

Analysis of the negative impacts of current economic crisis to PWDs in SL



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Demographic information of PWDs in SL

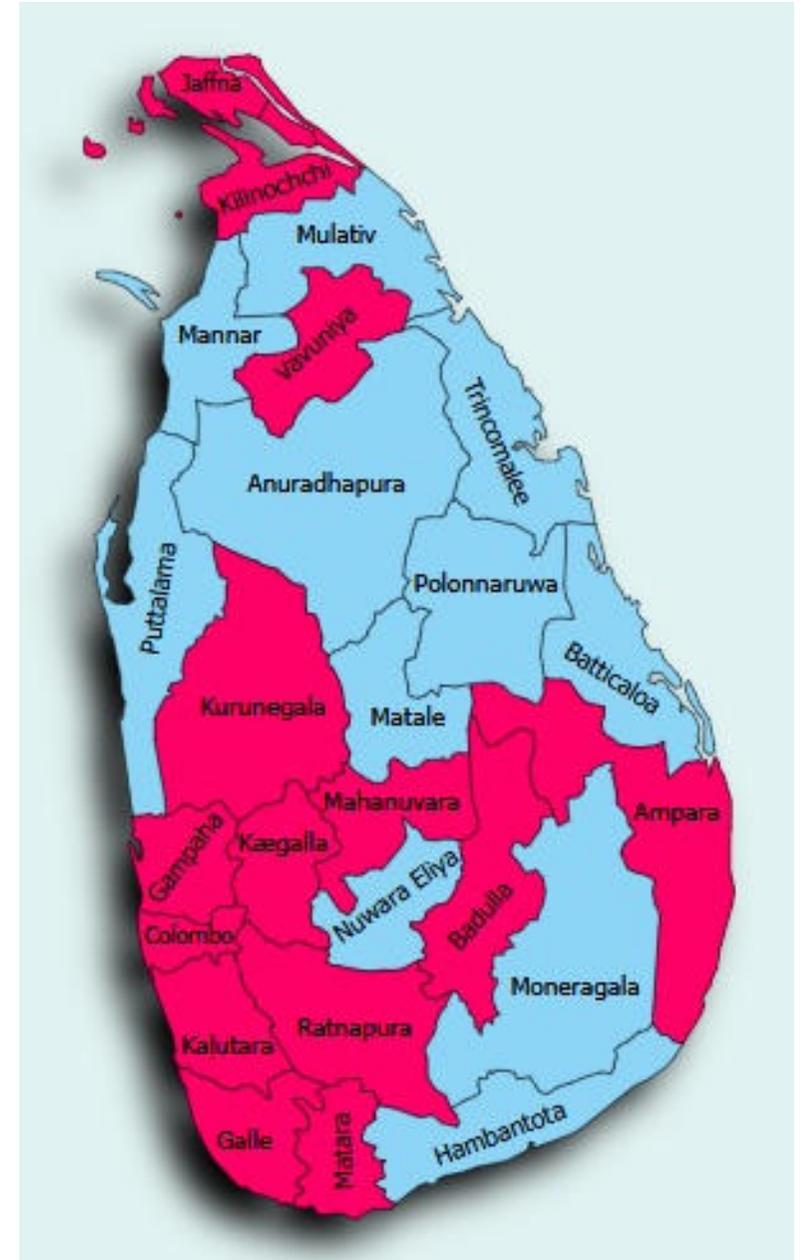
- Total PWD population - 12.9%
- Visual impairment - 61%
- Difficulty in walking - 45%
- Hearing impairment - 24%

- Depression situation among normal population has increased from 10% to 25% due to current economic crisis

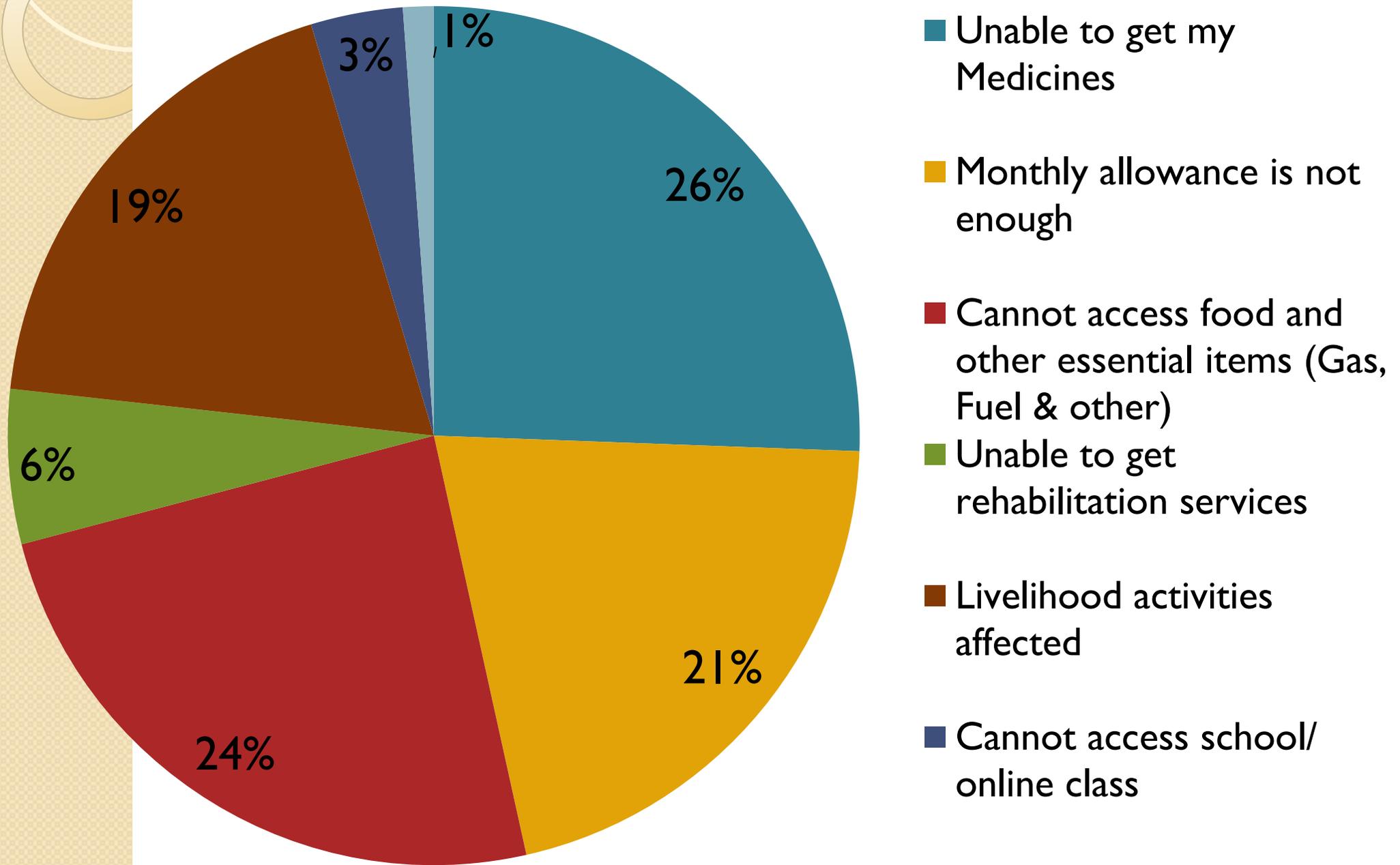
Results/ findings of recent rapid assessment

Assessment covered 11 districts in Sri Lanka

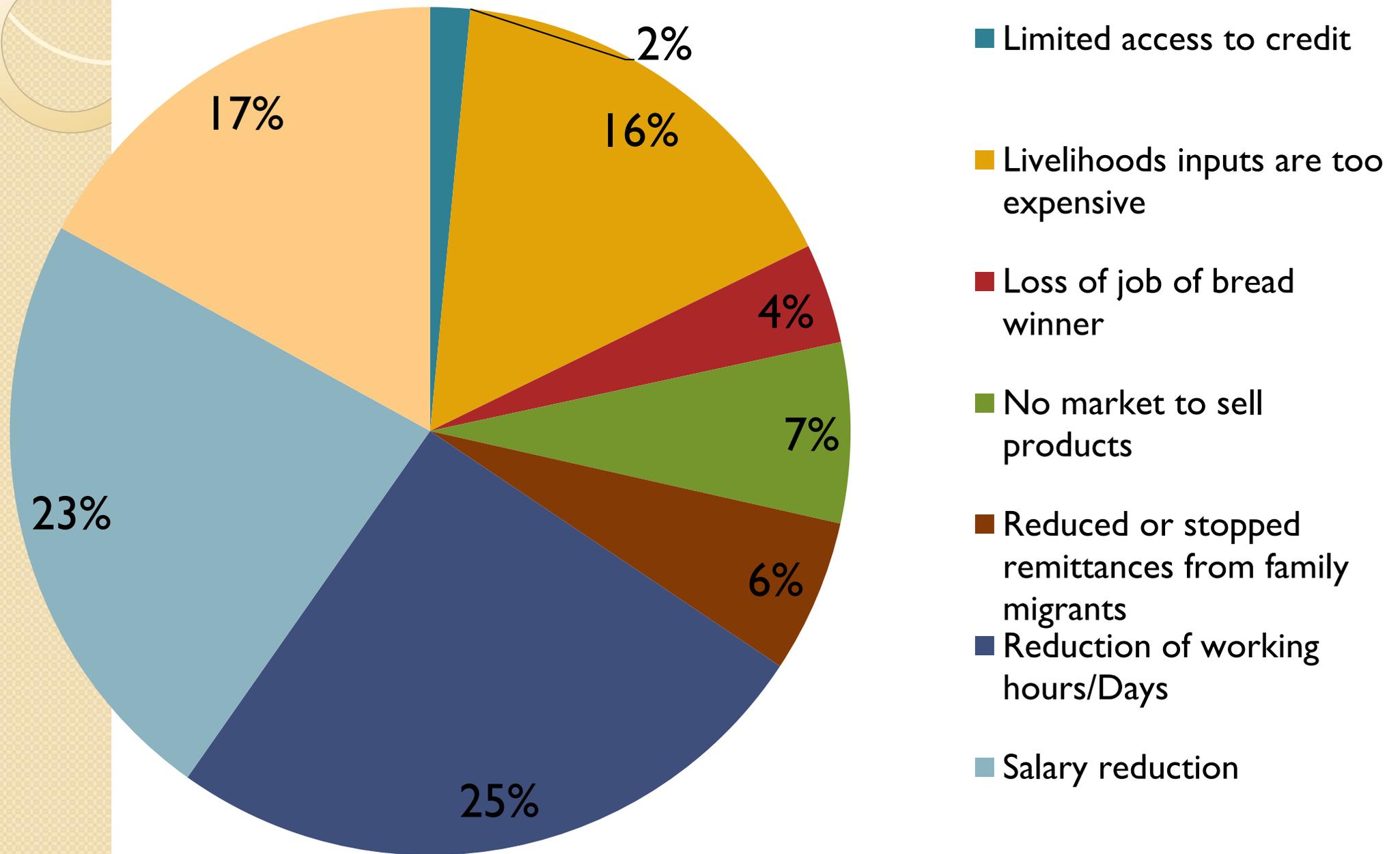
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2. Manar
3. Mullaithivu
4. Trincomalee
5. Batticaloa
6. NuwaraEliya
7. Dambulla
8. Anuradhapura
9. Monaragala
10. Hambantota
11. Polonnaruwa



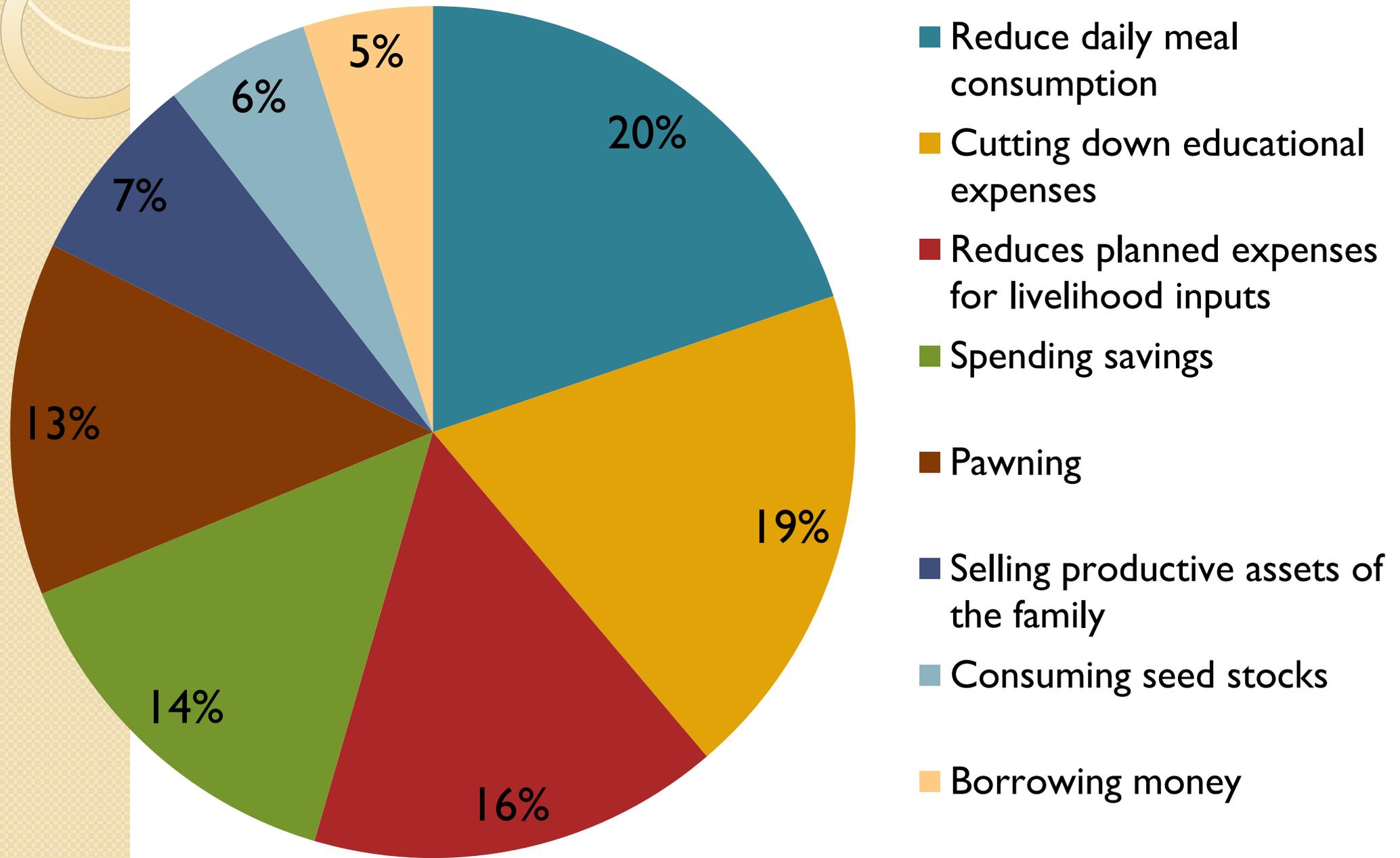
Response of PWDs on the effect of current EC of SL



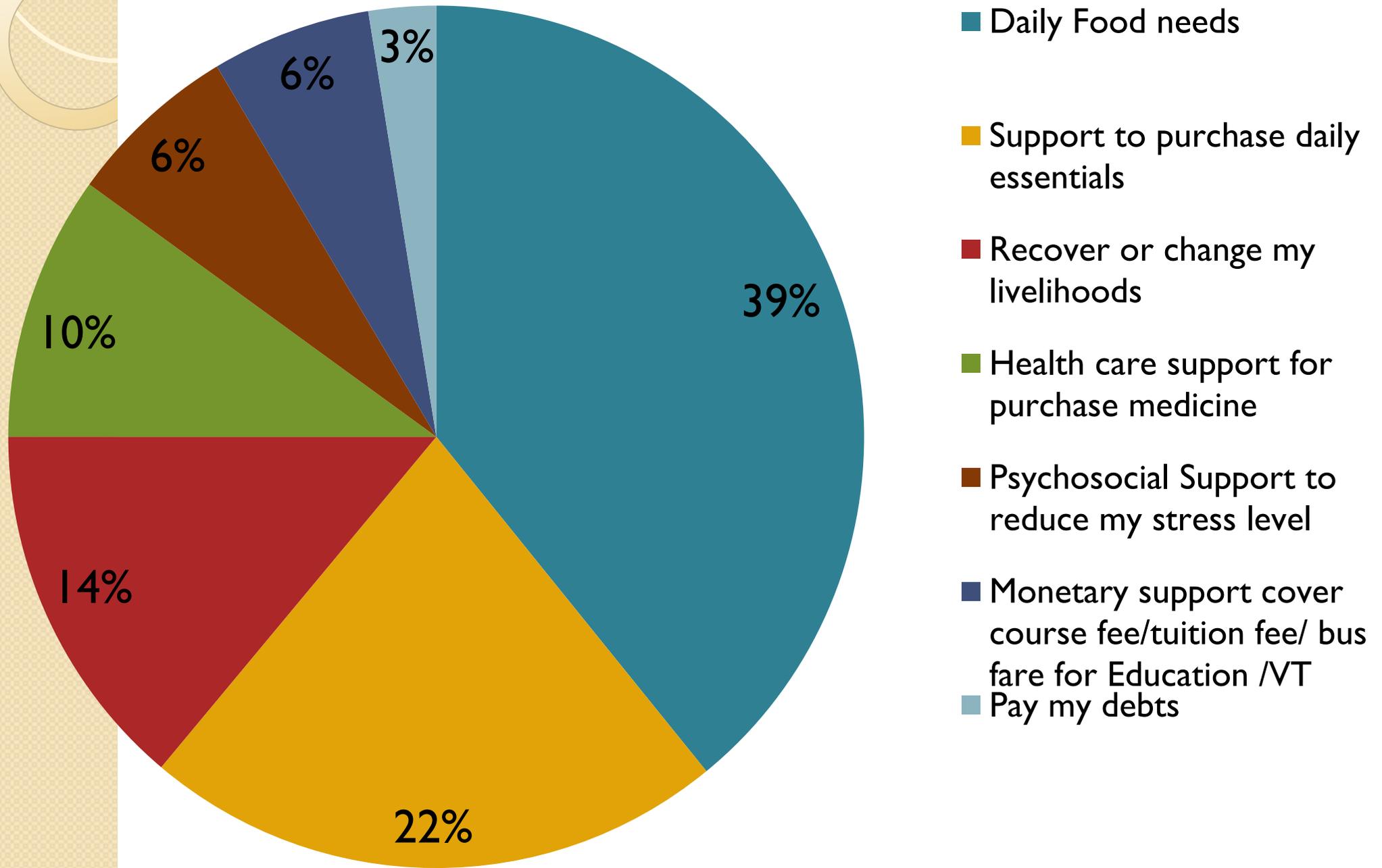
How it has affected to Income of the families of PWDs



How they are copping up current EC



Current priority Needs of PWDs



Issues faced by persons with mental health issues

- 10% of persons with mental health issues
- Scarcity of psychotropic medicine in government hospitals
- Low nutritious foods for persons with mental health issues

What we have done so far

- Facilitate DPOs to conduct Rapid assessment to identify negative impacts of economic crisis, develop advocacy plan, and to advocate authorities.
- Prepare emergency response plan for DPOs and SHGs
- Organized youth networks, movements to work collaborative with DPOs to raise their voices
- Facilitate youth groups to make advocacy plan, to develop promotional materials and to implement public awareness campaigns through social media



What can we do for them

- Network all local DPOs together, develop platform to share their experiences with international forums and open learning opportunity from them
- Integrate youth movements with DPOs and SHGs for better empowerment.
- Include PWDs for national response programs.
- Increase resilience of food security, medical assistance and livelihood recovery.



**Thank
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