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As COVID-19 continues its march, how have families in West Africa weathered income shocks, disruptions to education, and strains on public health systems? What trends have emerged in households' coping mechanisms when facing food insecurity and employment losses? What portion of respondents is committed to getting vaccinated? How is each government responding to these challenges, how have messaging strategies persisted or changed over time, and what can decision-makers learn from each other? These and other questions have been at the forefront of decision-makers' minds while forming policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire, and Burkina Faso. Tracking how people's lives are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic can enable policymakers to better understand the situation in their countries and make evidence-based policy decisions.This webinar shared findings from both rounds of IPA's RECOVR survey in Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire, and Burkina Faso—a panel survey designed to inform decision-makers about the communities that are hardest hit by the economic toll of the pandemic. The session also covered how policymakers are using survey findings to continually adapt their responses to changing demands and chart an economic recovery. Andreas Holzinger (IPA) discussed findings from Sierra Leone and Shana Warren (IPA) discussed findings from Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso. Sunday Sinnah and Abbie Clare provided commentary and policy perspectives from government and civil society partners in each country. Fatu Conteh (IPA) moderated the discussion and Q&A following the presentations.This webinar is part of IPA's RECOVR Webinar Series: Bringing Evidence to COVID-19 Policy Responses in the Global South. Together with our partners, we are using this series to rapidly share what we are learning



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