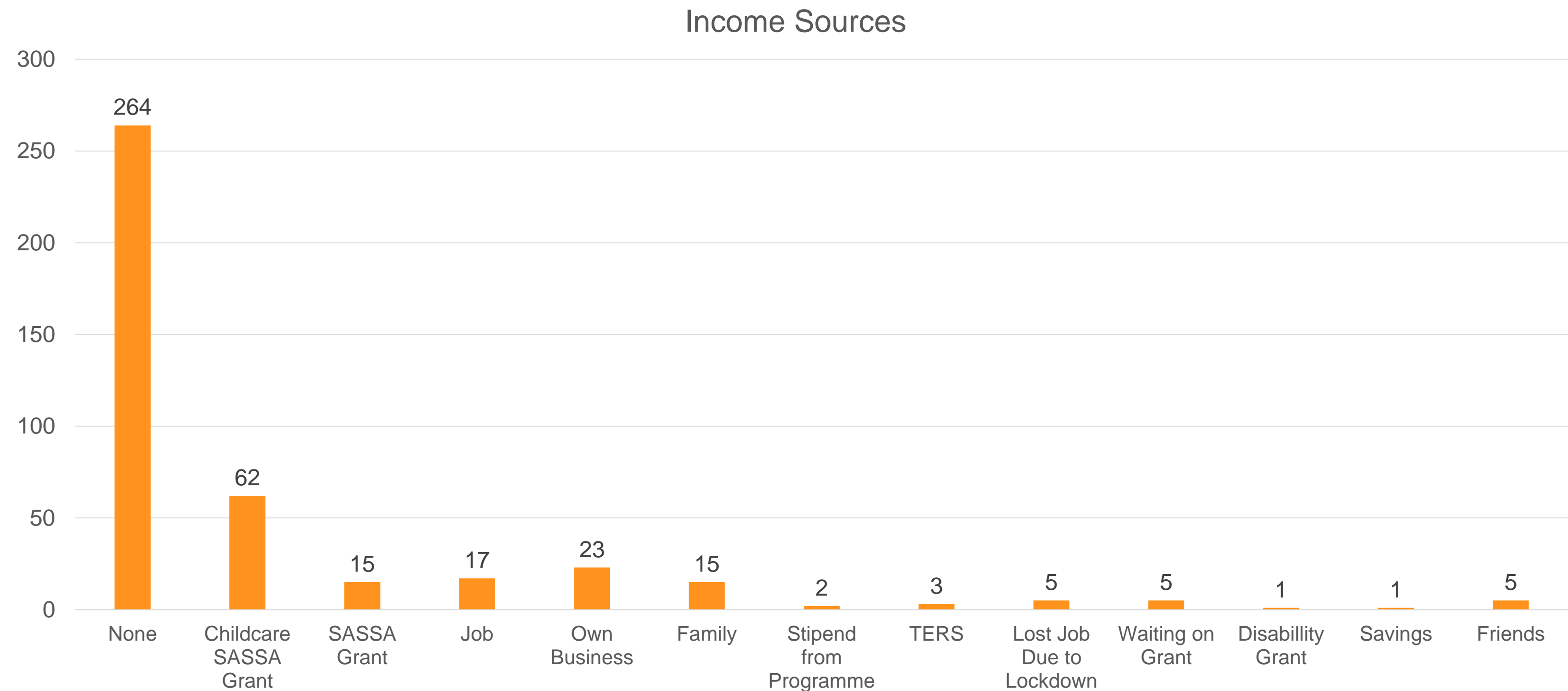
It is frustrating to feel helplessness in a time where by your age you are supposed to be the cornerstone of your family. We are hopeful that the covid19 social relief grant will help spread income, only then would i eat at least two meals 😊.

I'm an unemployed graduate.

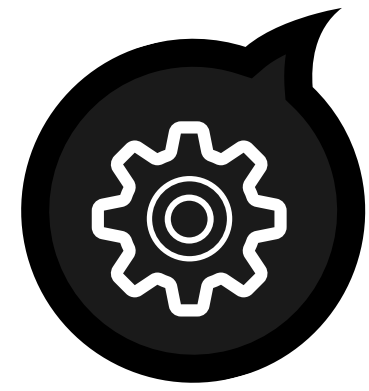
**63% of participants do not have an income.
15% of participants use their Childcare grants.**



None	264	63,16%
Childcare SASSA Grant	62	14,83%
SASSA Grant	15	3,59%
Job	17	4,07%
Own Business	23	5,50%
Family	15	3,59%
Stipend from Programme	2	0,48%
TERS	3	0,72%
Lost Job Due to Lockdown	5	1,20%
Waiting on Grant	5	1,20%
Disability Grant	1	0,24%
Savings	1	0,24%
Friends	5	1,20%



Team Progress



Launched Listening Groups

Current Participants : 72 Youth

We launched **5 WhatsApp Listening Groups**, a platform for us to directly talk and engage with our youth and find out what is going on in their lives and gather insights around key topics.

We have groups dedicated to unemployed youth in the following areas: **Gauteng, Western Cape, BCM**, and a key target focus groups on **Women-Only** and **Employed Youth**.

Connected with more/new WhatsApp groups through the Sourcing team

Feedback from: 348 Youth

Through connecting to various **Sourcing Team Members** as well as other Harambee Members, we've been able to connect to various community groups across various locations and demographics.

Engaged with other teams to expand future reach

We're engaging and collaborating with the **Impact Unit, Content Team and Dev Team** to expand our reach and formats in engaging Youth, to get a broader and deeper understanding of what they are going through.

Began activating partner relationships

Current Participants : 40 Youth

We began activating partner relationships and will continue to grow these where possible.