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Vulnerable Households at the Edge of the Pandemic

More than almost any other constituency in the developing world, rural subsistence households are at risk of becoming the invisible victims of the health and economic impacts of COVID-19.

In our latest [COVID-19 Emergency Briefing](#), we look at how the pandemic will impact **vulnerable subsisting farmers**. These farmers are likely to live below the poverty line, have limited access to financial services, and rely on

income sources outside of farming like social networks and government or donor assistance.

This new brief maps out the potential direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19 on vulnerable subsisting farmers, from the first diagnosed case in rural areas to the long-term effects as a country "returns to normal."

We also introduce a number of pitfalls we believe governments, donors, and service providers should avoid as they work to reach and support these farmers, and the most immediate actions needed to avoid long-term poverty in an already vulnerable population.

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