Survey conducted in Mongla and Noapara, Bangladesh

The Liveable Regional Cities in Bangladesh Project

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Utilising the cities of Mongla and Noapara in south-western Bangladesh as case studies, the Liveable Regional Cities in Bangladesh project set out to explore what makes regional cities more liveable from the perspective of residents and local stakeholders. The project addresses three intersecting global challenge areas: sustainable cities and communities; long-term environmental change and resilience; and also sustainable livelihoods. Using an interdisciplinary approach, the project conducted 201 household surveys, storytelling workshops and 40 semi-structured interviews with residents and local stakeholders in September and October of 2019. The survey results in this document showcase the snapshot of the lives of 201 lower income and middle-class¹ residents.

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All outputs (Dissemination briefs about Mongla and Noapara, films, survey results and photographs) of the Liveability Project are on the ICCCAD website and the Durham University, IHRR website.









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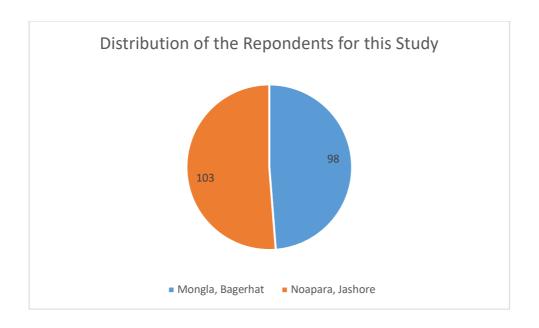






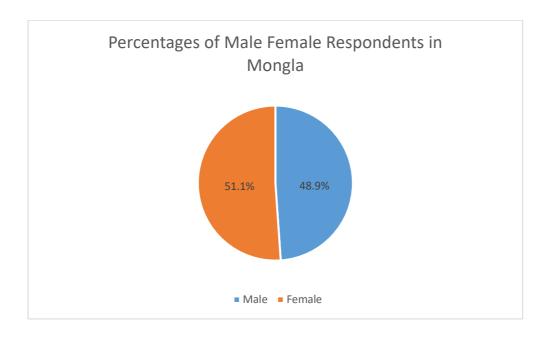
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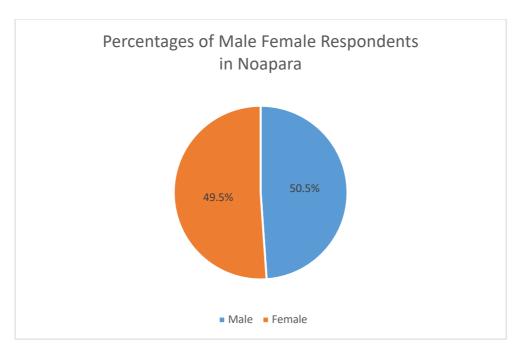
¹ The middle class residents were located by the surveyors asking random local people from different spheres of life "where do the middle income people live?". We found that there were some specific areas where the middle class people live according to the local people. Among these middle class locals there were lower income earners as well as middle income earners. Education was reoccurringly emphasised as an important identifier of middle class. In many cases, the elders or the heads of the families might not have been educated but the second generation is currently being educated or has already completed steps to higher education.



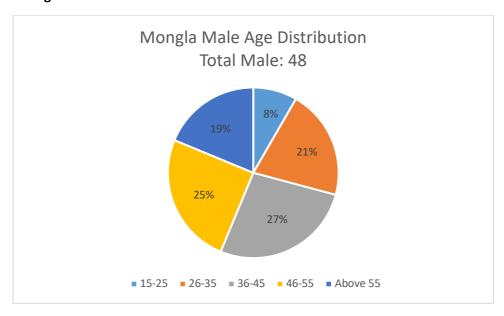
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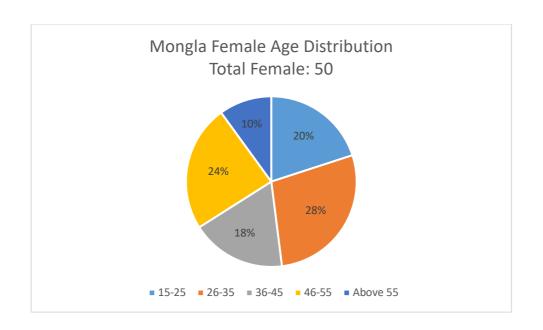
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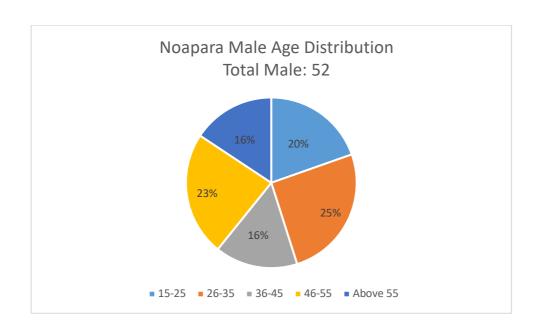


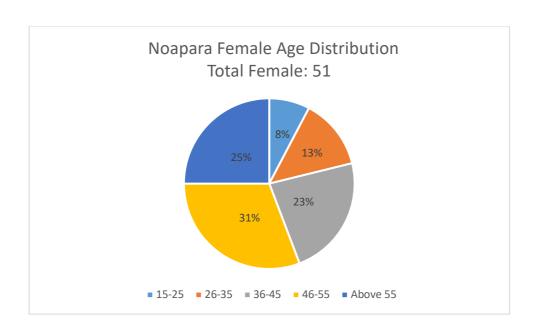


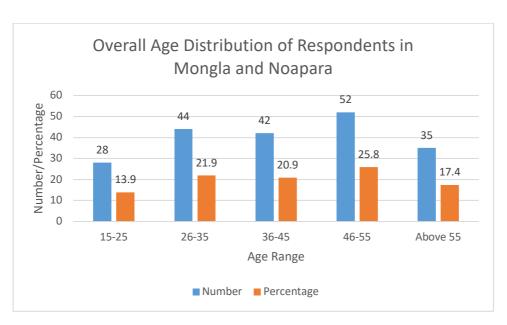
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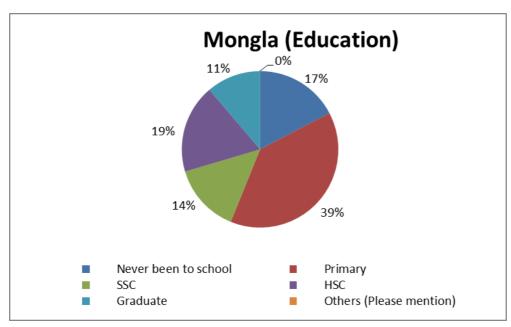


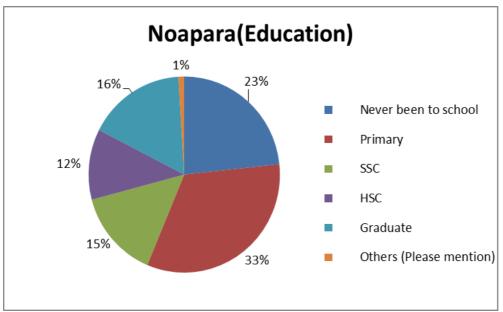


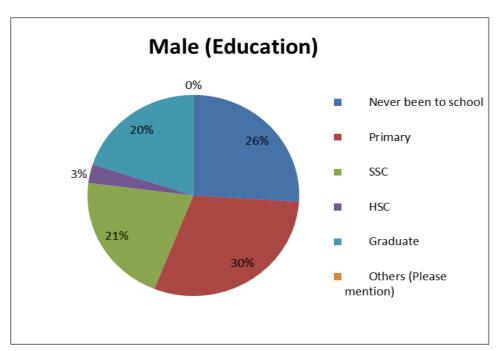


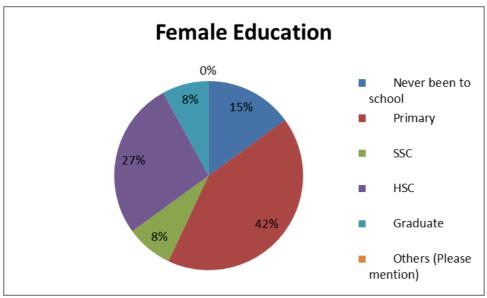


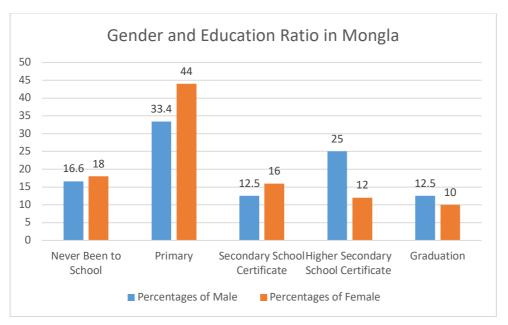
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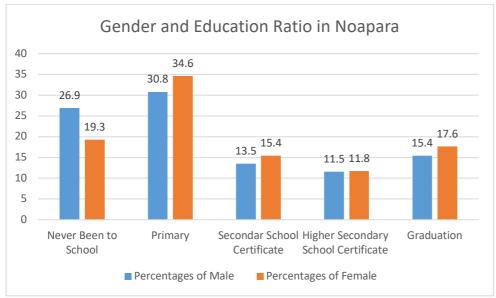


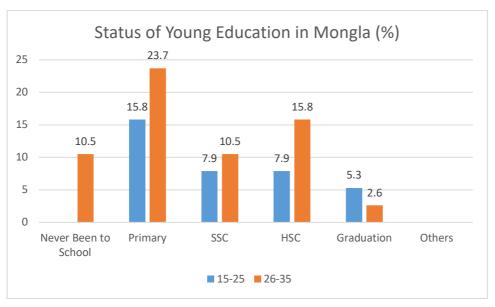


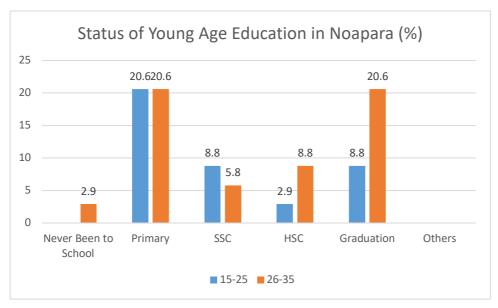


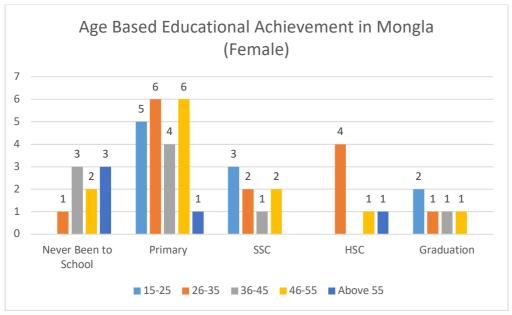


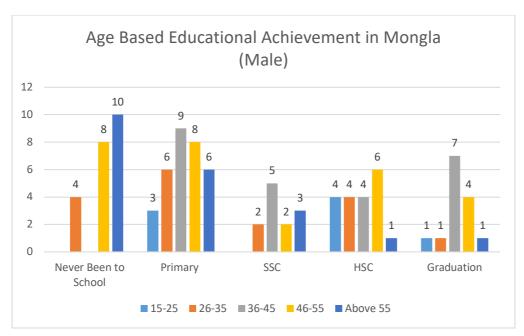


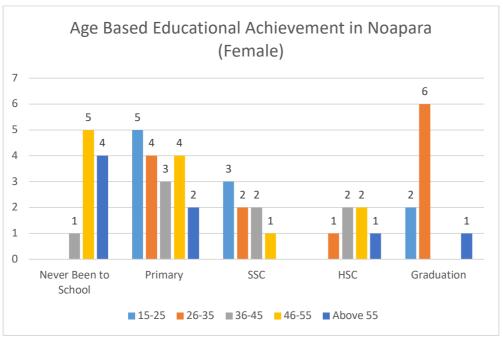


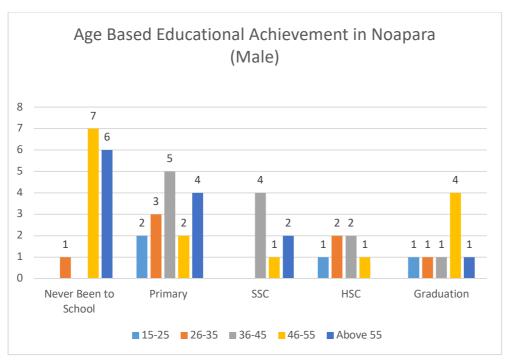


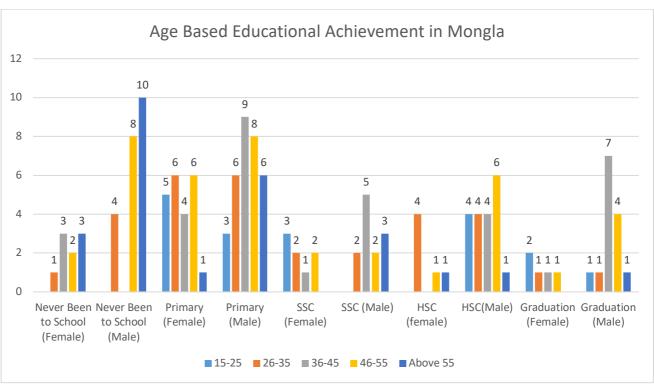


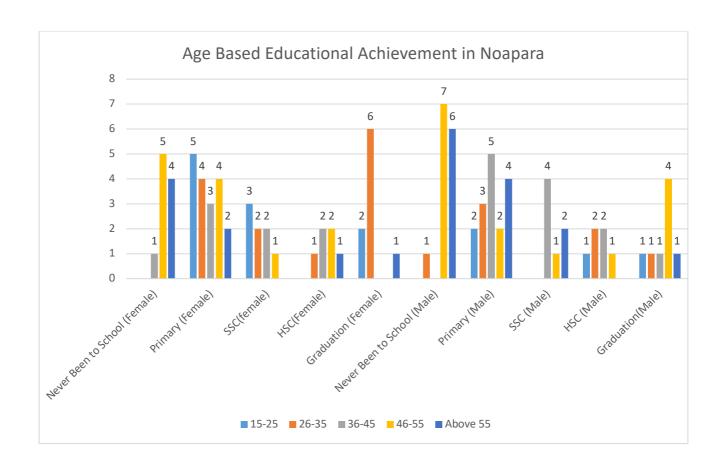




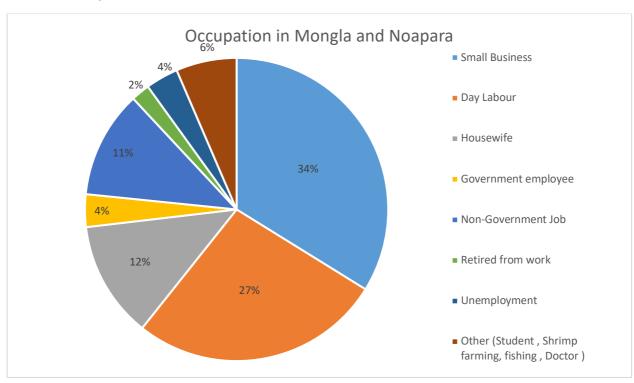


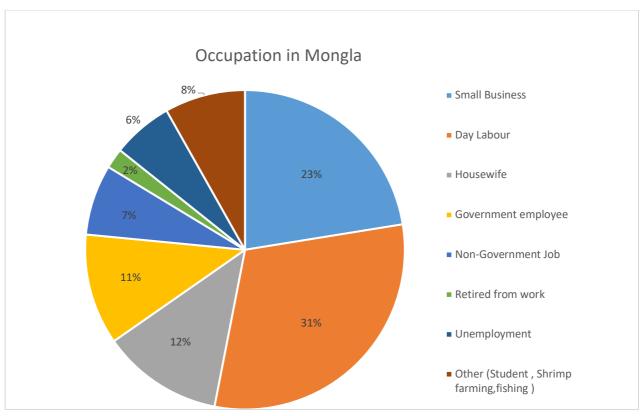


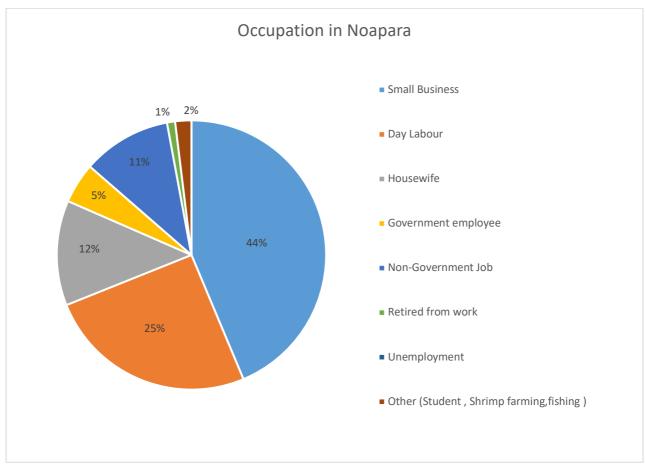




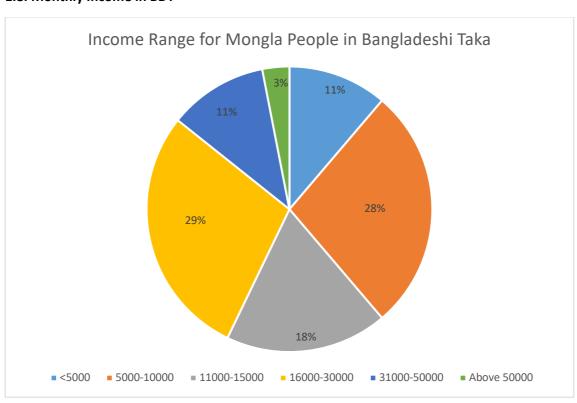
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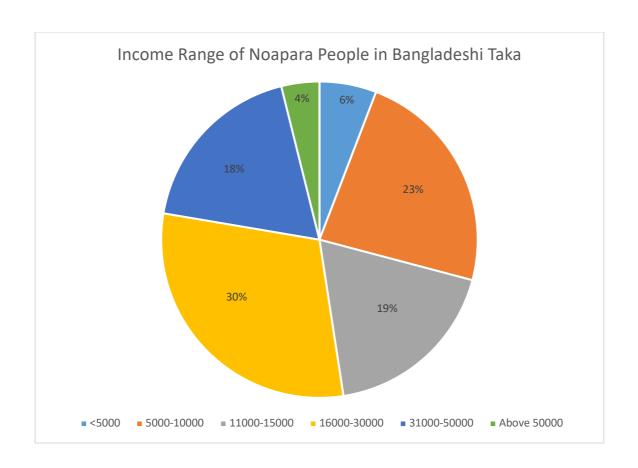




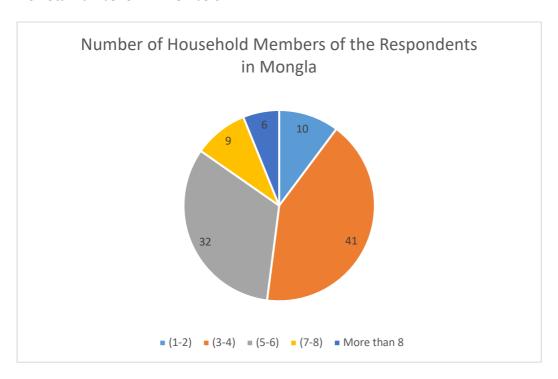


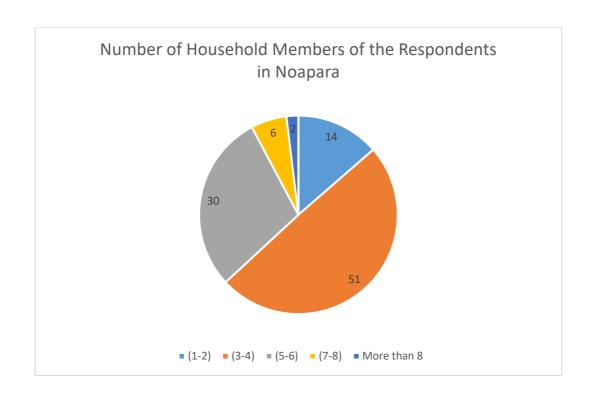
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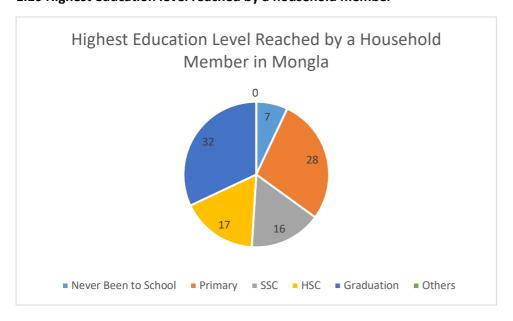


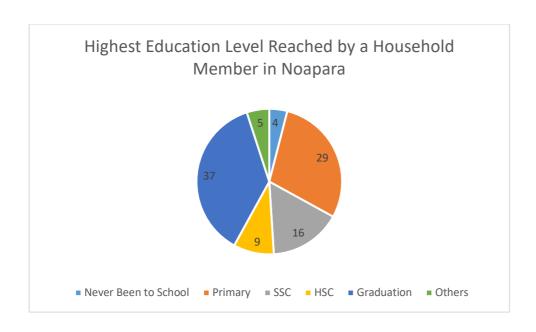
1.9 Total number of HH members



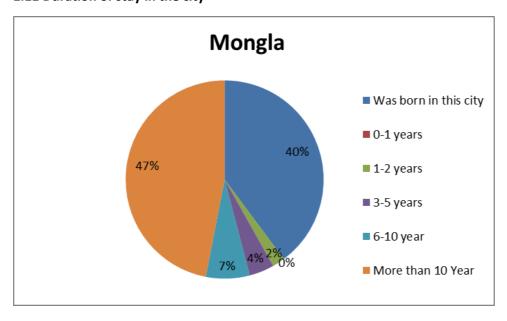


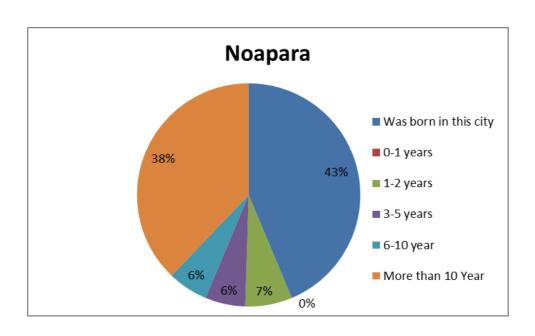
1.10 Highest education level reached by a household member



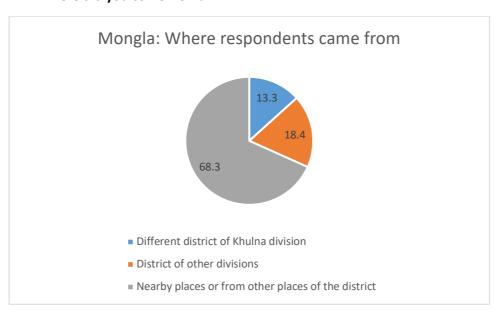


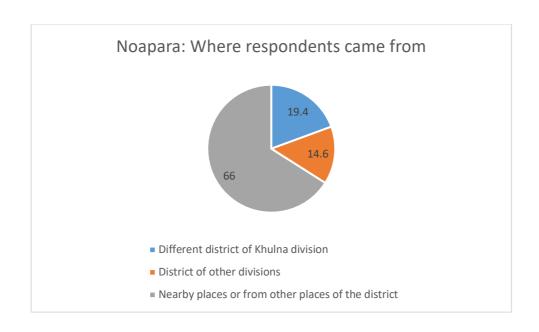
1.11 Duration of stay in the city



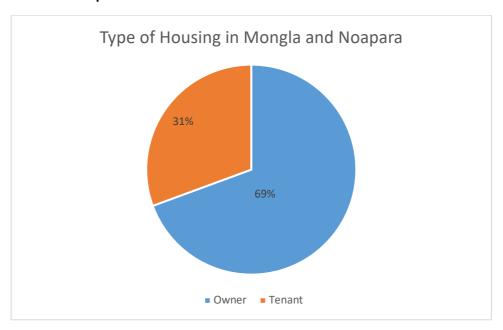


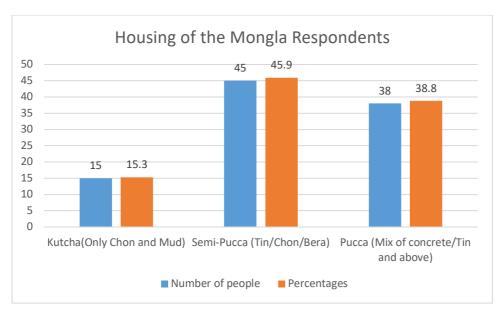
1.12 Where did you come from?

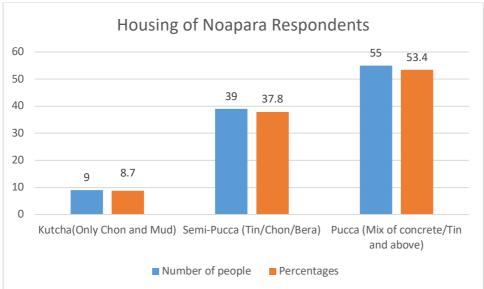




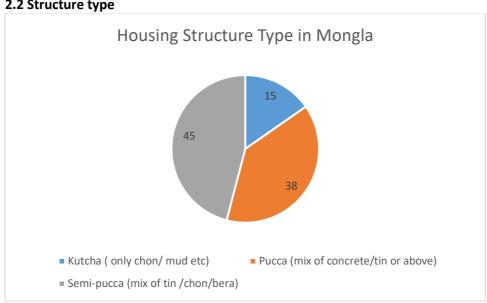
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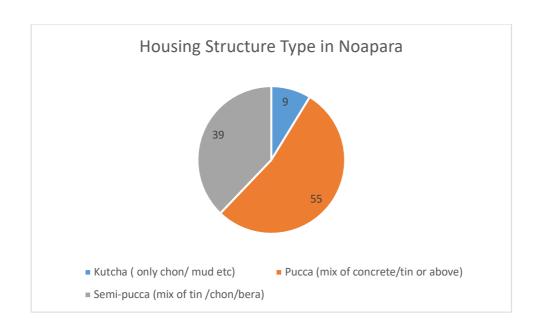




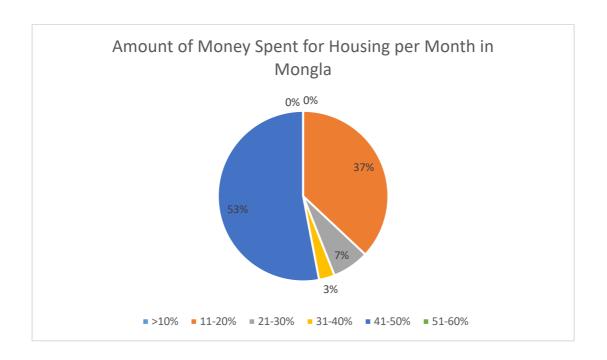


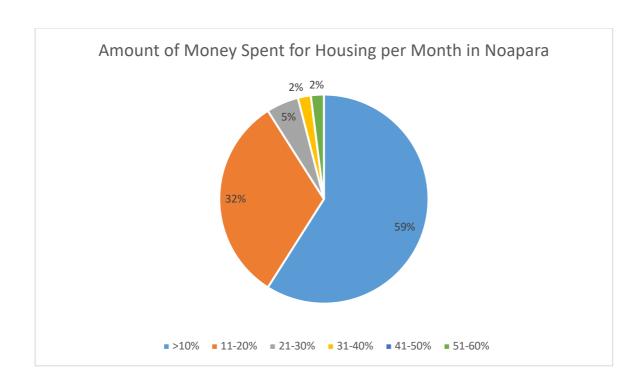




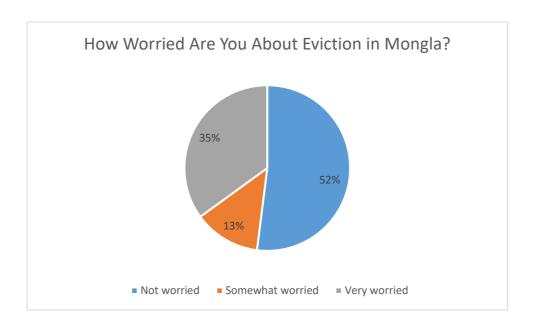


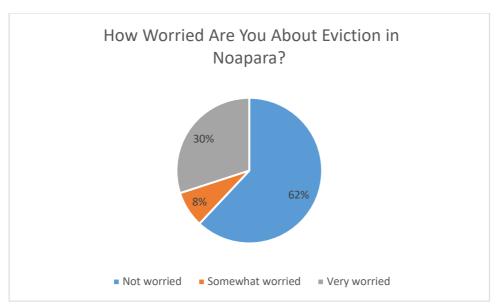
2.3 Amount of money spent for housing per month? (rent /repairing etc.)

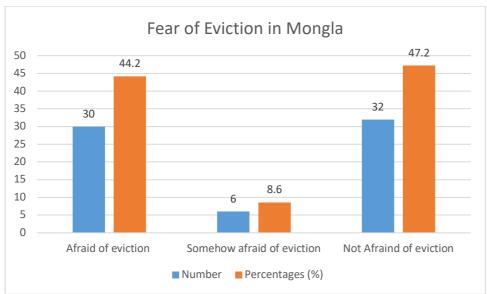


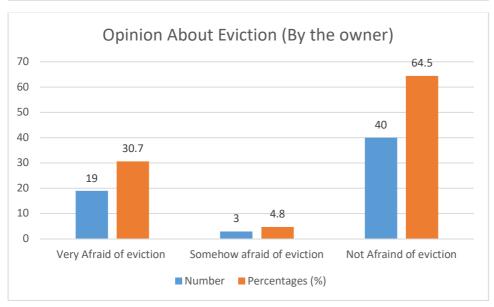


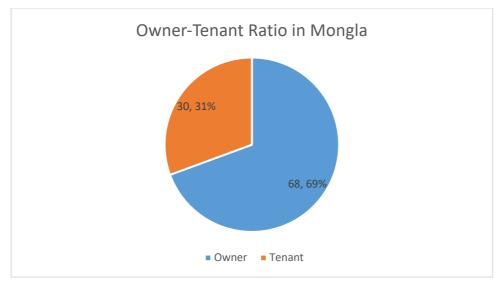
2.4. How worried are you about eviction?

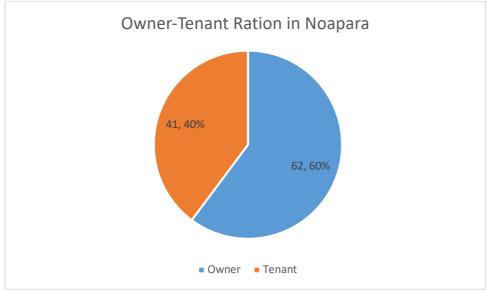




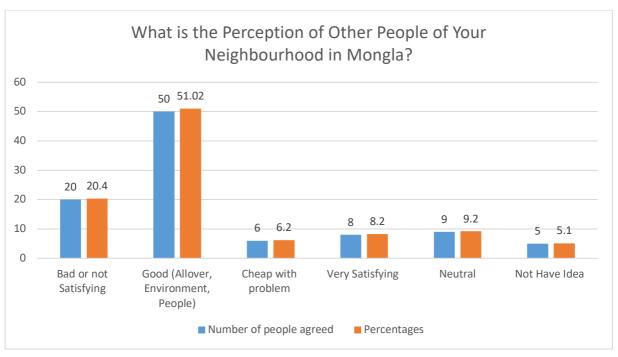


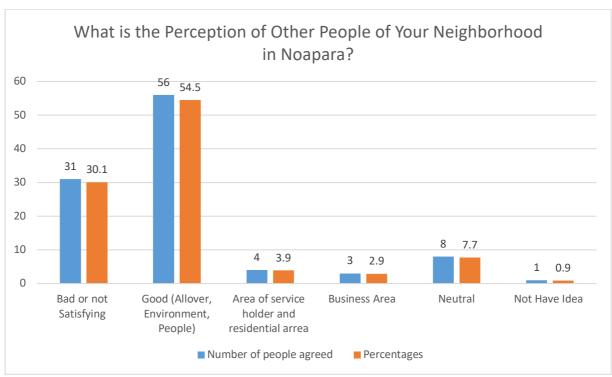






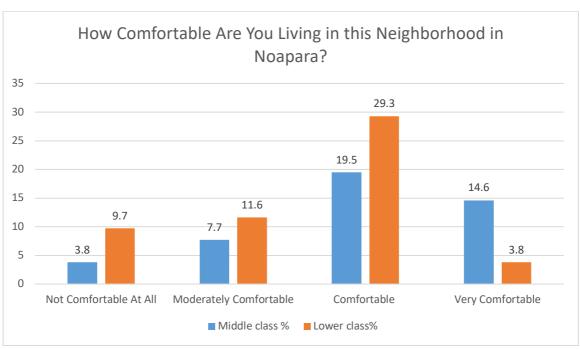
3.1. What is the perception of other people about your neighborhood?

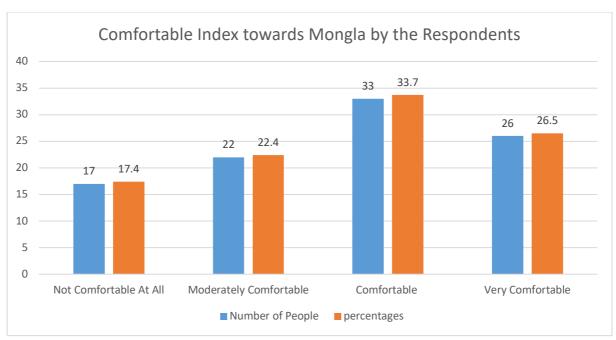


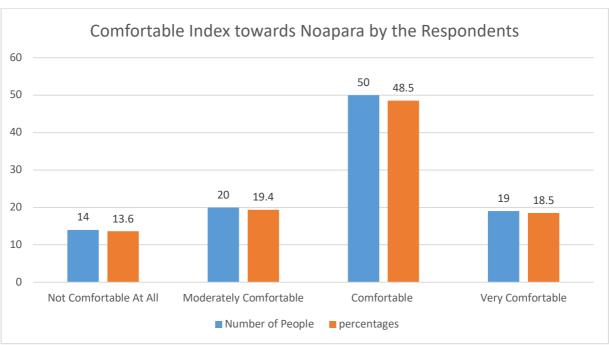


3.2. How comfortable are you living in this neighborhood?

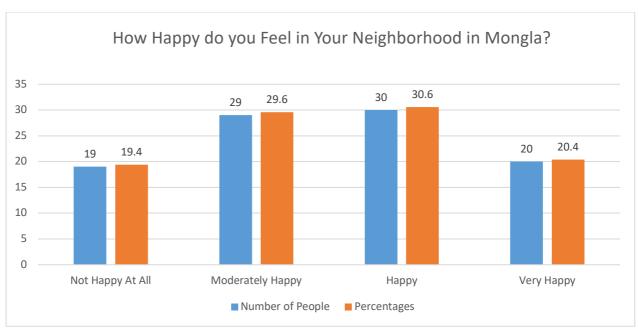


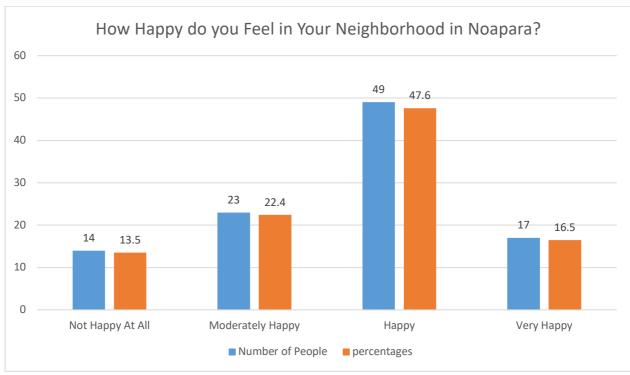


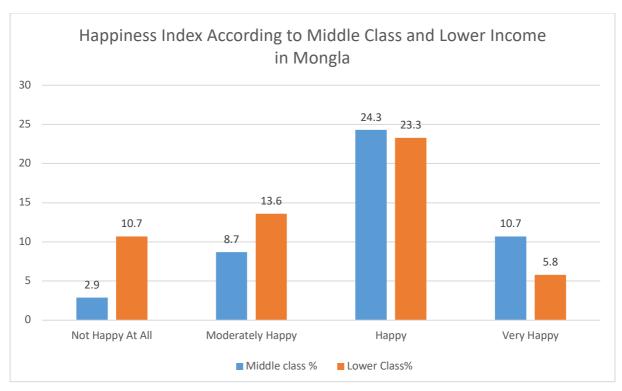


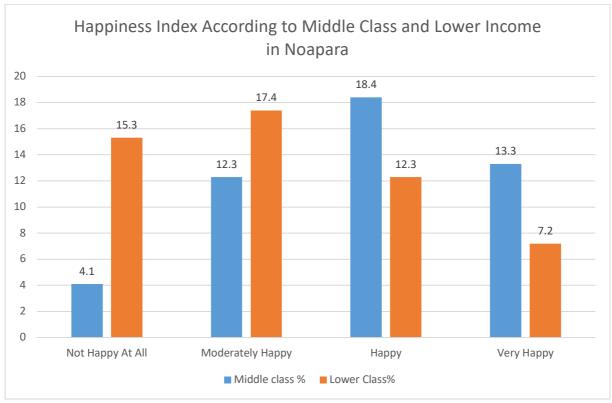


3.3. How happy do you feel in your neighborhood?

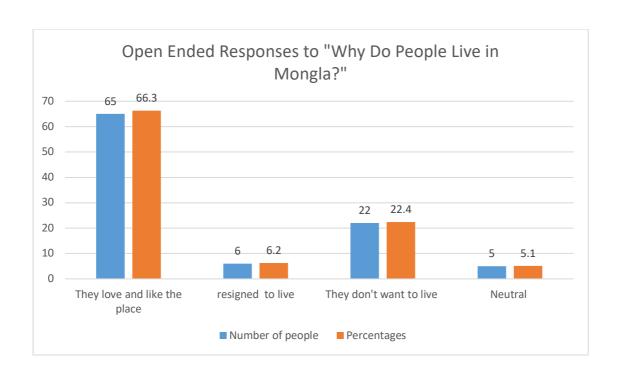


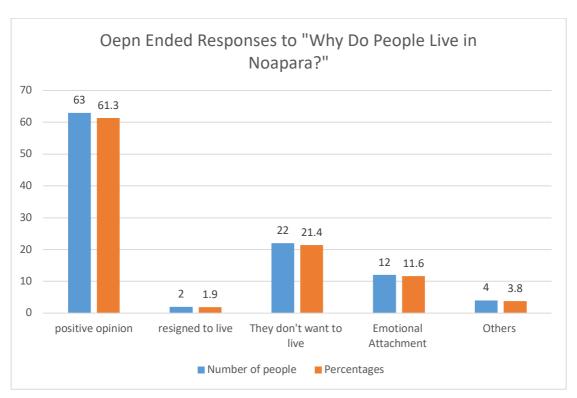




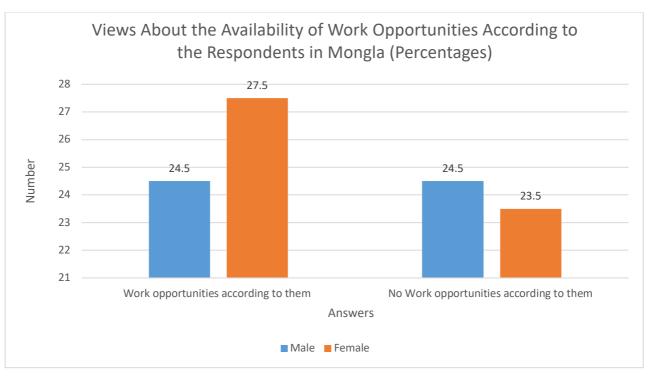


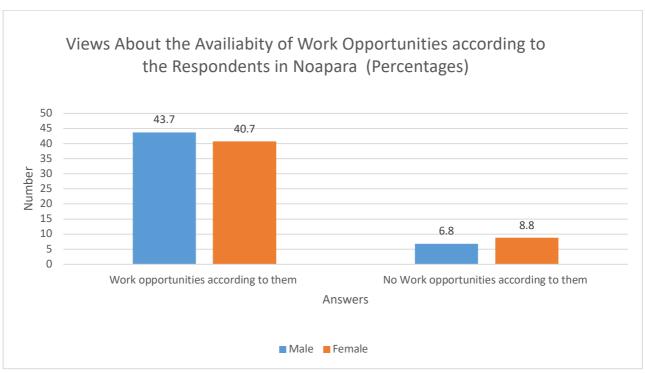
3.4. Number of People

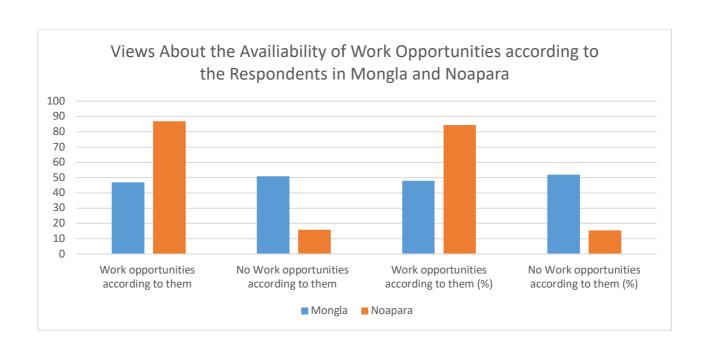




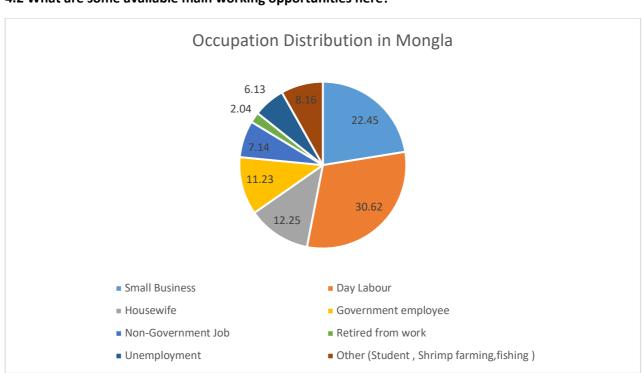
4.1. Is there enough work opportunities in your locality?

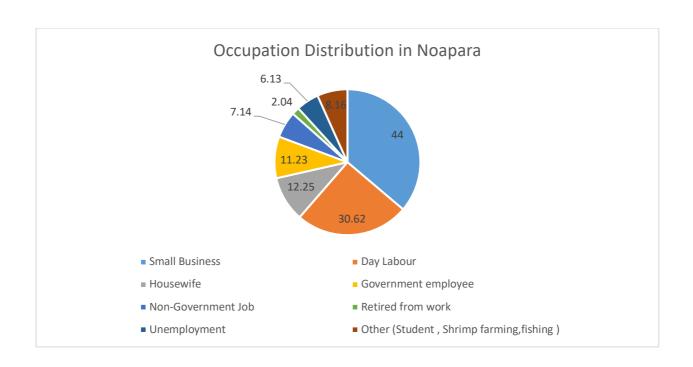




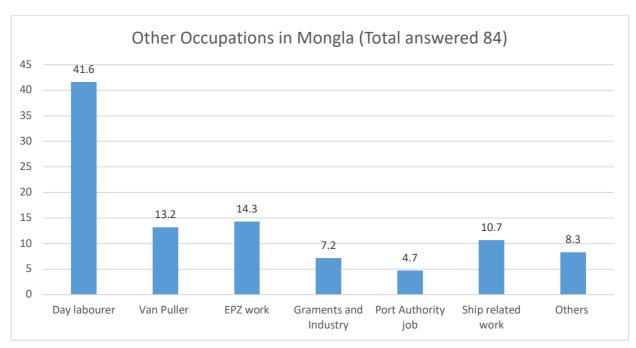


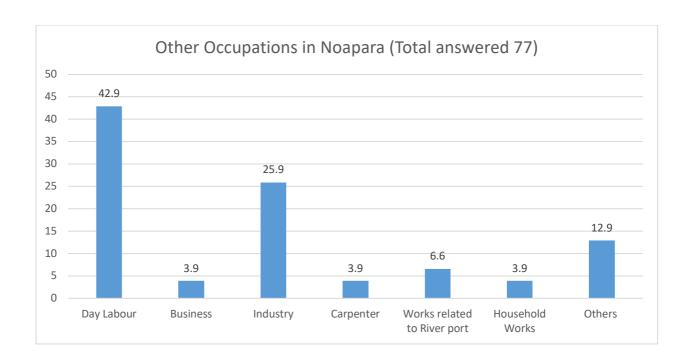
4.2 What are some available main working opportunities here?



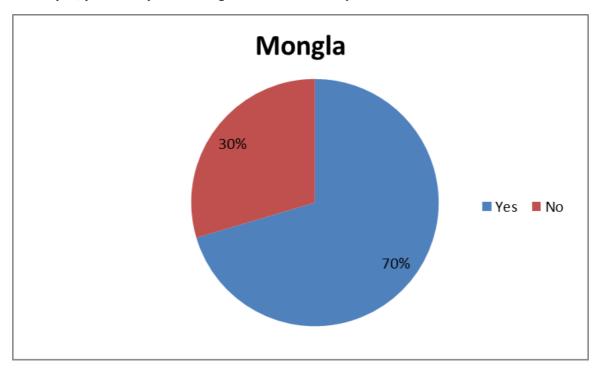


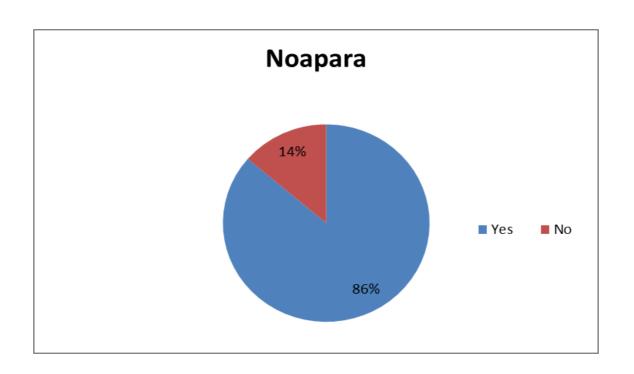
4.2.1. If Others then mention



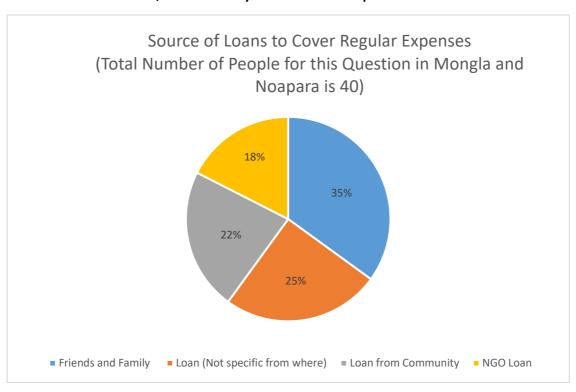


4.3 Do you/your family earn enough to cover all the expenses?

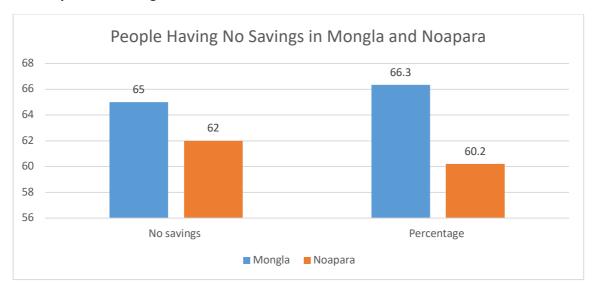


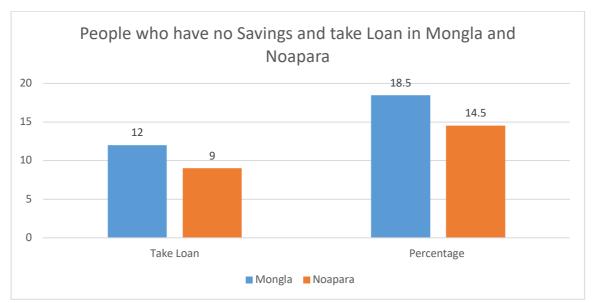


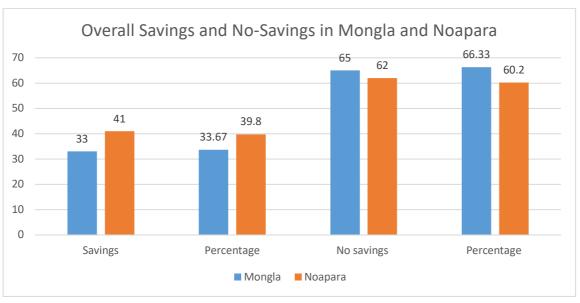
4.3.1. If the answer is no, then how do you cover all the expenses?

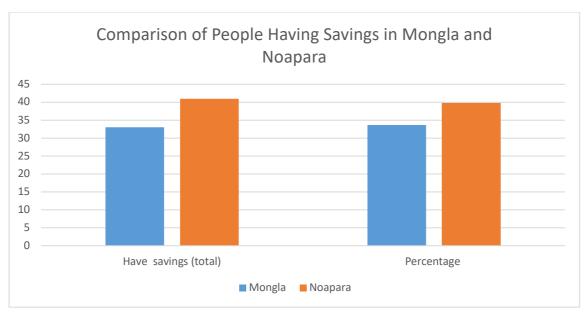


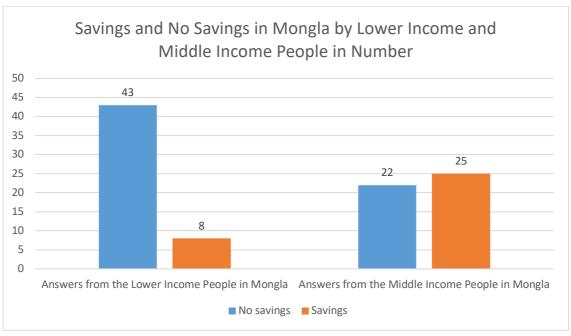
4.4. Do you have savings?

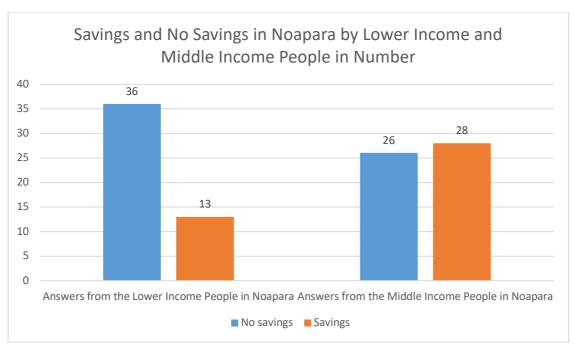


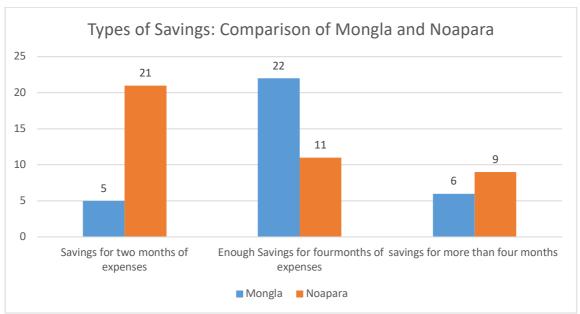


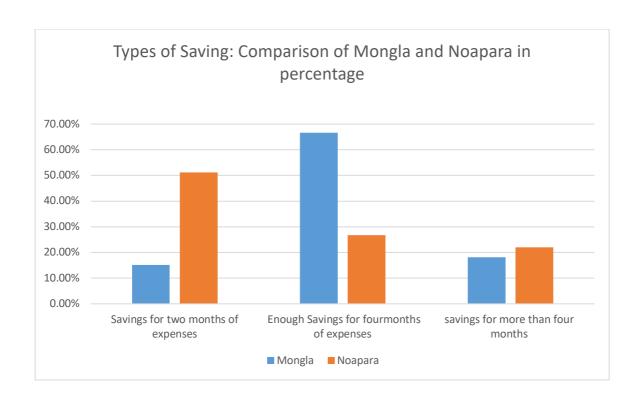




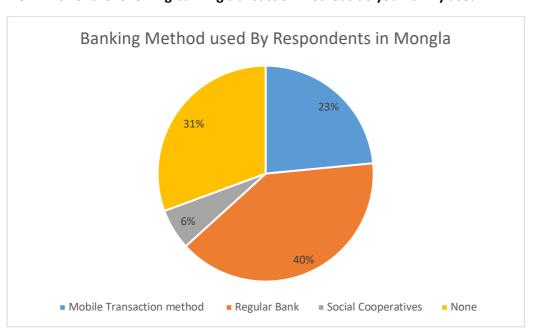


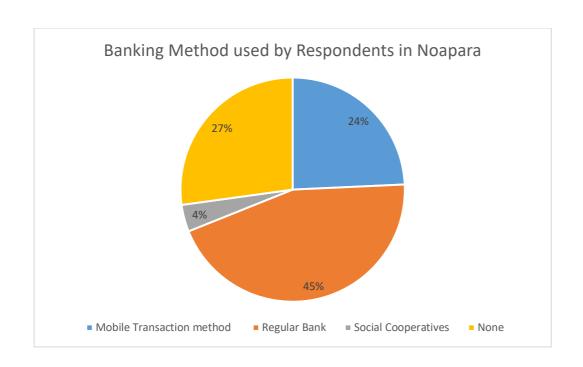


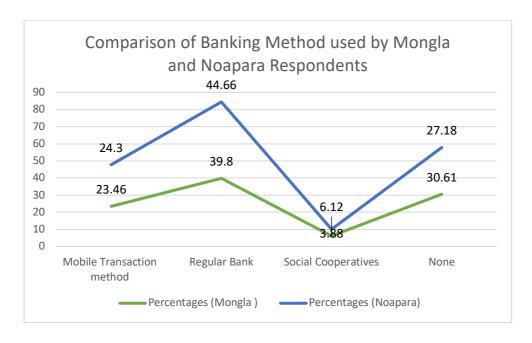




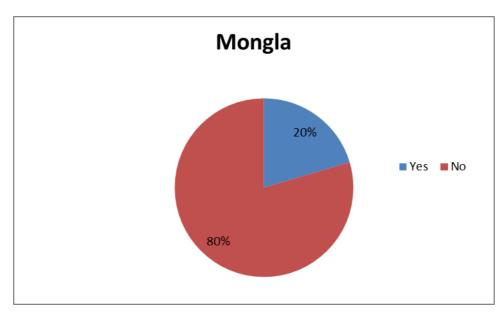
4.5. Which of the following banking transaction methods do your family use?

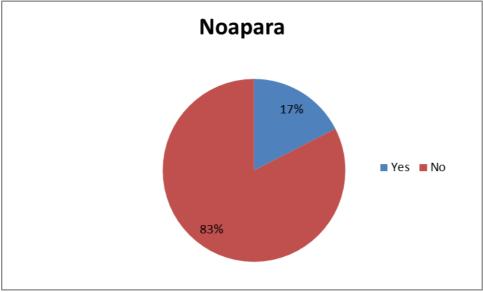






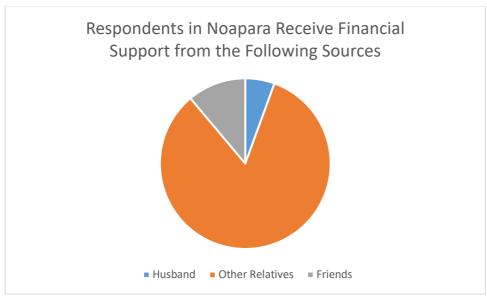
4.6 Do you rely on financial support from someone who does not live here at the moment?



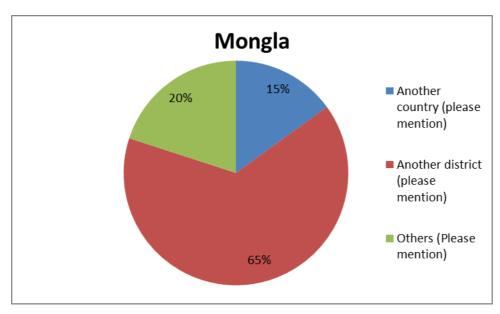


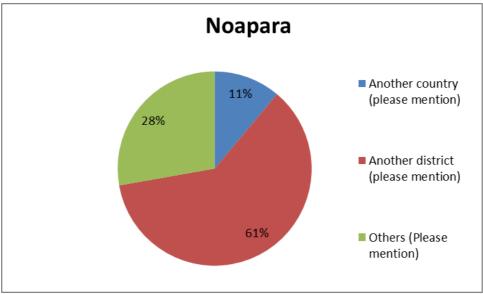
4.6.1 If yes, who provides financial support?



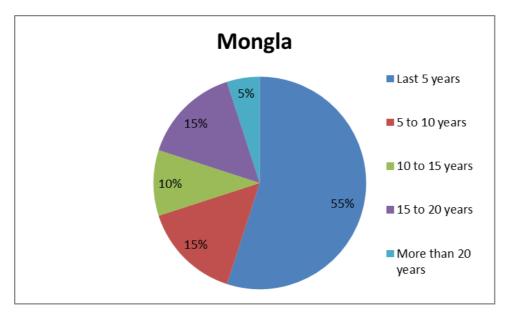


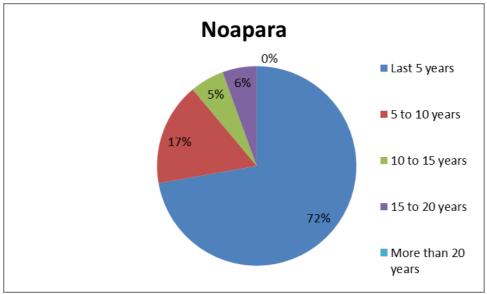
4.6.2 From where do they send the support?





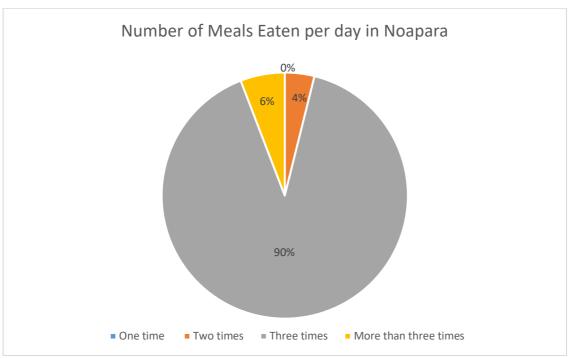
4.6.3 For how long have they been sending the financial support?

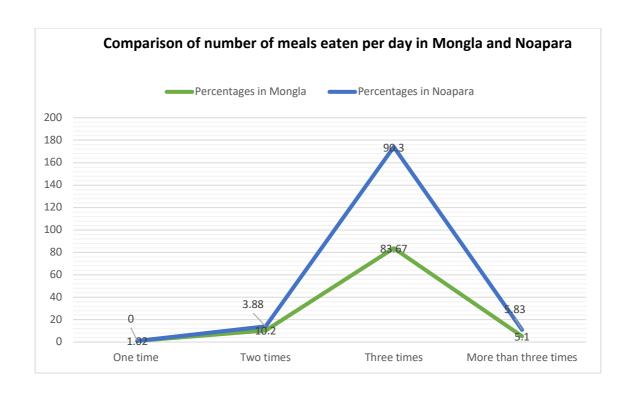




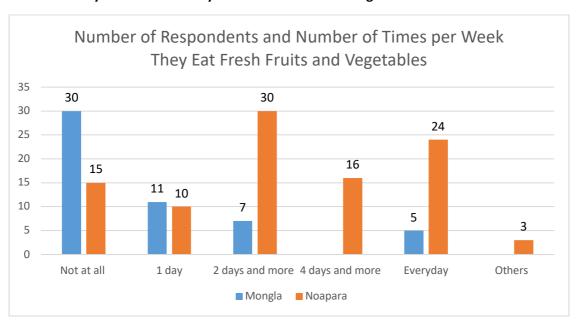
5.1 How many meals do you eat every day?

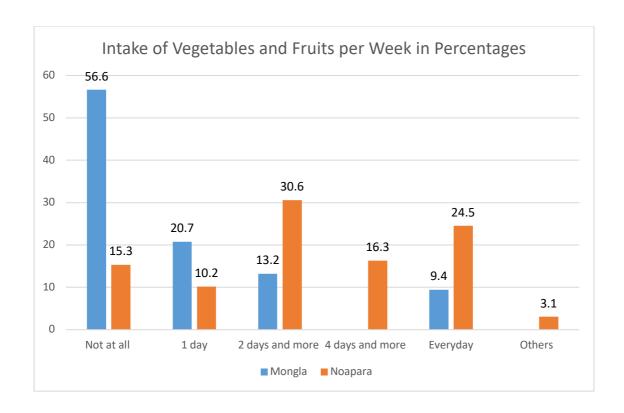






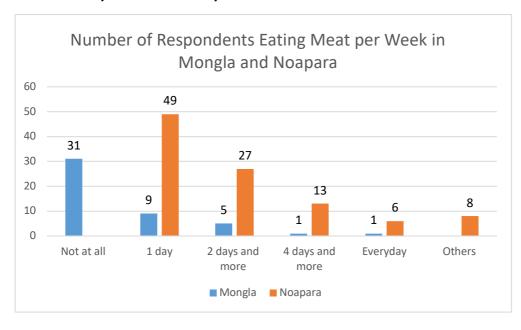
5.2. How many times a week do you eat fresh fruits and vegetables?

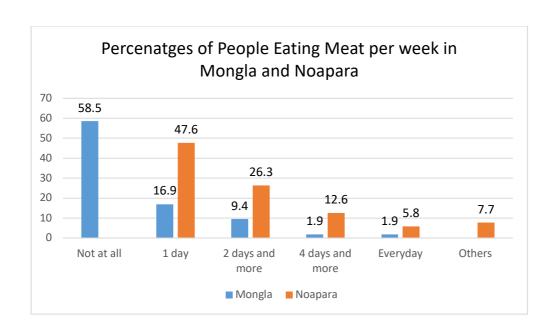




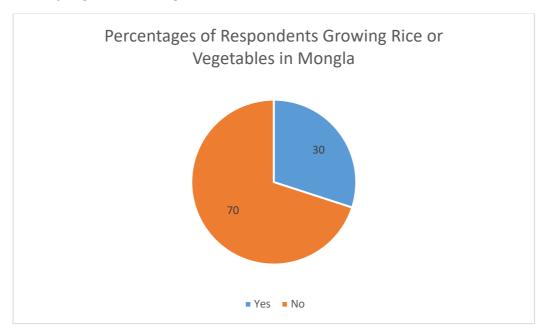
In Mongla, 53 people answered this question and in Noapara 98 respondents answered this question. That is why some answers are missing. It is the same for 5.3

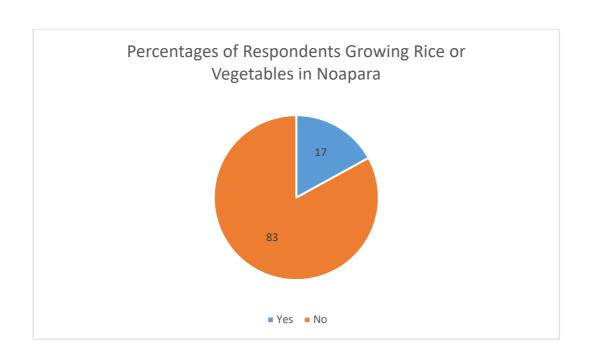
5.3. How many times a week do you eat meat?



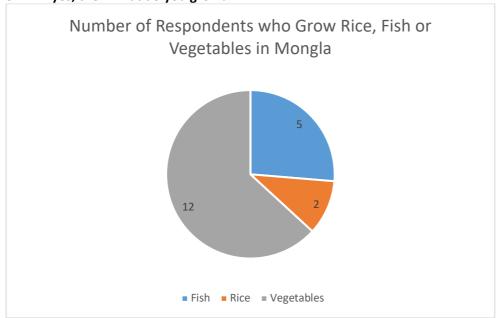


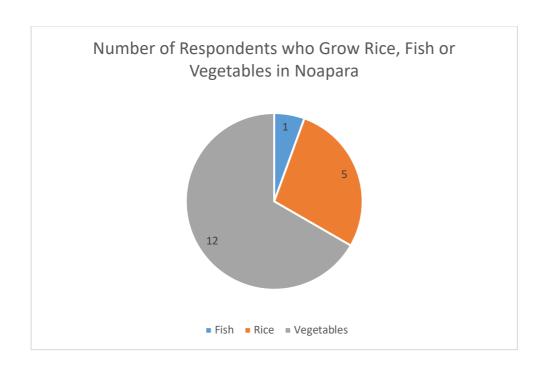
5.4 Do you grow rice or vegetables or farm fish here?



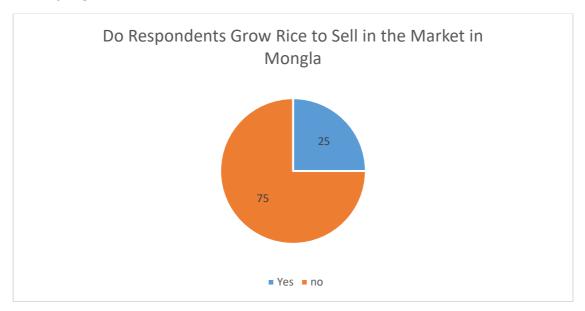


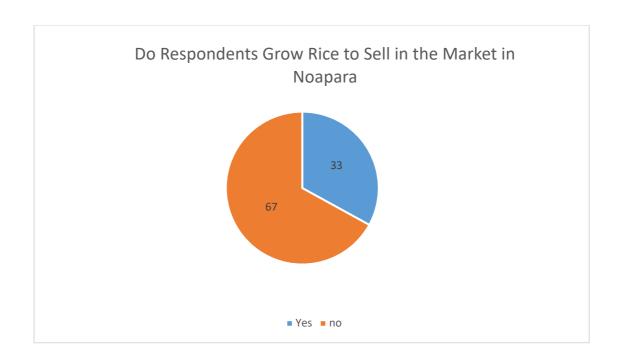
5.4.1 If yes, then what do you grow?





5.5 Do you grow rice to sell in the market?

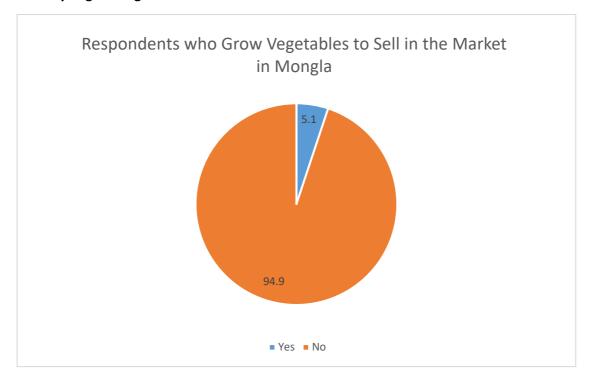


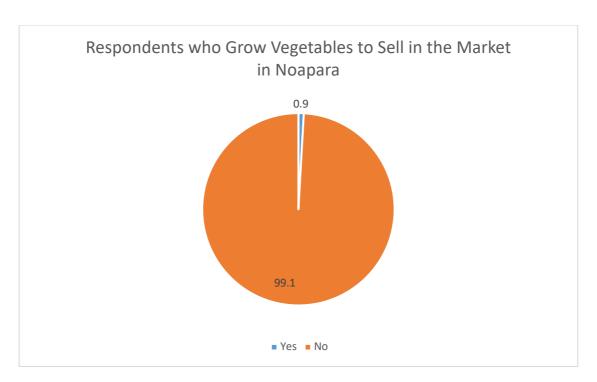


5.5.1. If yes, what proportion do you sell?

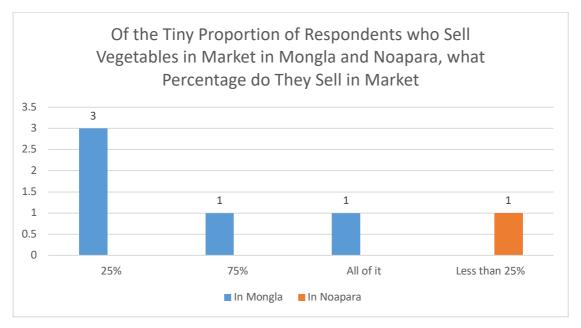
In Mongla there is a person who sell all of the rice proportion and in Noapara there are two people who sell all less than 25% rice.

5.6 Do you grow vegetables to sell in the market?

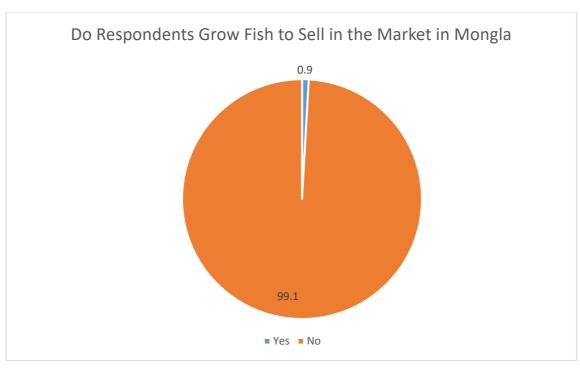


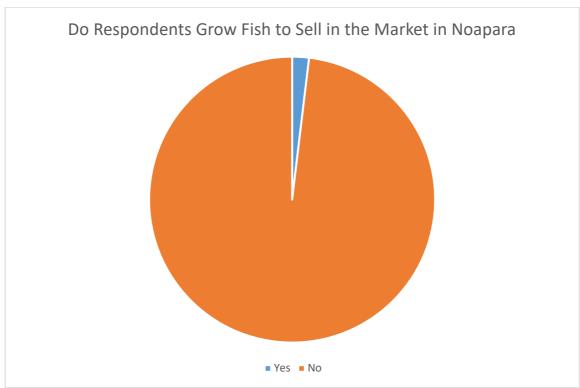


5.6.1. If yes, what proportion do you sell?

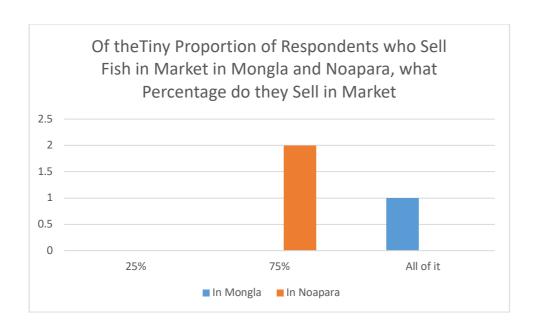


5.7 Do you grow fish to sell in the market?

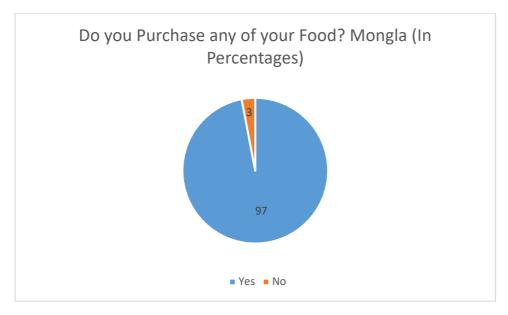


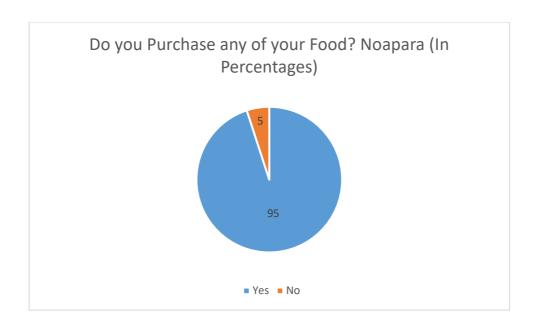


5.7.1 If yes, what proportion do you sell?

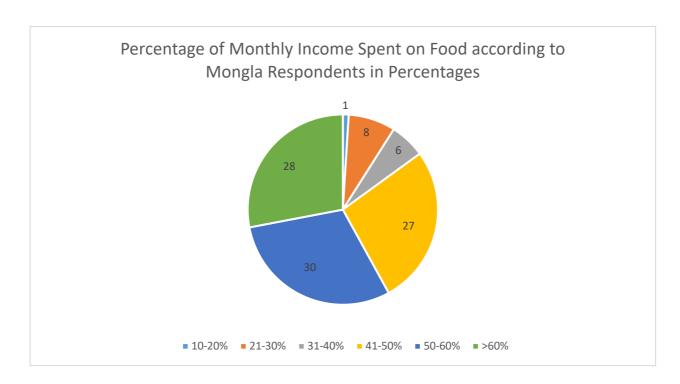


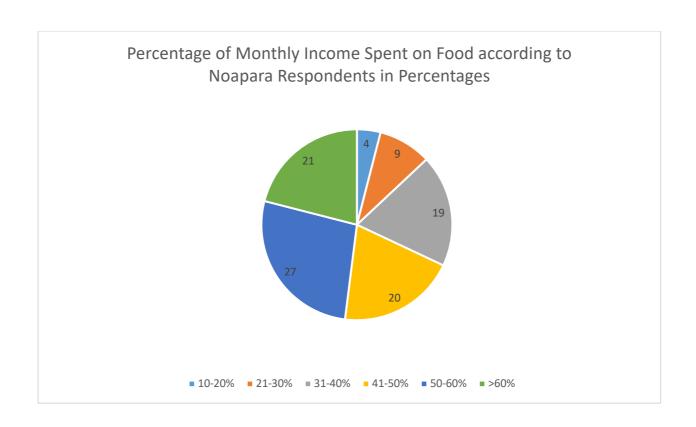
5.8 Do you purchase any of your food?

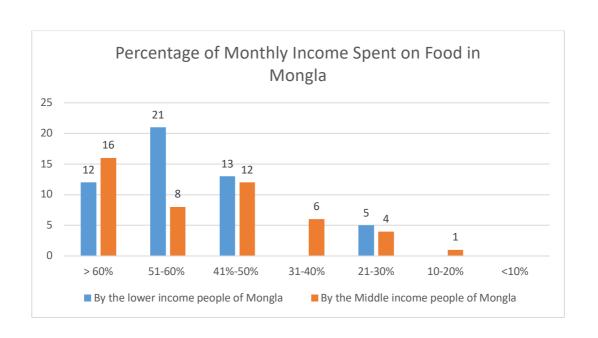


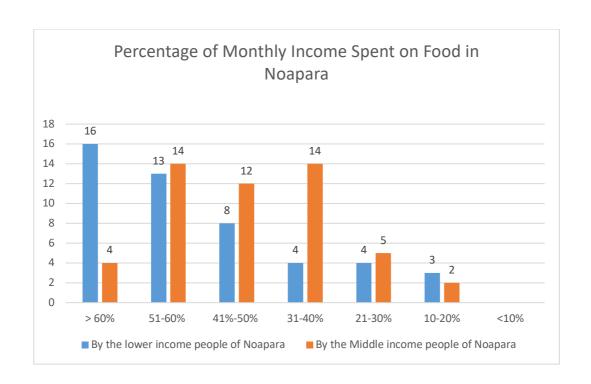


5.9 What percentage of your monthly income is spent on food?

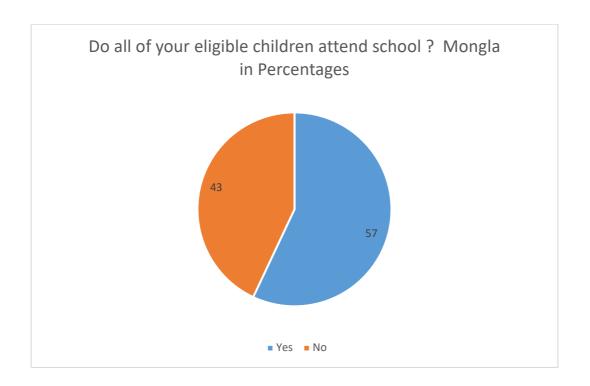


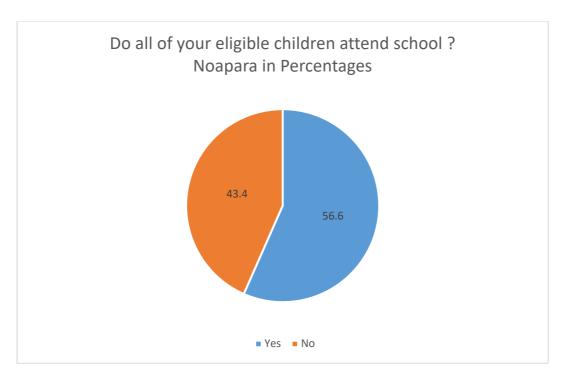




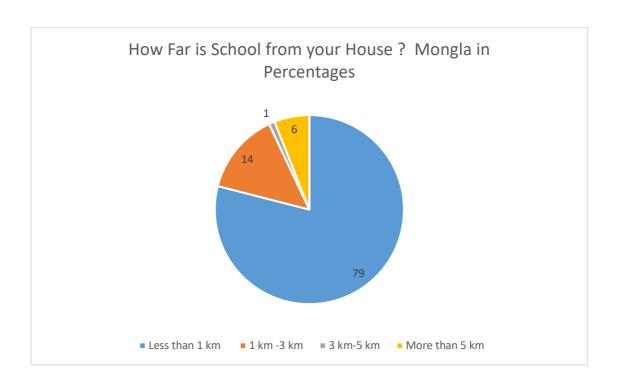


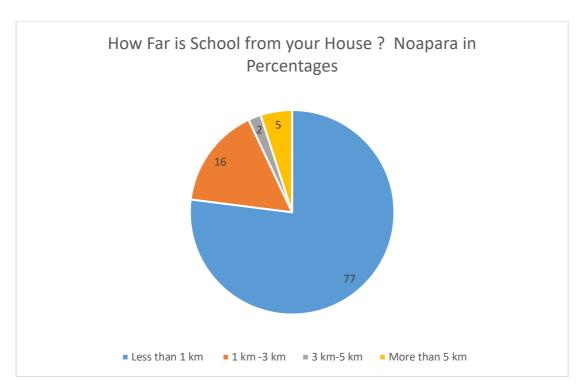
6.1 Do all of your eligible children attend school?



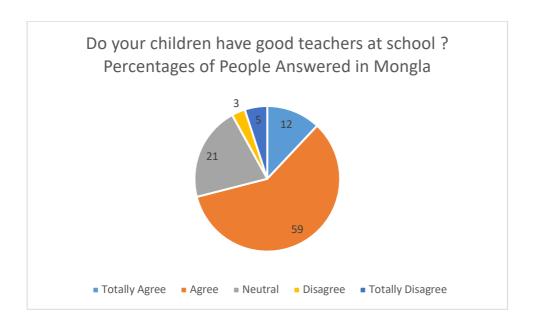


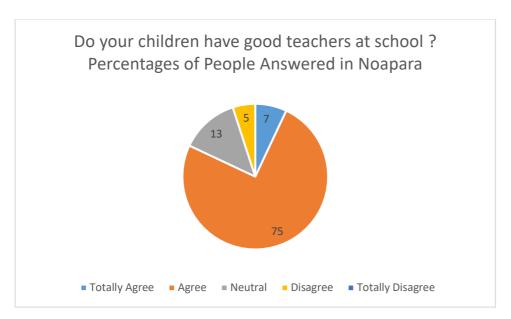
6.2 How far is school from your house?



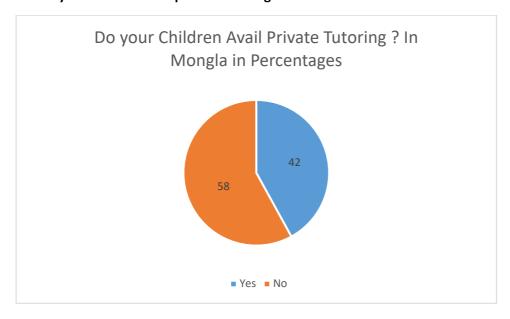


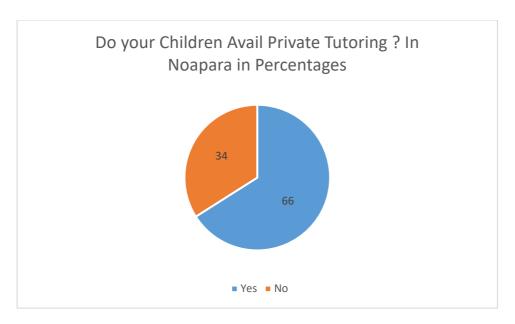
6.3 Do your children have good teachers at school?



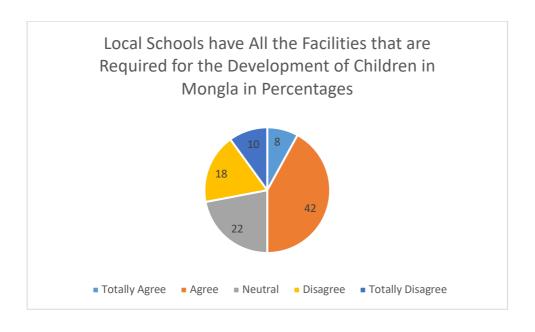


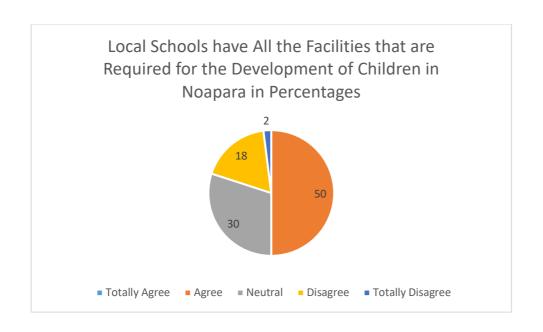
6.4 Do your children avail private tutoring?



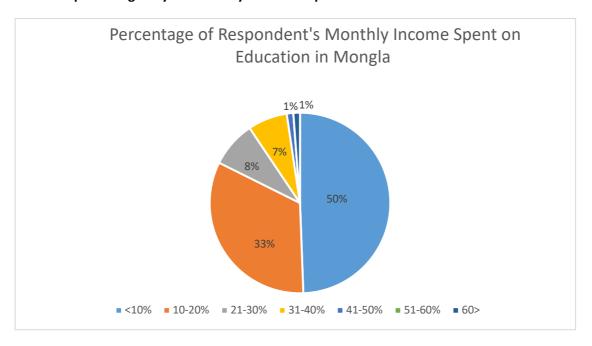


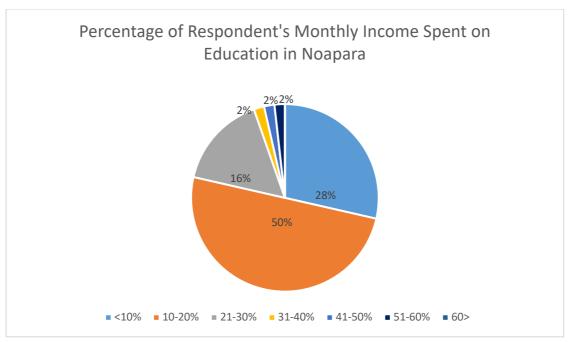
6.5 Local schools have all the facilities that are required for the development of children

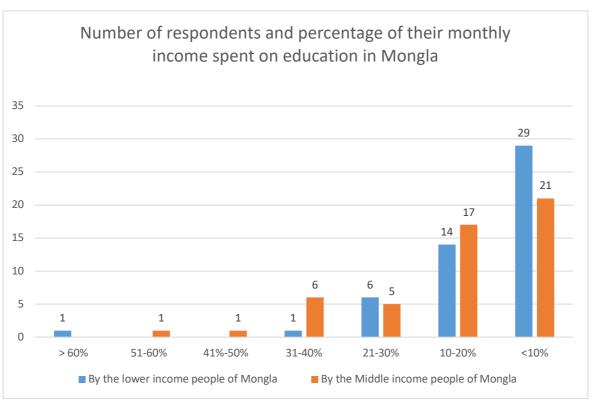


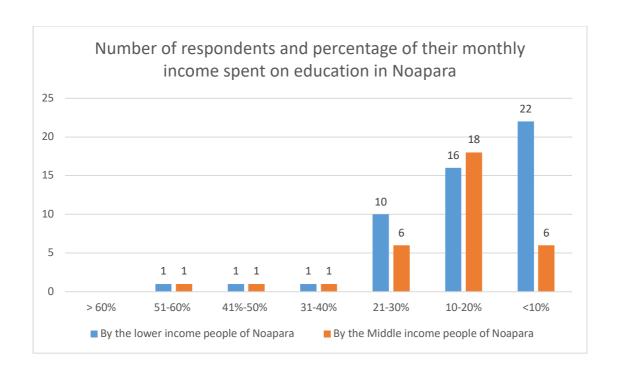


6.6 What percentage of your monthly income is spent on education?

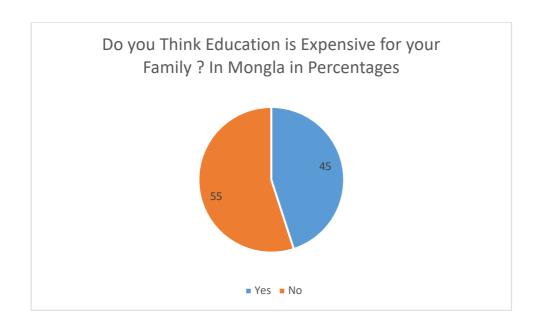


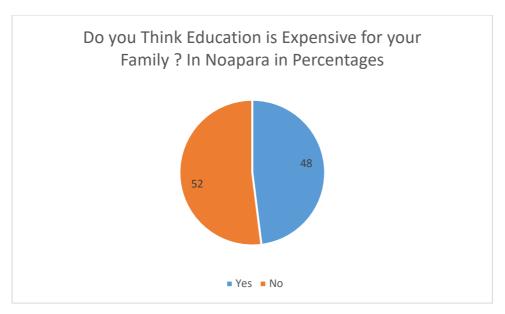


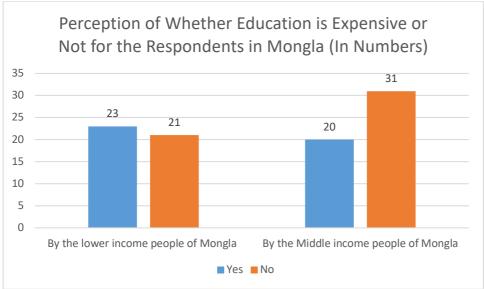


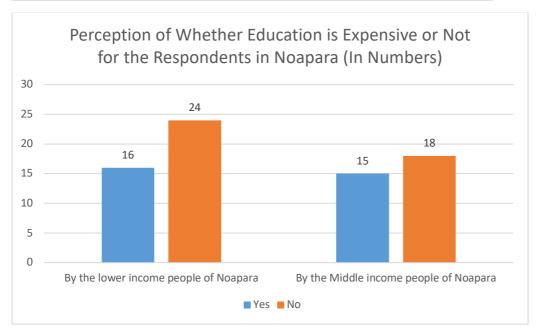


6.7 Do you think education is expensive for your family?

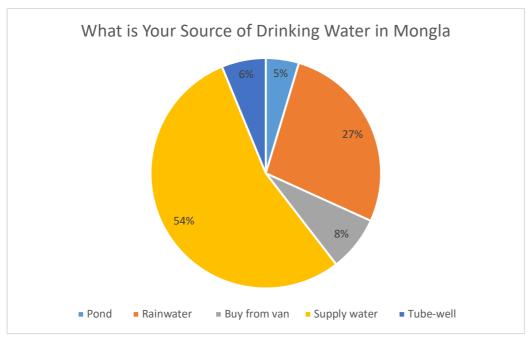


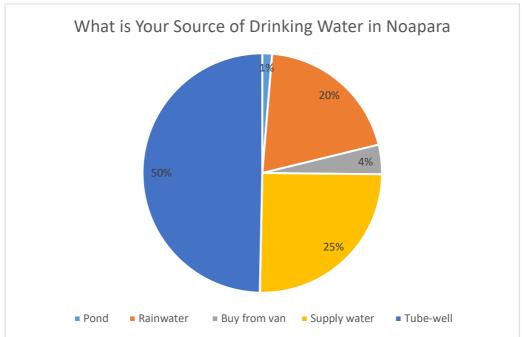




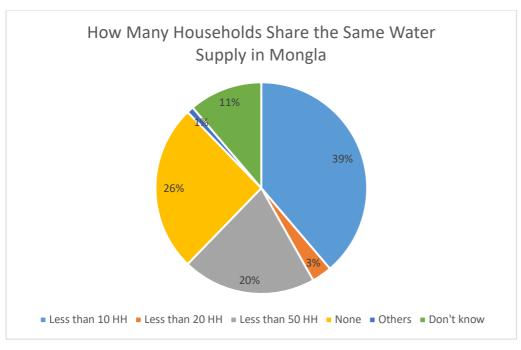


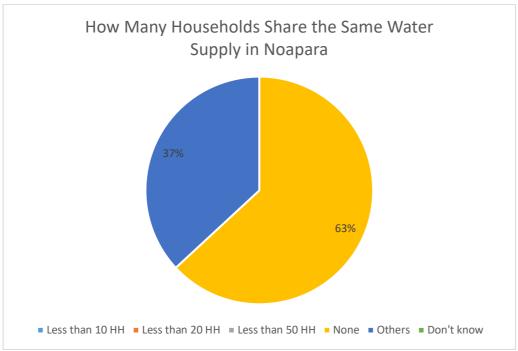
7.1 What is your source of drinking water?



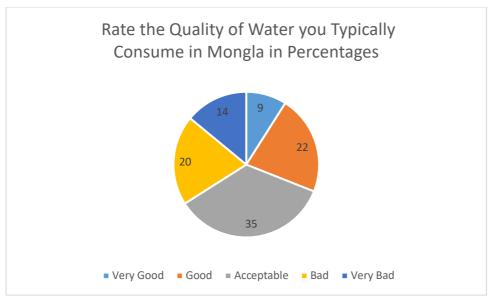


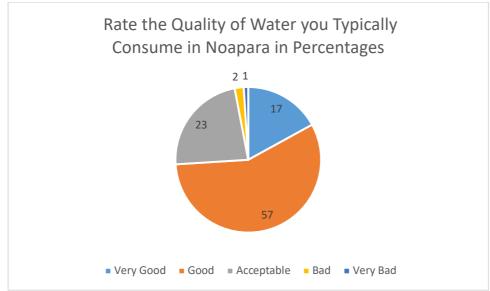
7.2 How many households share the same water supply?





7.3 Rate the quality of water you typically consume

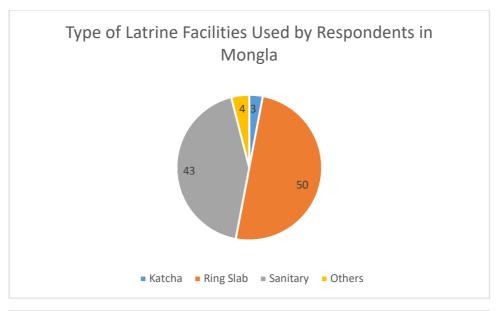


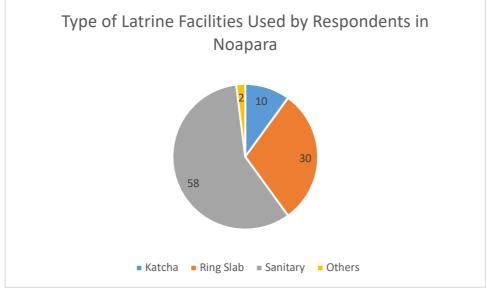


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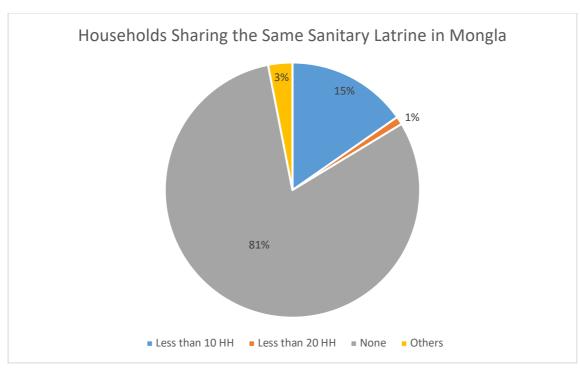
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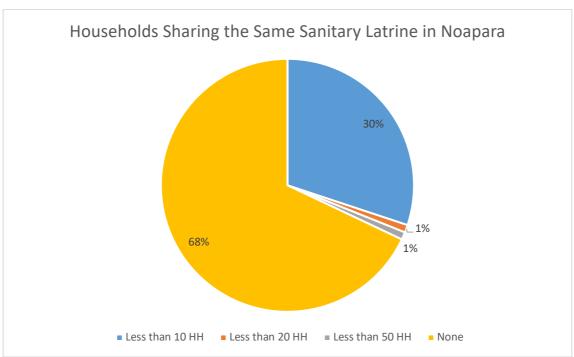
7.4 What type of latrine facilities do you have?



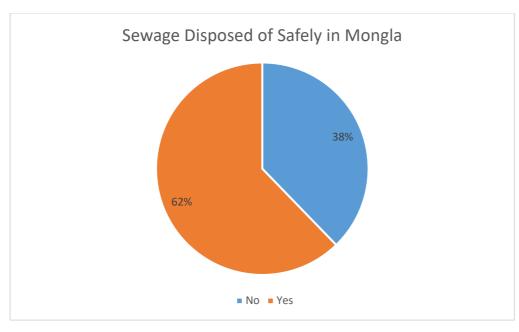


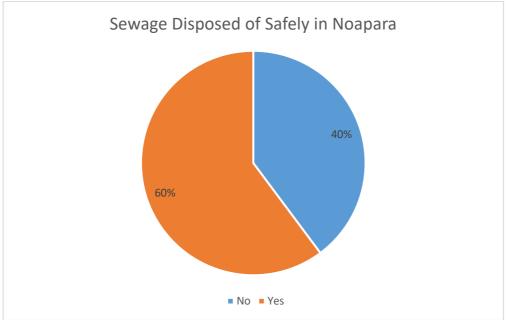
7.5 How many households share the same sanitary latrine?



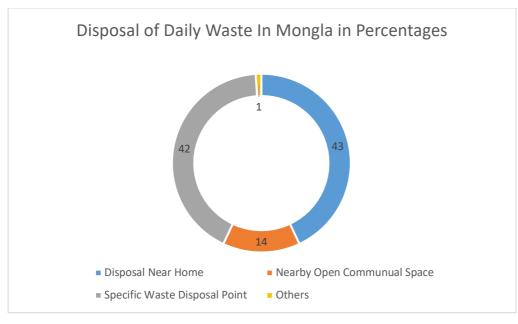


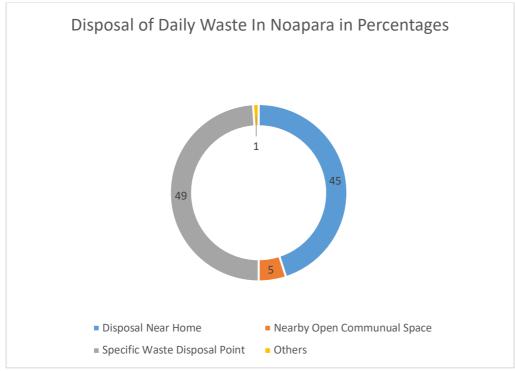
7.6 Is your sewage disposed of safety?



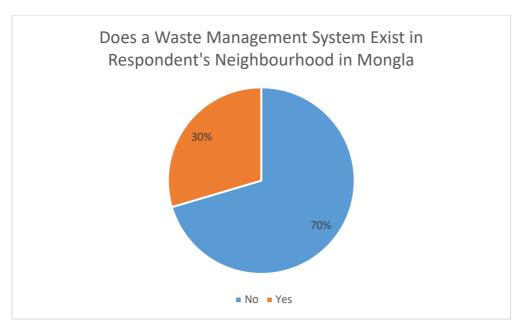


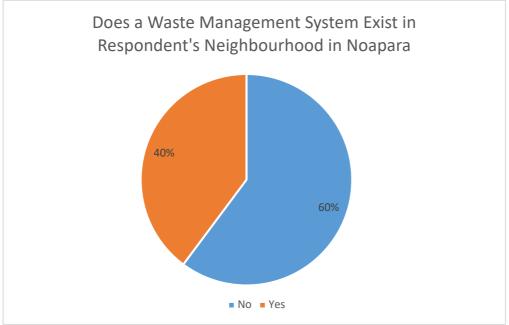
7.7 Where do you dispose your daily waste? দৈনন্দিন বর্জ্য কোথায় নিষ্কাশন করা হয় ?



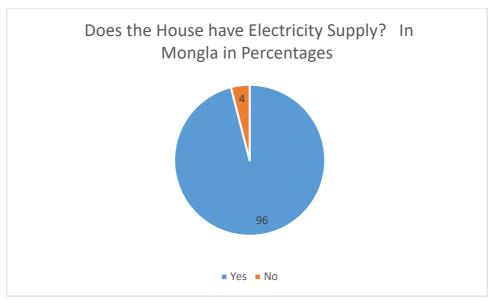


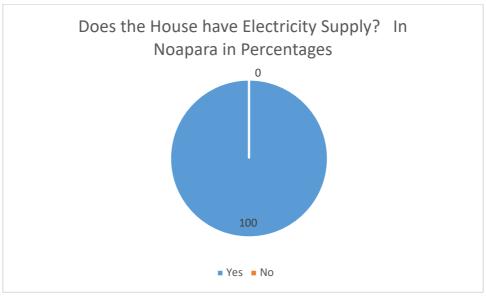
7.8 Is there any waste management system in your neighborhood?



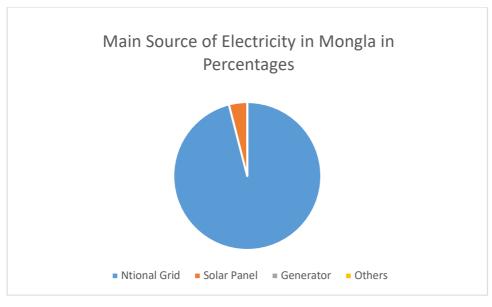


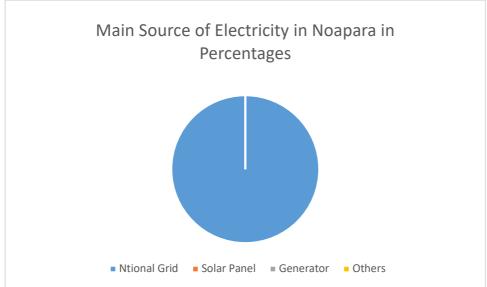
7.9 Does the house have electricity supply?





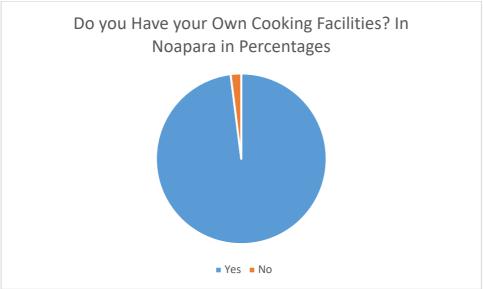
7.10 Main Source of electricity



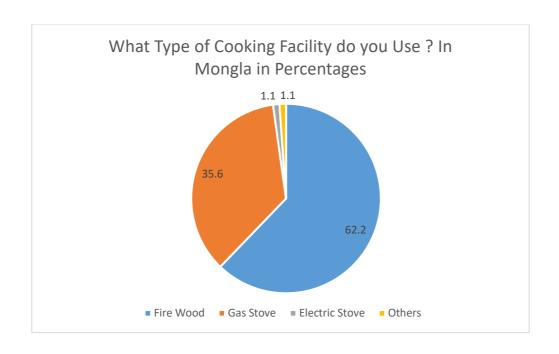


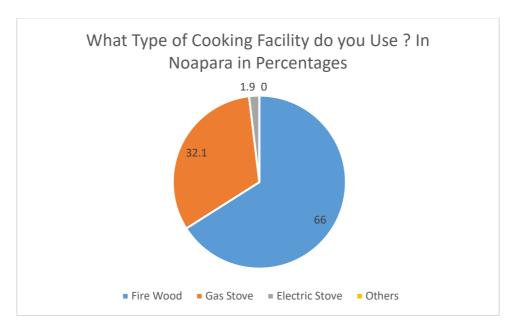
7.11 Do you have your own cooking facility?



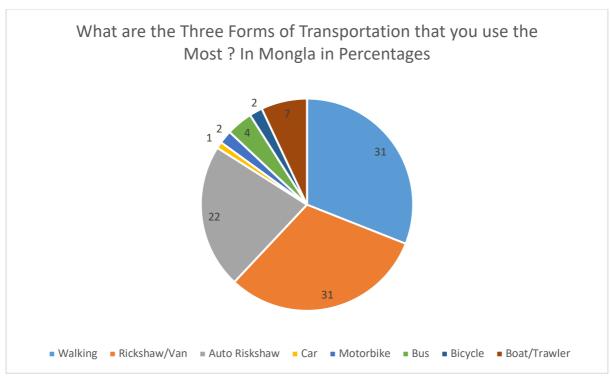


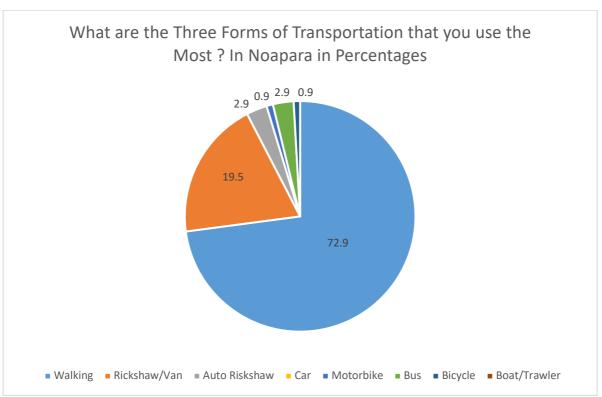
7.12 What type of cooking facility do you use?





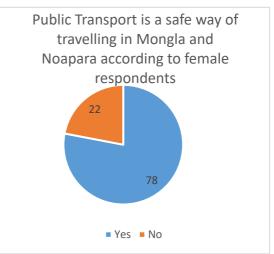
8.1 What are the three forms of transportation that you use the most?



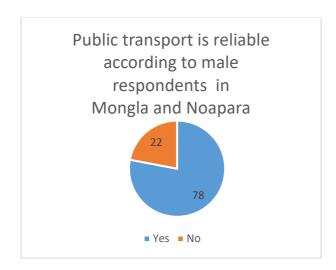


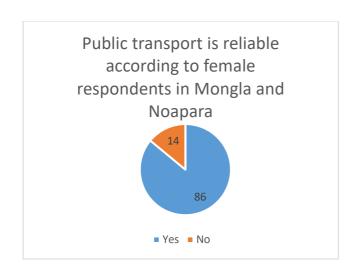
8.2 Do you think public transport is a safe way of travelling? আপনার কি মনে হয় গণপরিবহন যাতায়াতের জন্য নিরাপদ?



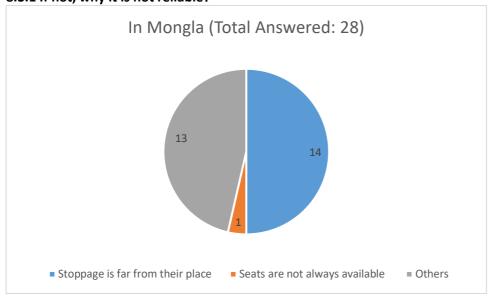


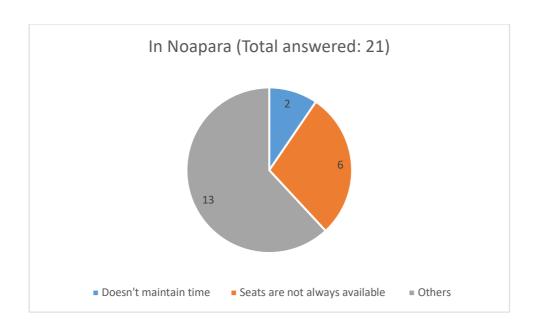
8.3 Is public transport reliable? গণ পরিবহন কি ভরসাযোগ্য ?



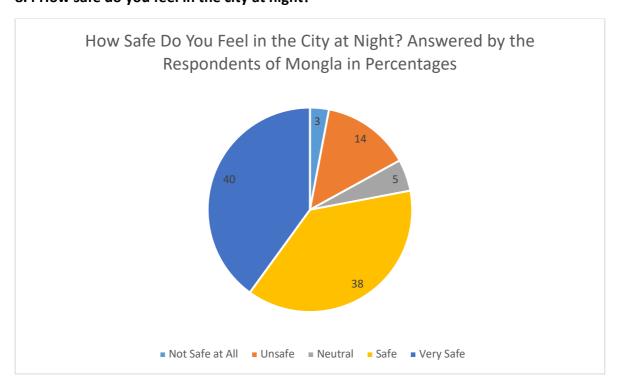


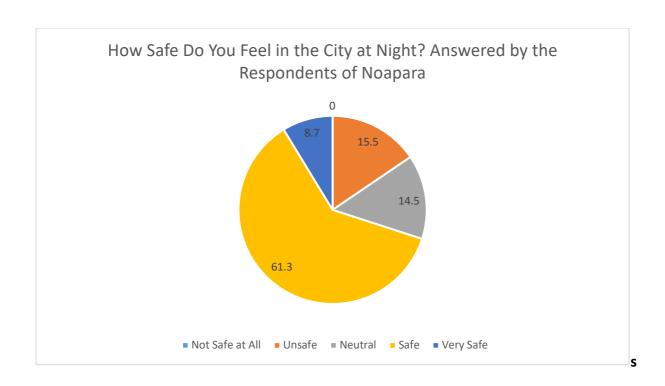




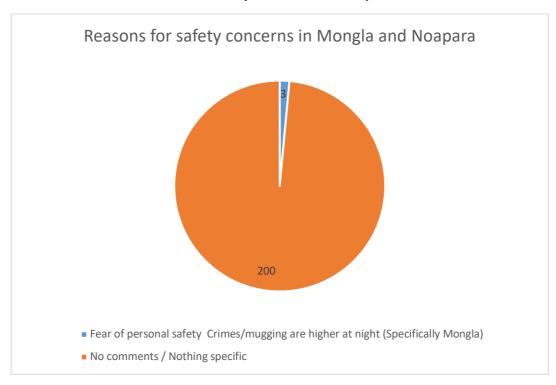


8.4 How safe do you feel in the city at night?

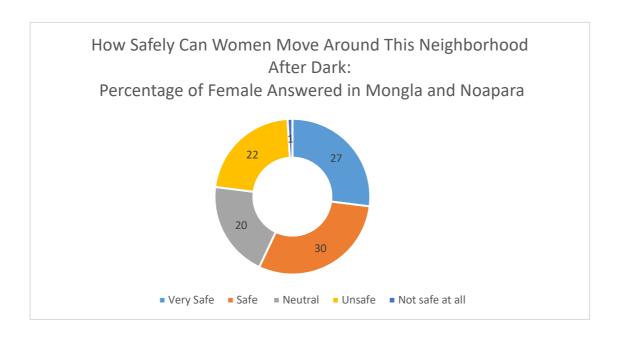


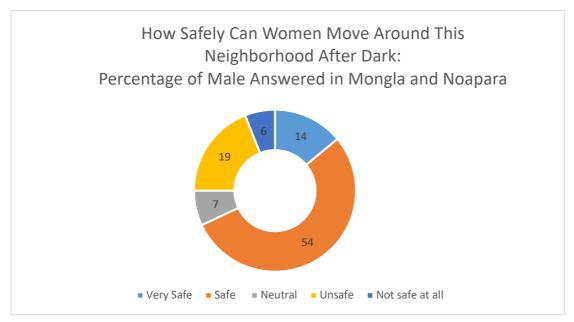


8.4.1 What are some reasons for safety concerns in the city?



8.5 How safely can women move around this neighborhood after dark

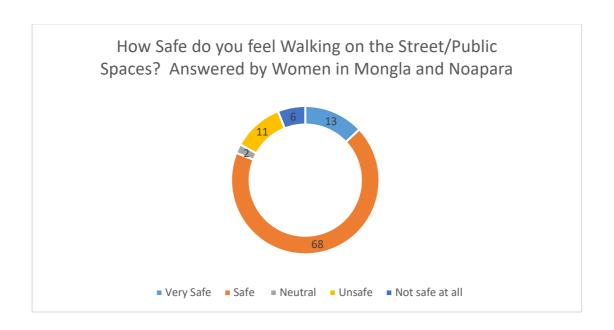


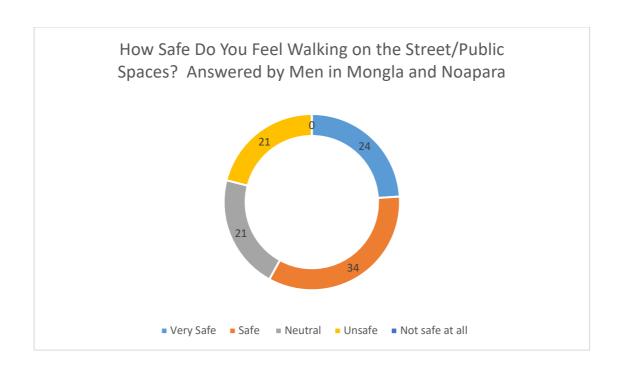


8.5.1 What are some safety concerns for women's mobility in the neighbourhood?



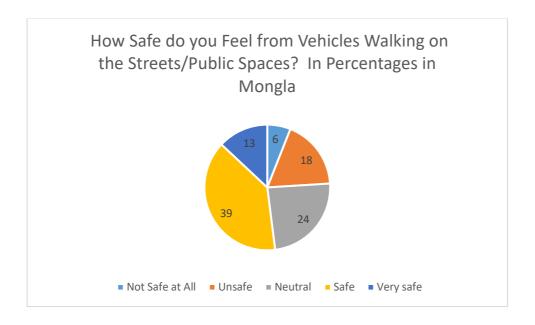
8.6 How safe do you feel walking on the street/public spaces? আপনি এলাকার রাস্তা বা যে কোন স্থানে চলাফেরা করতে কতটুকু নিরাপদ বোধ করেন ?

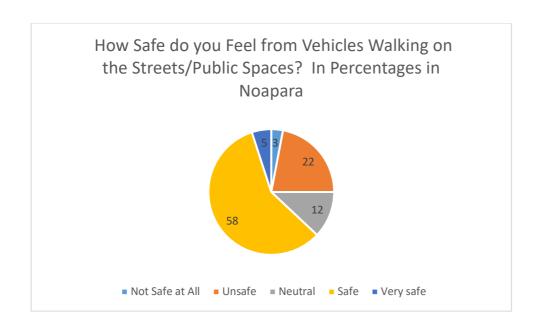




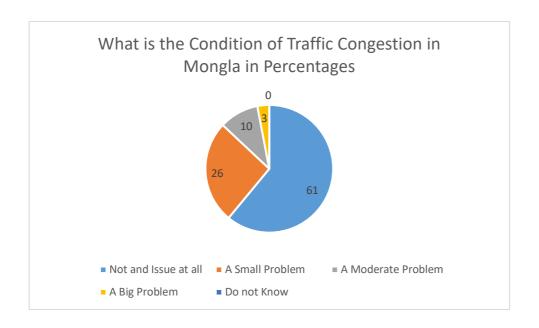
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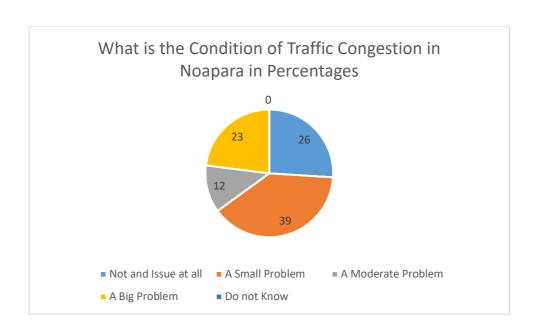
8.7 How safe do you feel from vehicles walking on the streets/public spaces?



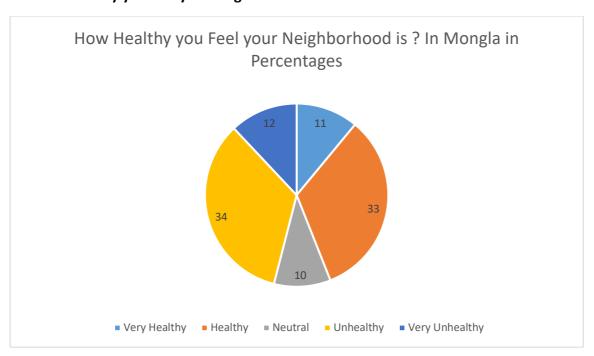


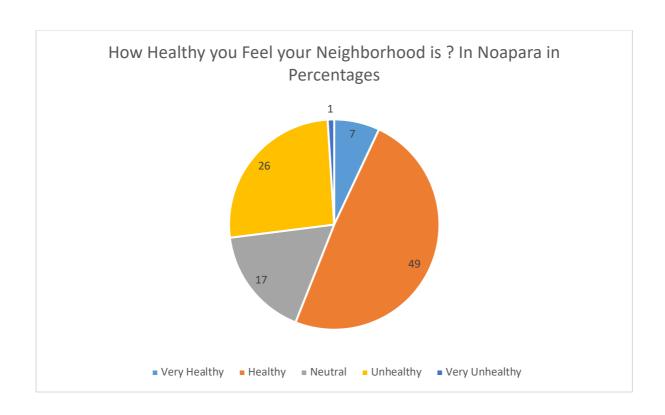
8.8 What is the condition of traffic congestion in your city?



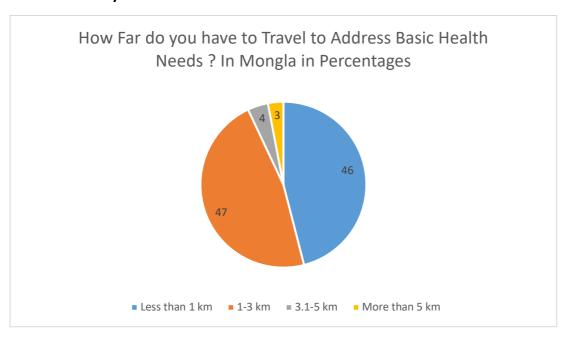


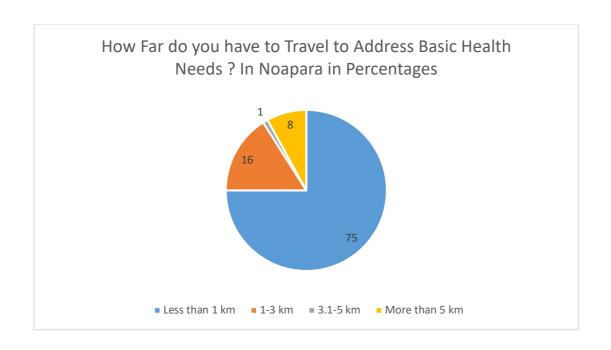
9.1 How healthy you feel your neighborhood is?



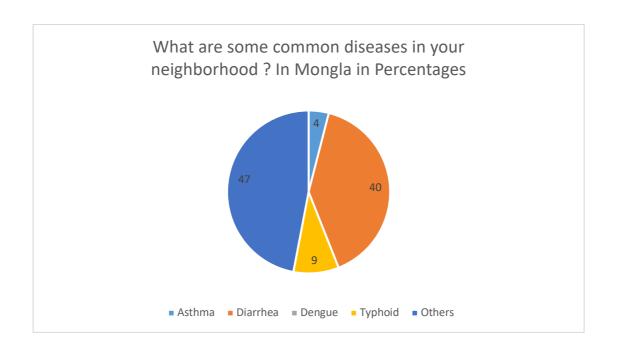


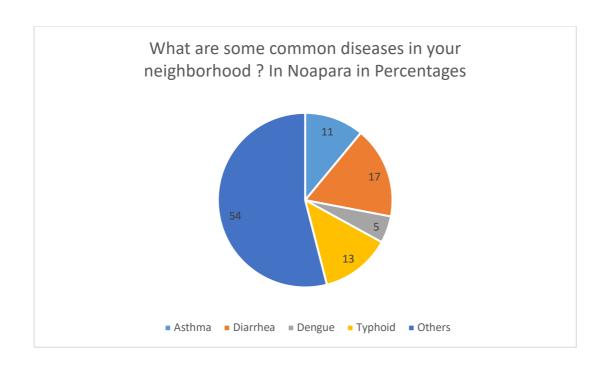
9.2 How far do you have to travel to address basic health needs?



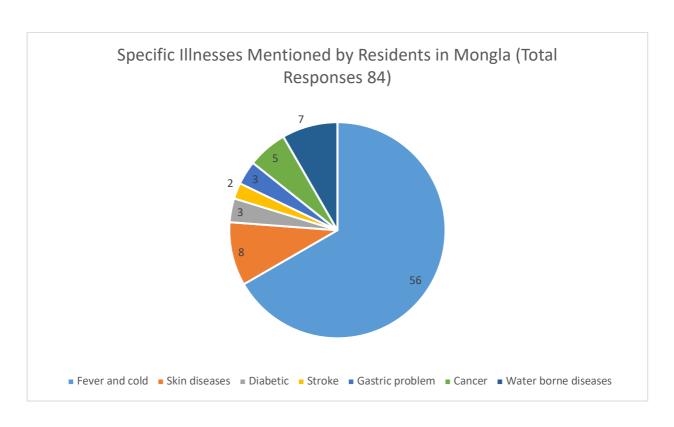


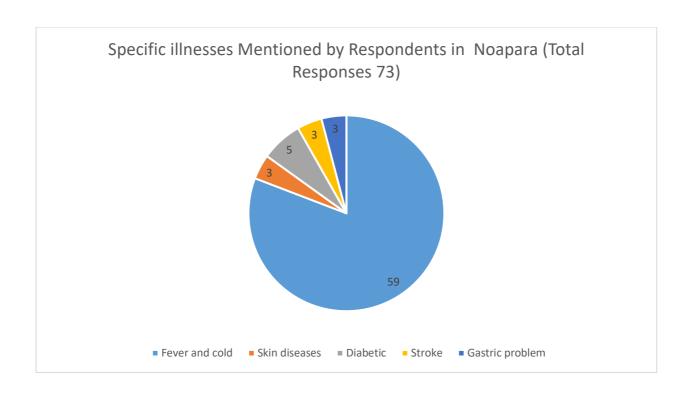
9.3 What are some common diseases in your neighborhood?



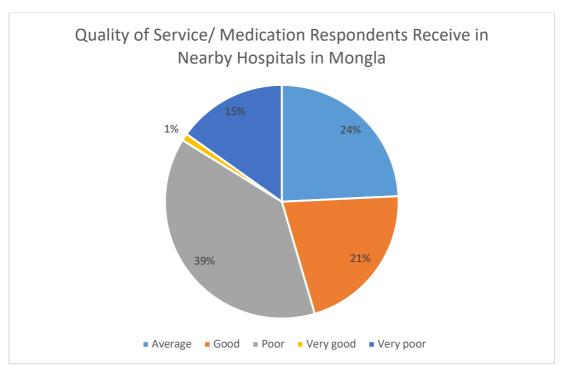


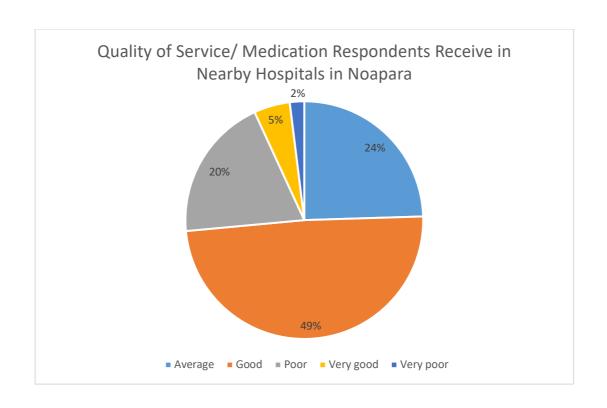
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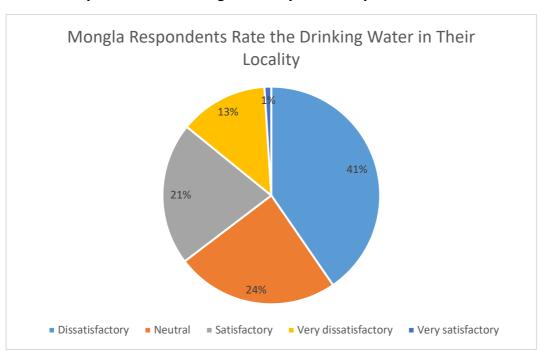


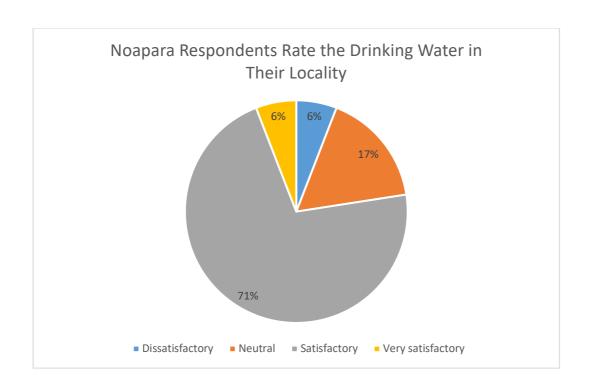
9.4 Rate the service/medication you receive in the nearby hospitals?



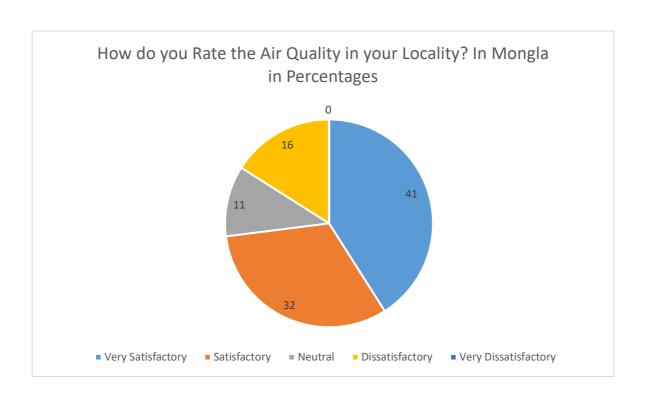


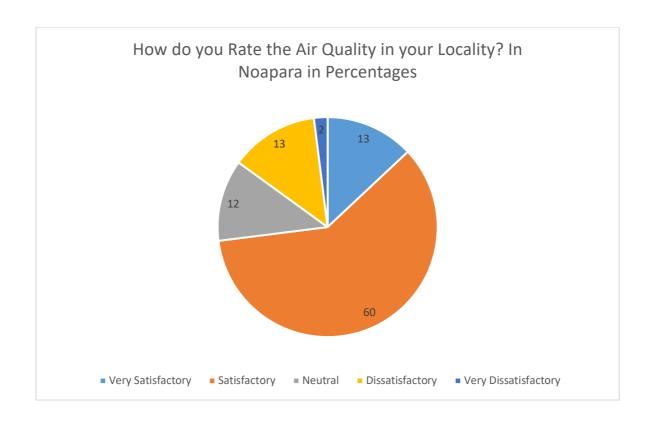
9.5 How do you rate the drinking water in your locality?



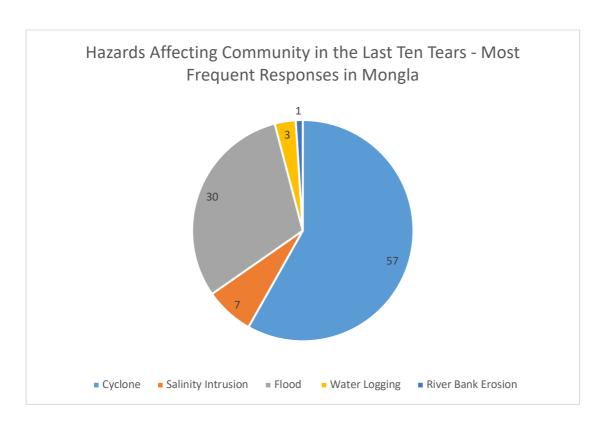


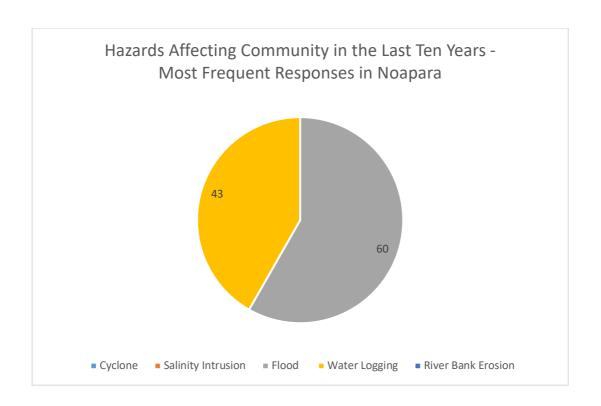
9.6 How do you rate the air quality in your locality?



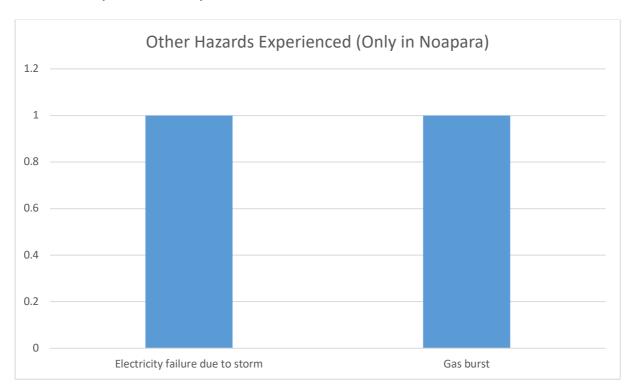


10.1 In the last 10 years, what are the hazards your community has been affected by?

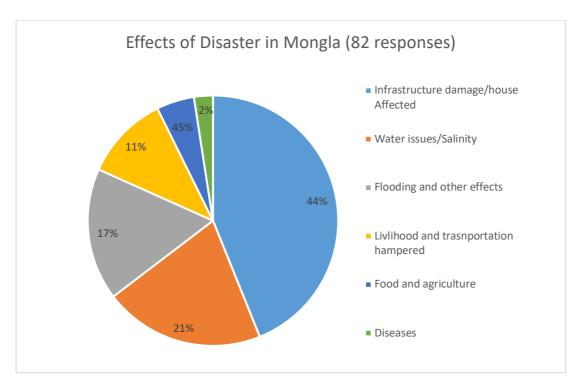


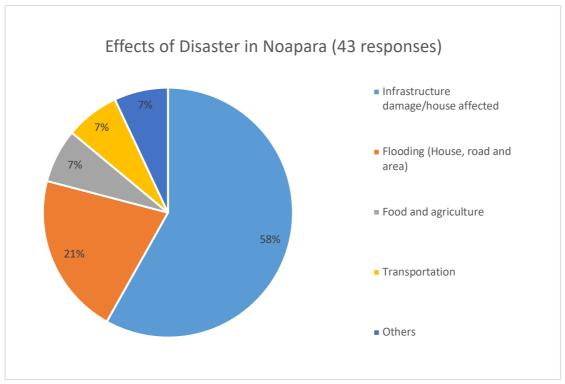


10.1.1 Others (Please mention)

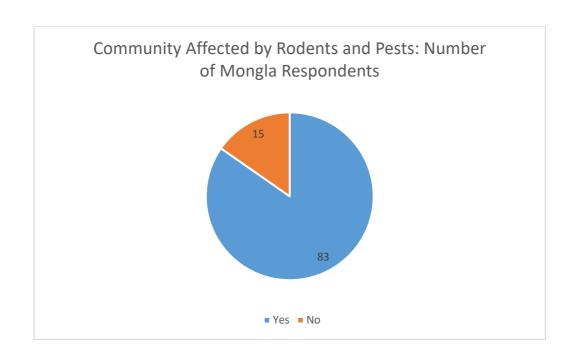


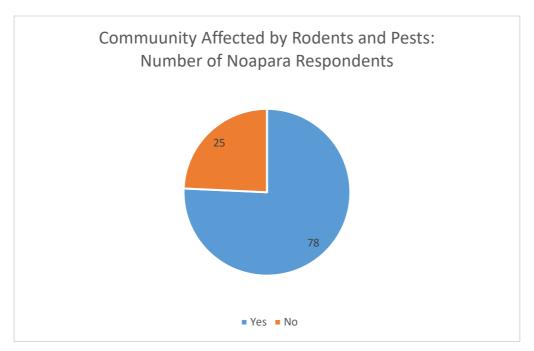
10.2 List the three main impacts of these hazards that you faced?



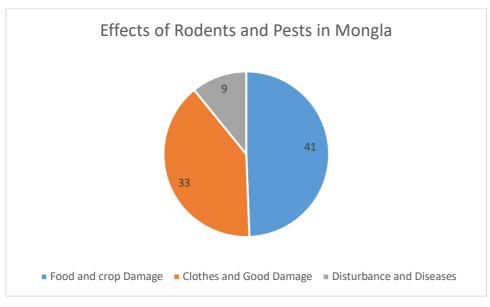


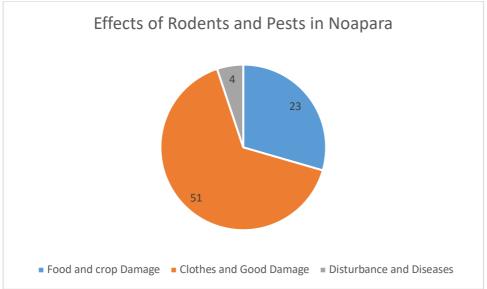
10.3 Is your community affected by rodents or pests?



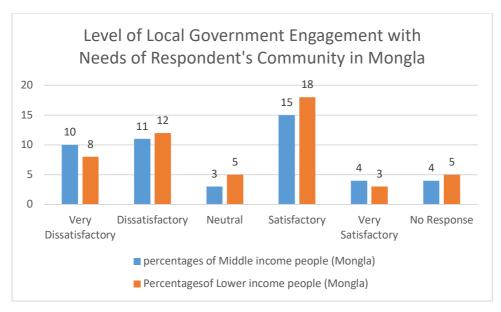


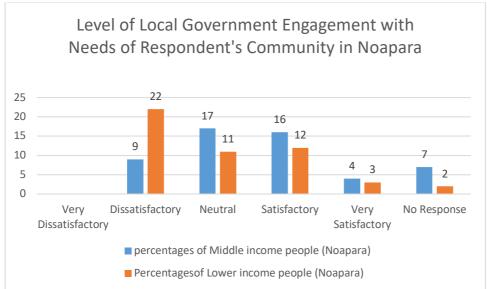
10.3.1 If yes, what are the effects?



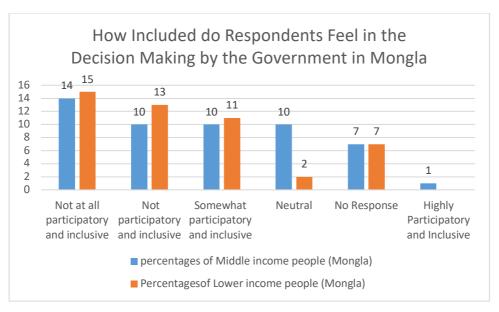


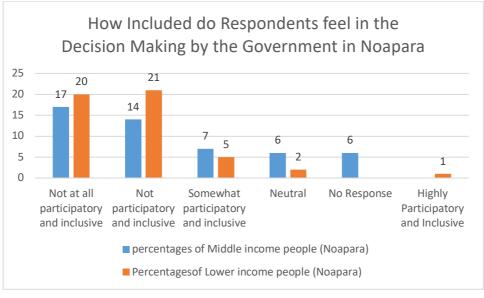
11.1 What is the level of local government's engagement with the needs of your community?



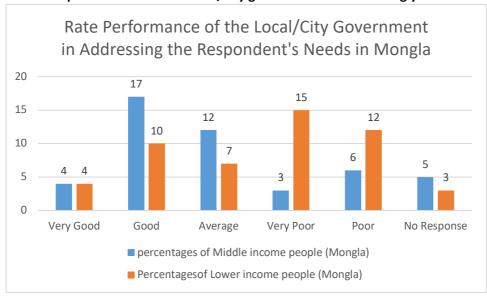


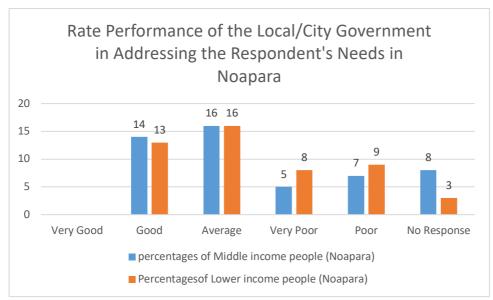
11.2 How included you feel in the decision making by your government?





11.3 Rate performance of the local/city government in addressing your needs?

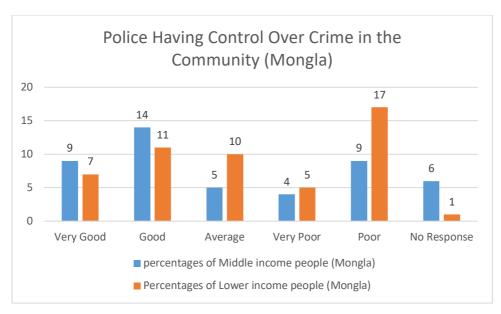


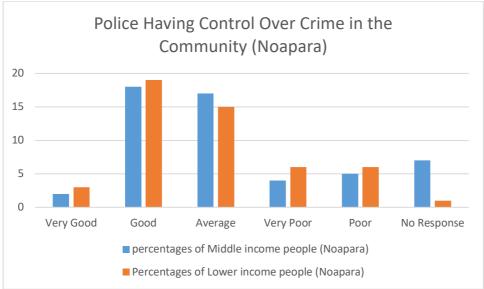


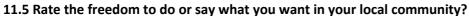
11.3.1 If not, why do you feel so?

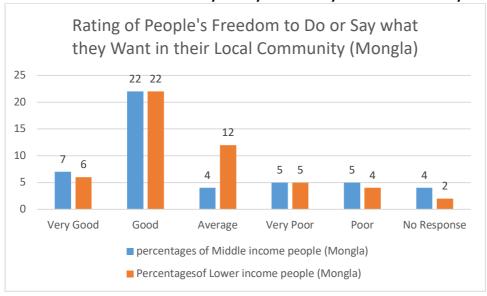
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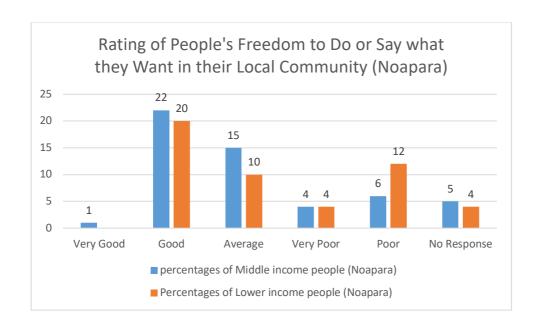
11.4 Rate control of the police have over crime in your community?



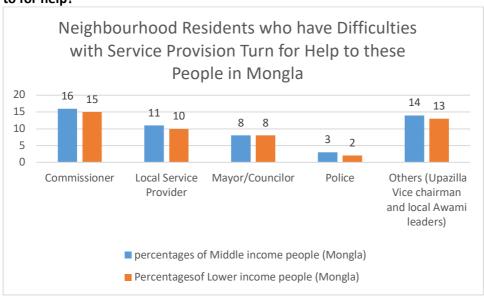


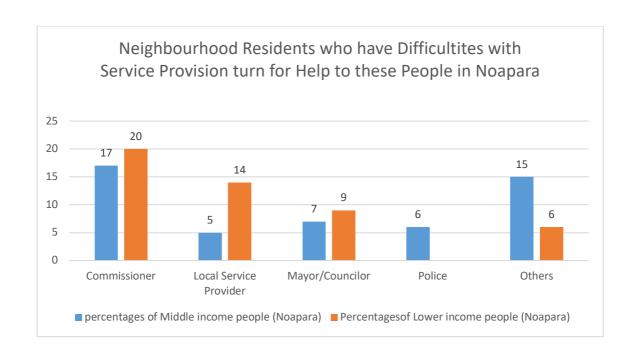




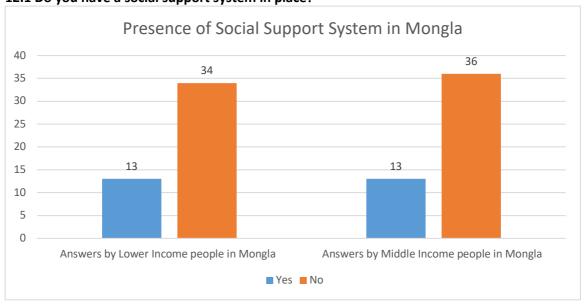


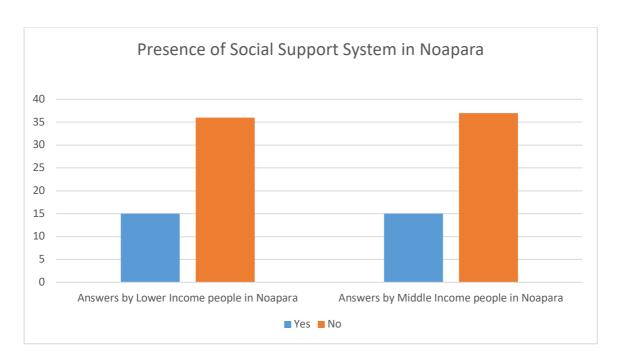
11.6 When people in this neighborhood have difficulties with service provision, who do they turn to for help?



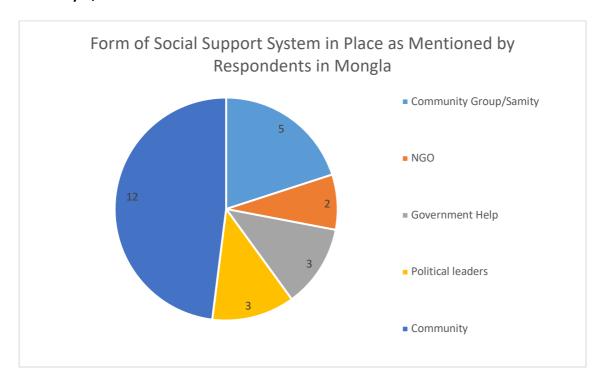


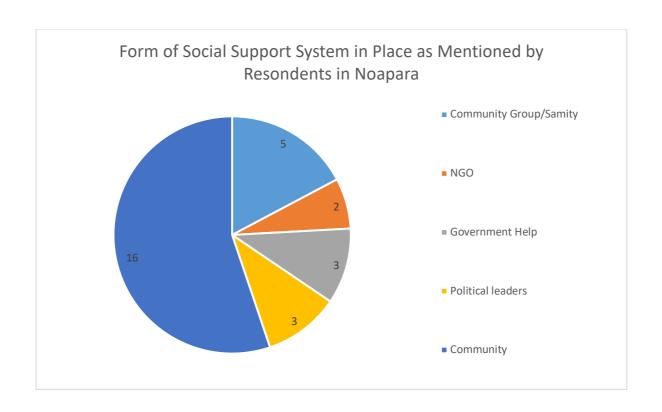
12.1 Do you have a social support system in place?



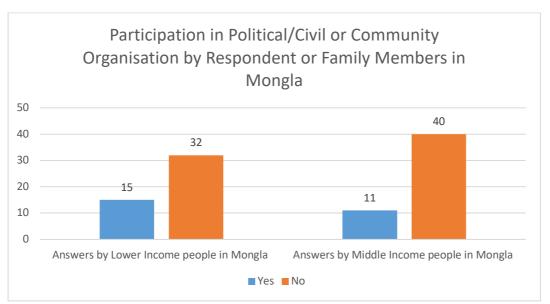


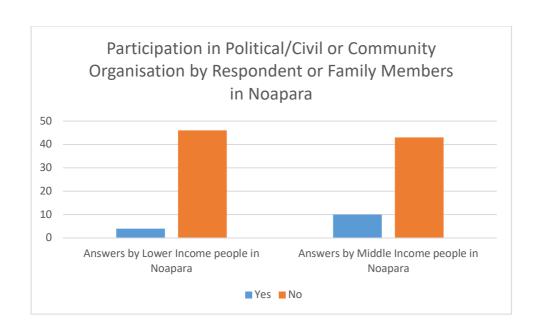
12.1.1 If yes, what are those?



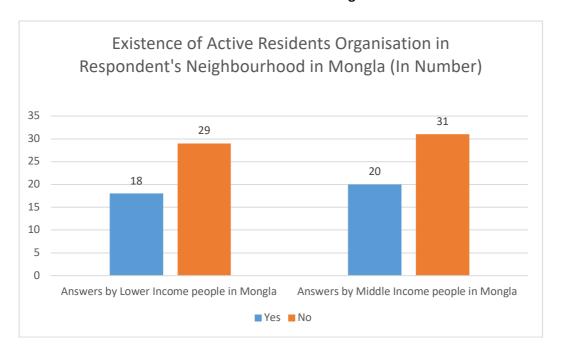


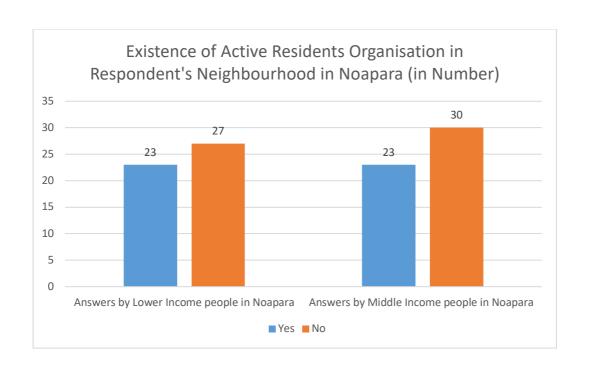
12.2 Are you or any family member participating in political or civil society or community organization activities?



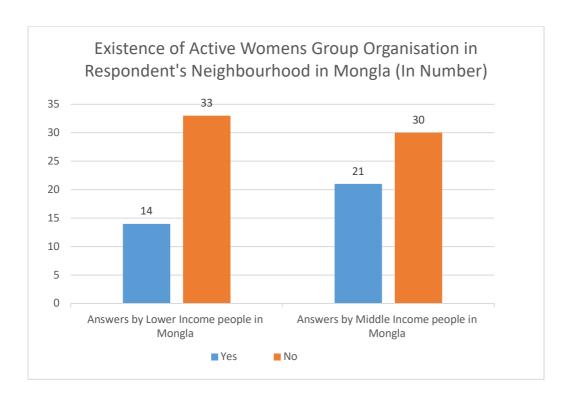


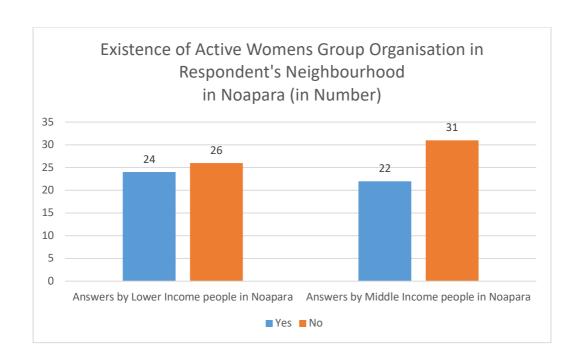
12.3 Is there an active resident's association in the neighbourhood?





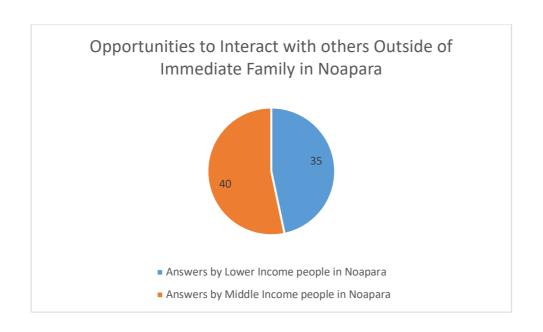
12.4 Is there an active women's group in the neighbourhood?



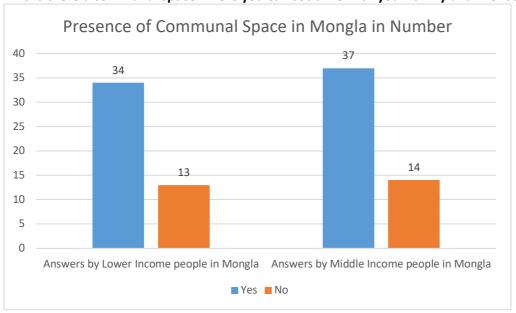


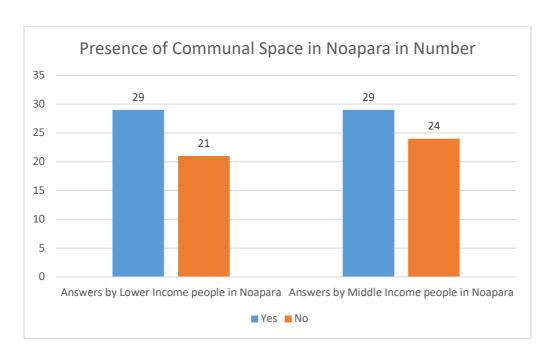
12.5 Do you have opportunities to interact with others outside of your immediate family?



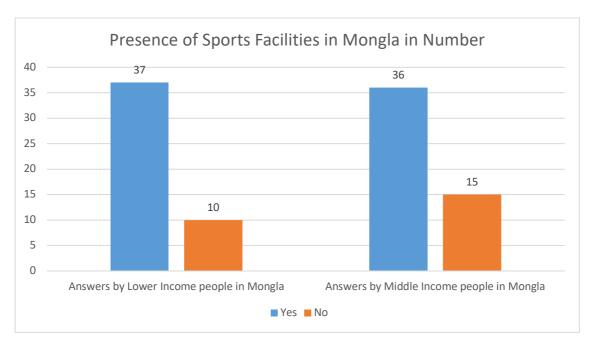


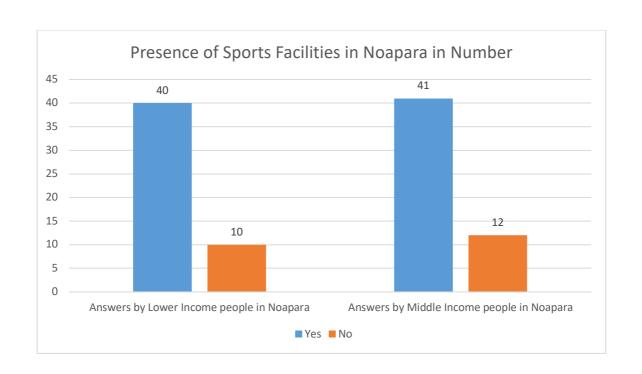
12.6 Is there a communal space where you can socialize with your family and friends?



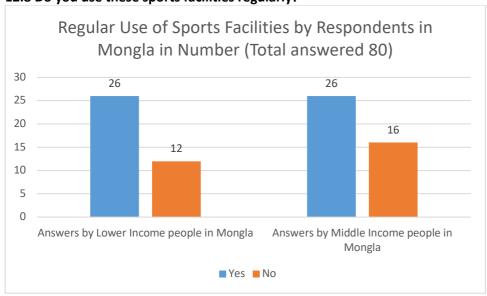


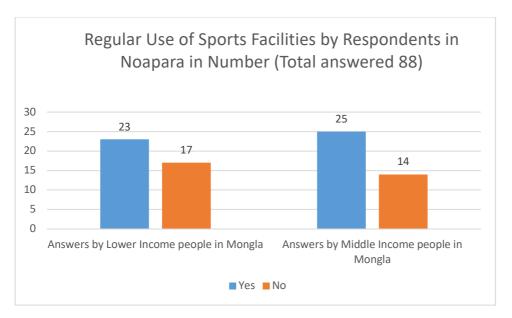
12.7 Are there any sports facilities near your neighborhood?



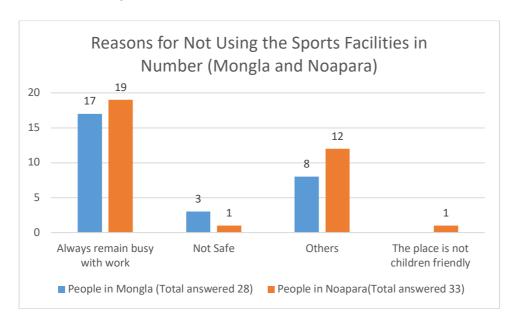


12.8 Do you use these sports facilities regularly?

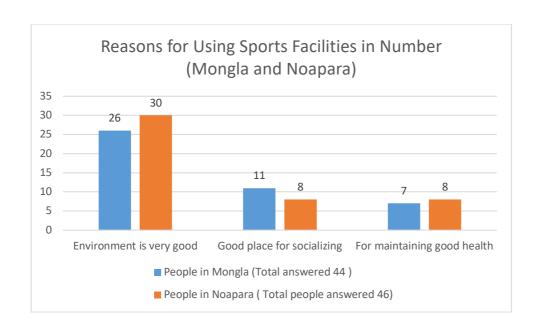




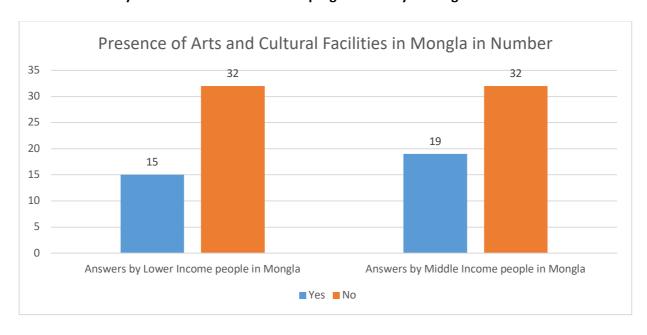
12.8.1 If not, why?

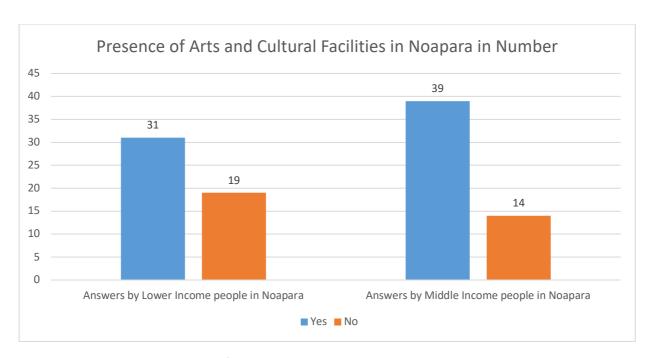


12.8.2 If yes, why?

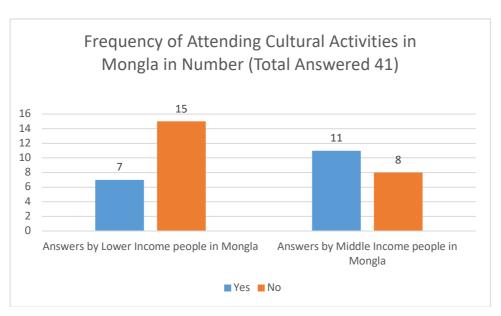


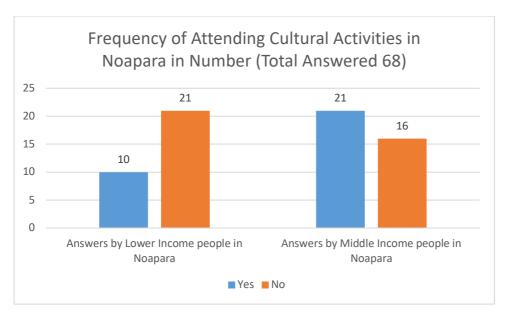
12.9 Are there any arts and cultural facilities or programs near your neighborhood?



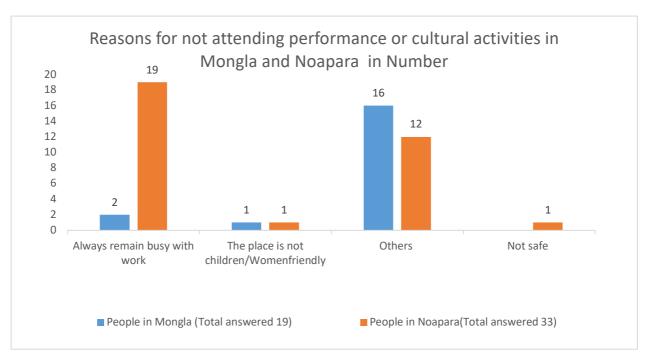


12.10 Do you regularly attend performances or cultural activities?

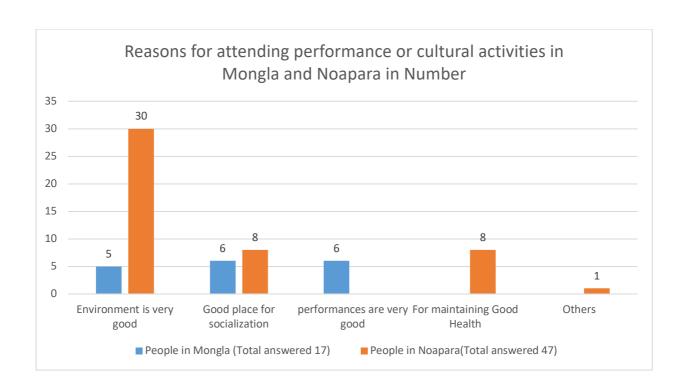




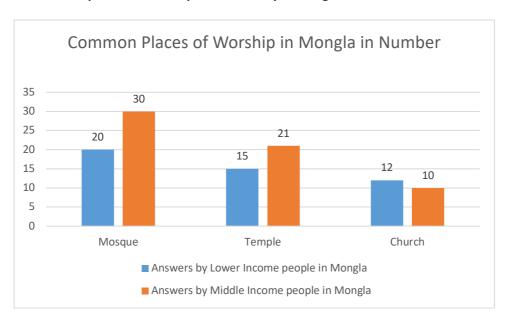
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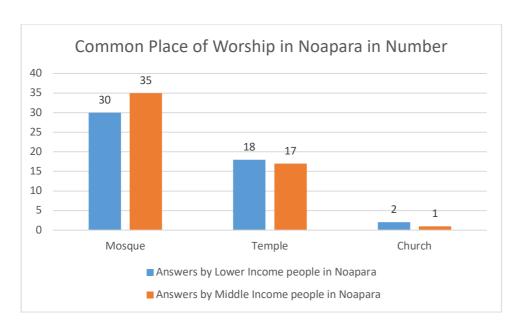


12.8.2 If yes, why?

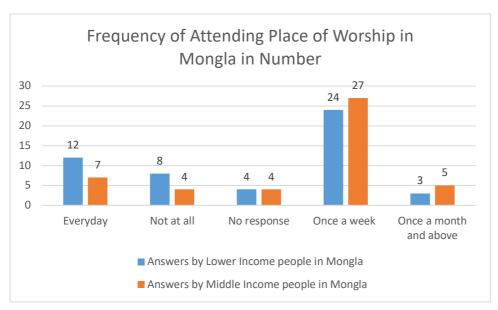


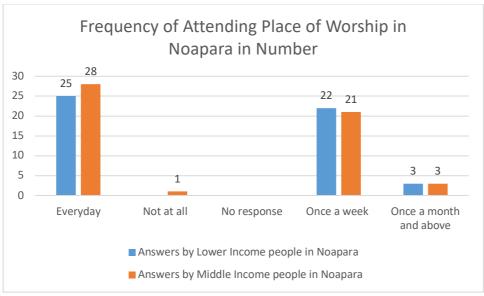
12.11 What places of worship are there in your neighborhood?

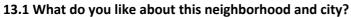


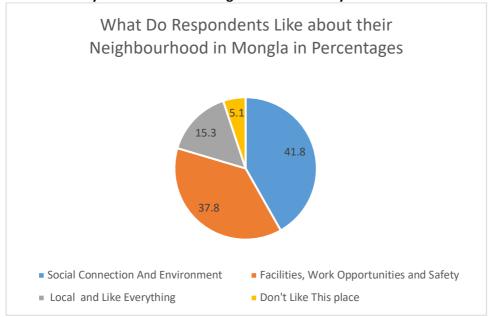


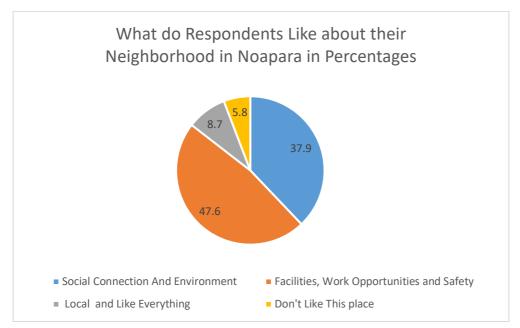
12.12 How often do you attend these places of worship?



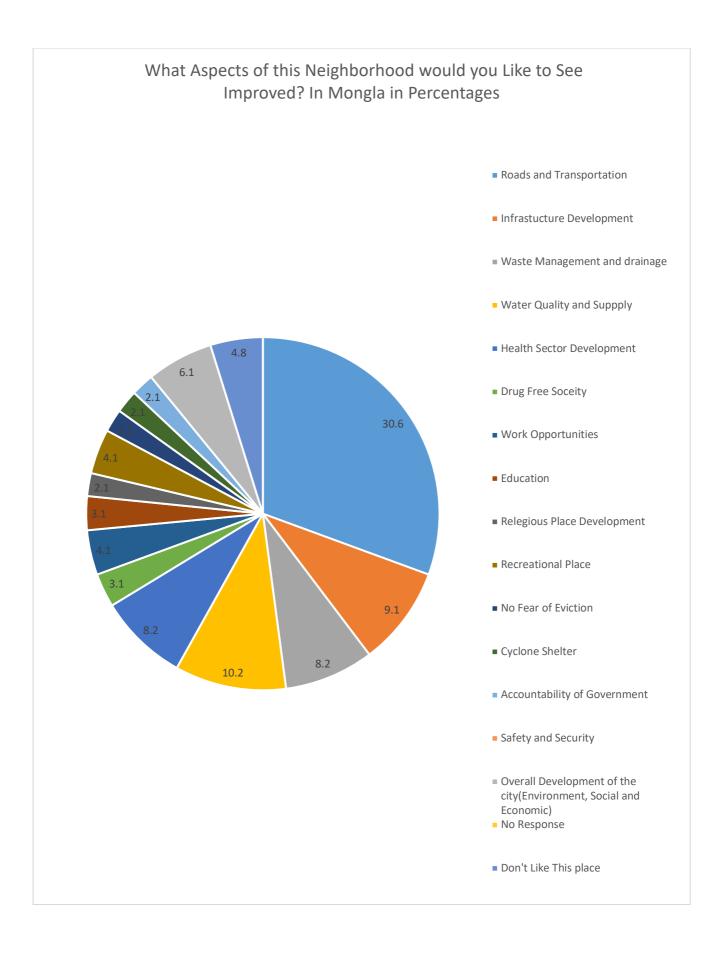


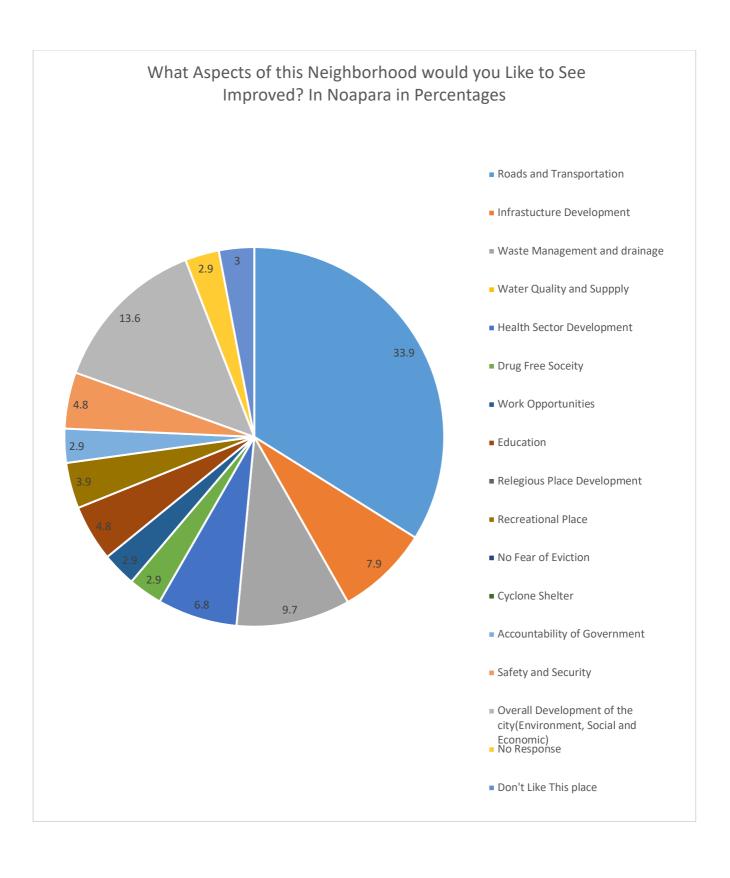




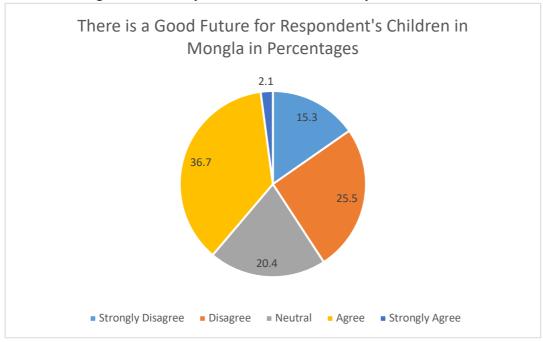


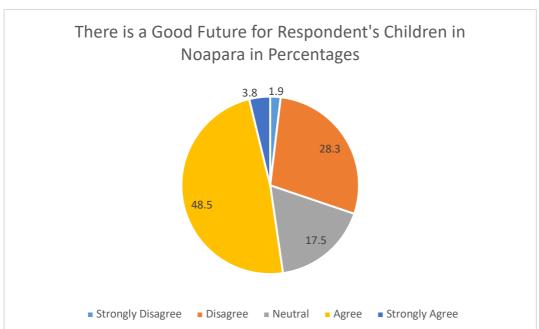
13.2 What aspects of this neighborhood would you like to see improved?





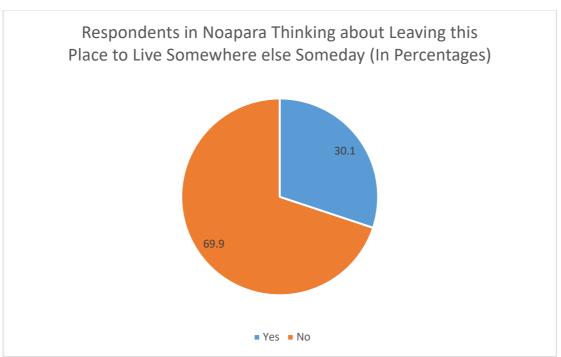
13.3 There is a good future for your children here in this city?





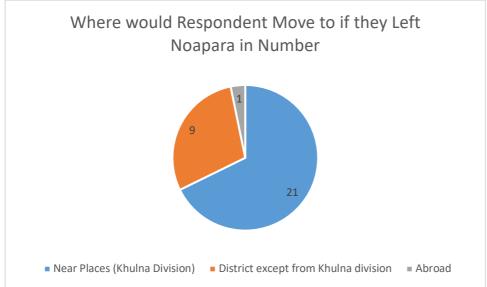
13.4 Do you think you will leave this place to live somewhere else someday?





13.5 If you were to leave this place, where would you like to move to?





Total 37 answered in Mongla and total 31 answered in Noapara

14. What do you think are the top three important factors to make the city liveable for you?

