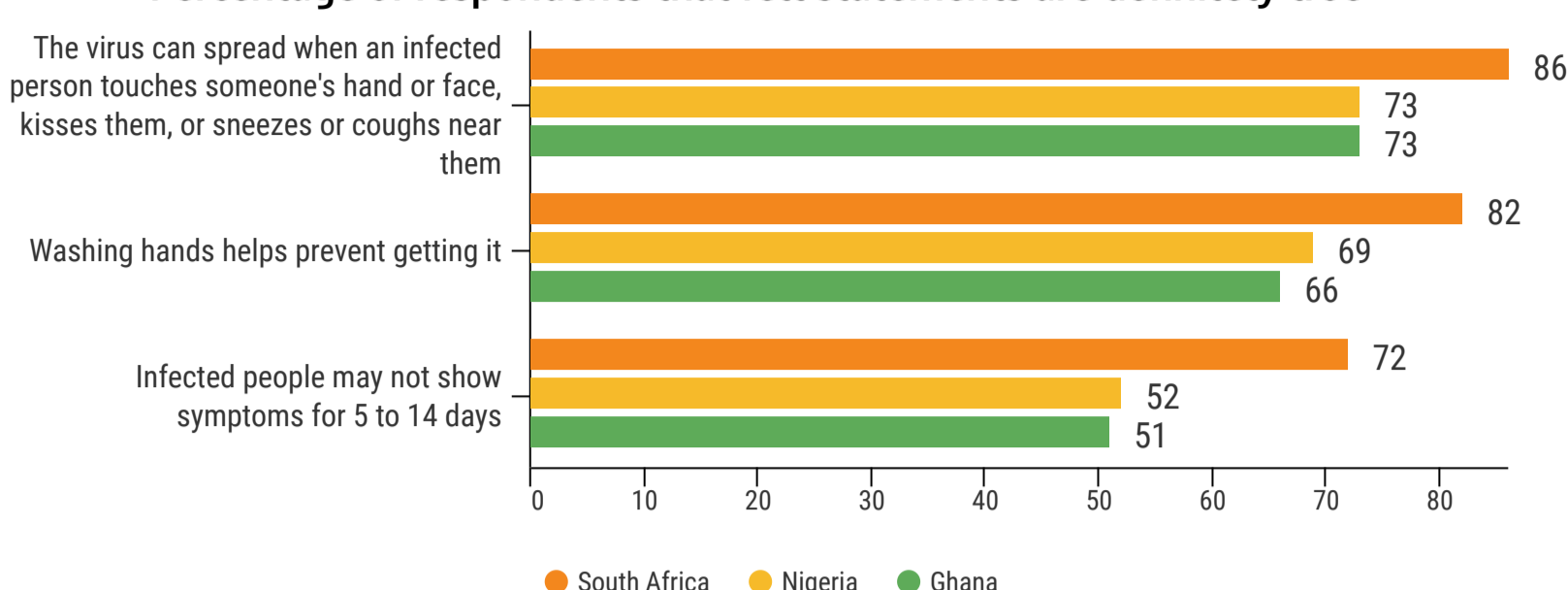


Public Understanding and Experiences of Covid-19 in South Africa and around the World

The Covid-19 pandemic has ravaged the health systems, economies and social well-being of citizens around the globe. This has prompted the need to understand the views of the public in relation to their understanding and experience of this pandemic. Many countries, including South Africa, have therefore conducted surveys with the public to elicit their views on different dimensions of Covid-19. This infographic presents findings from some of these studies.

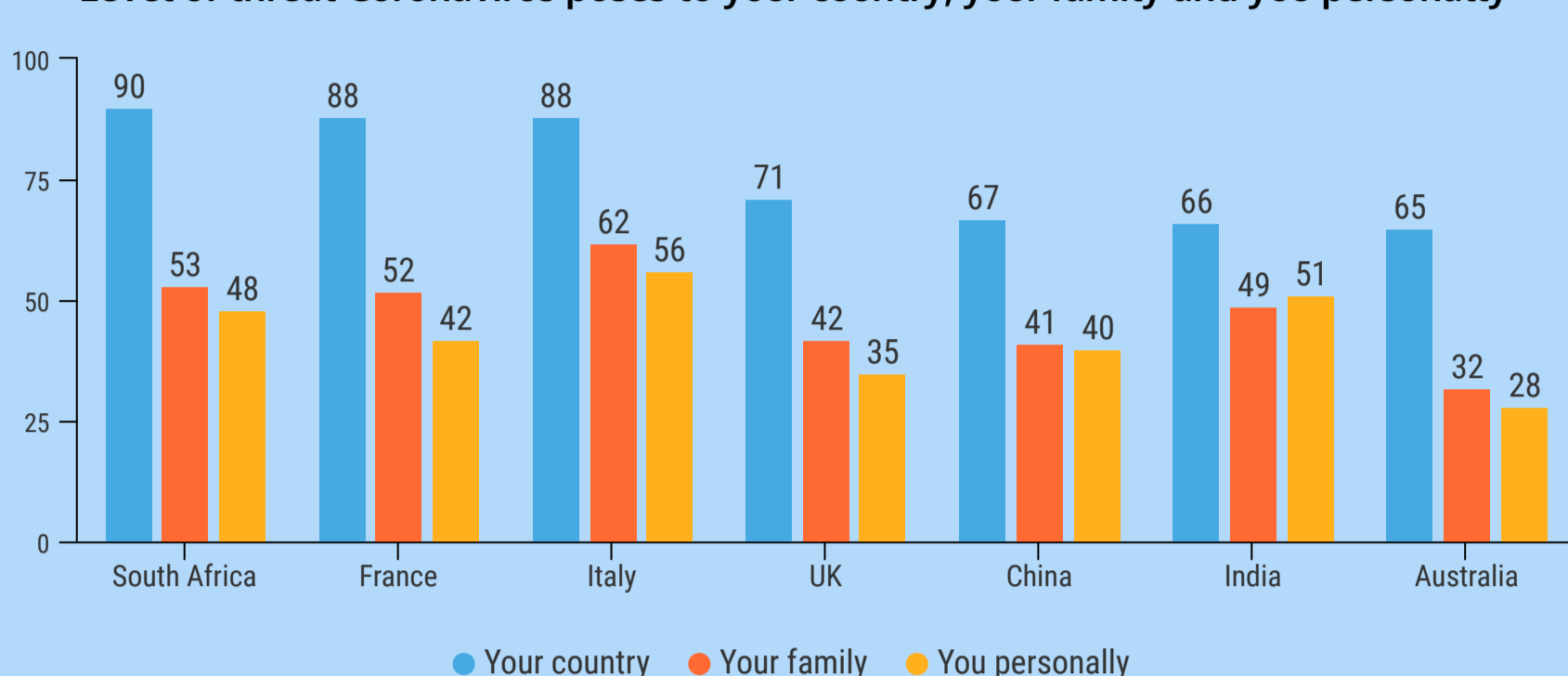


Percentage of respondents that felt statements are definitely true¹



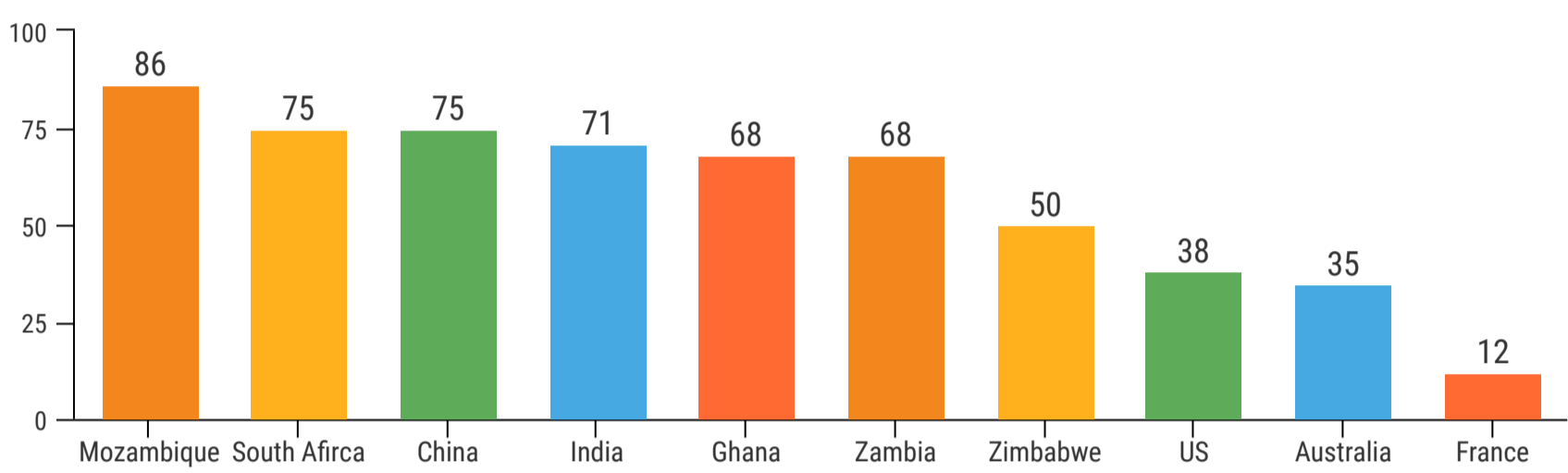
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COVID-19

Level of threat Coronavirus poses to your country, your family and you personally²



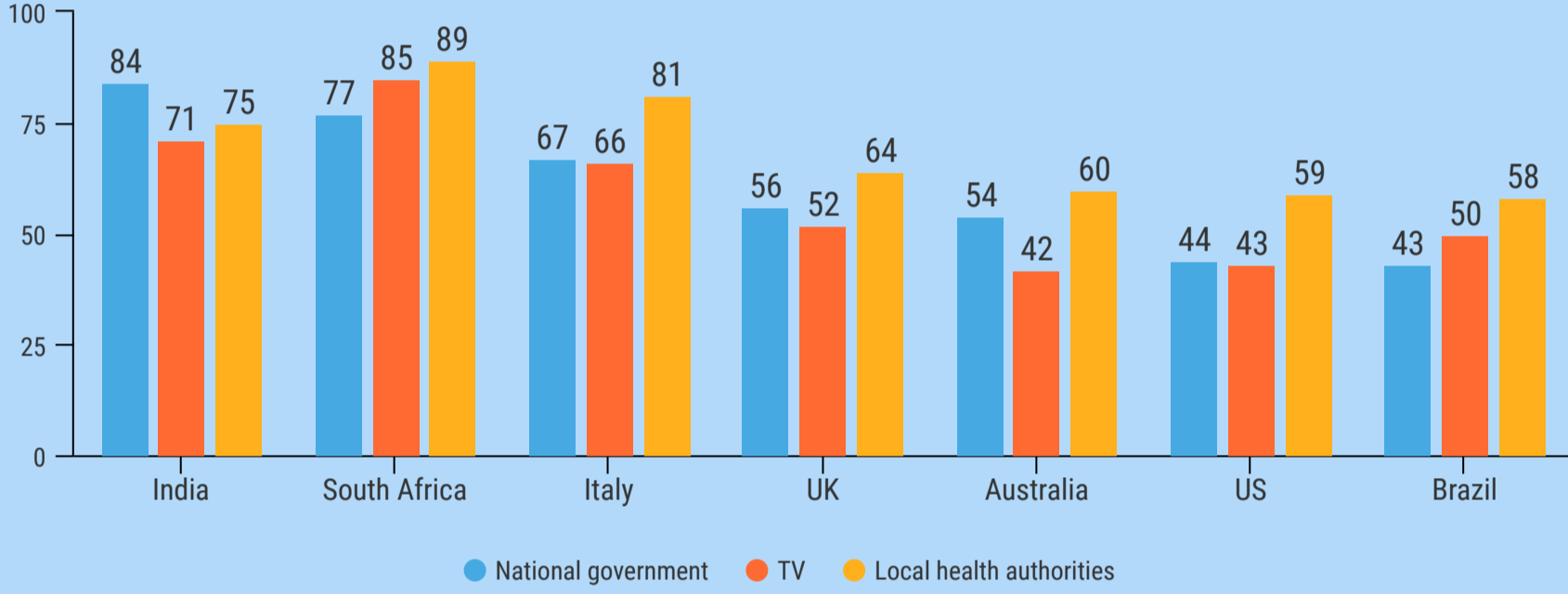
RISK PERCEPTION

If you were infected by coronavirus or Covid-19, how seriously do you think it would affect your health? (Extremely or very seriously)^{1,3}



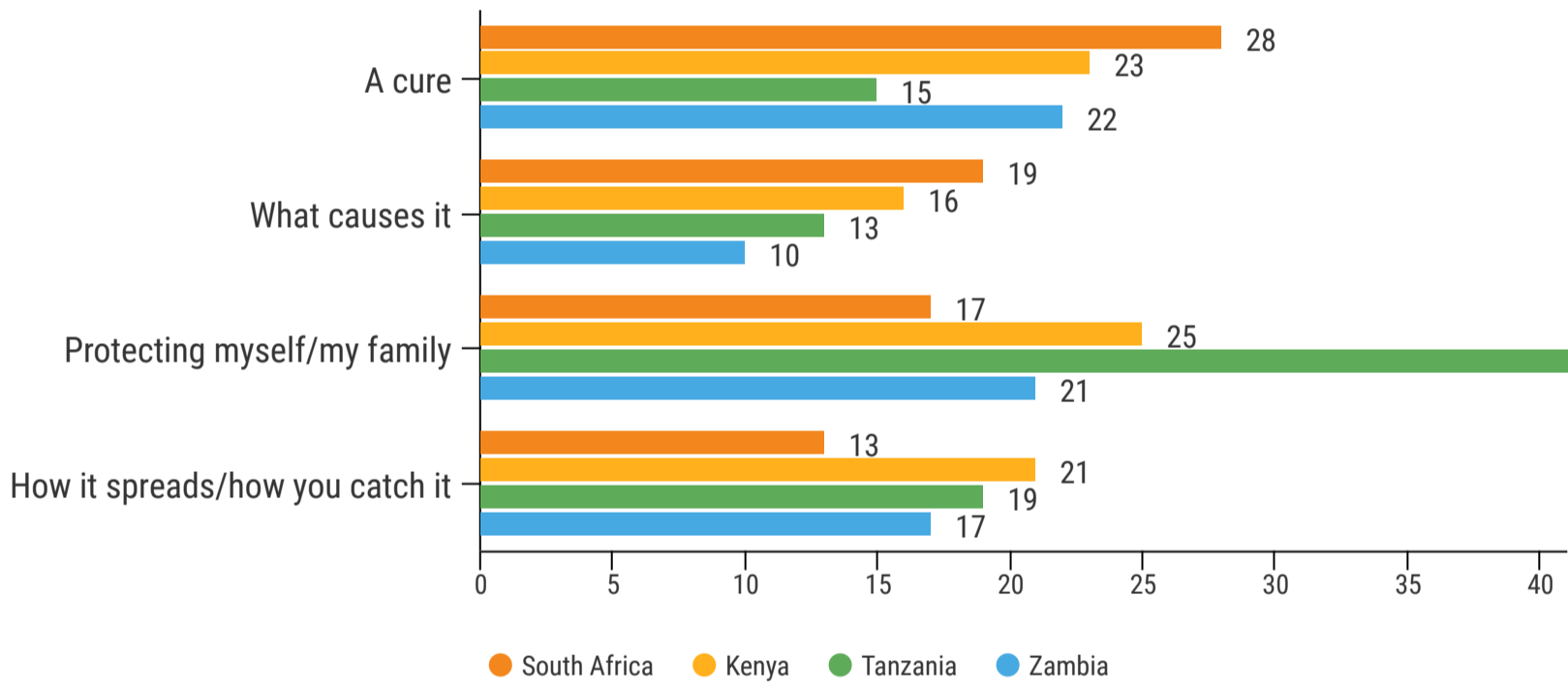
HEALTH IMPACT PERCEPTION

Trust in information sources²



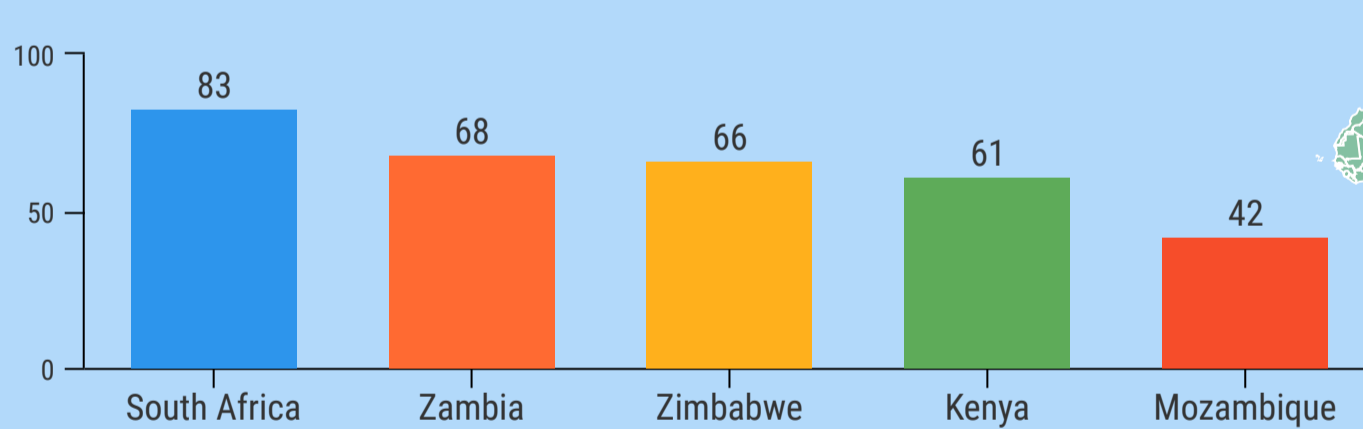
TRUST IN INFORMATION SOURCES

Citizens would like more information about¹



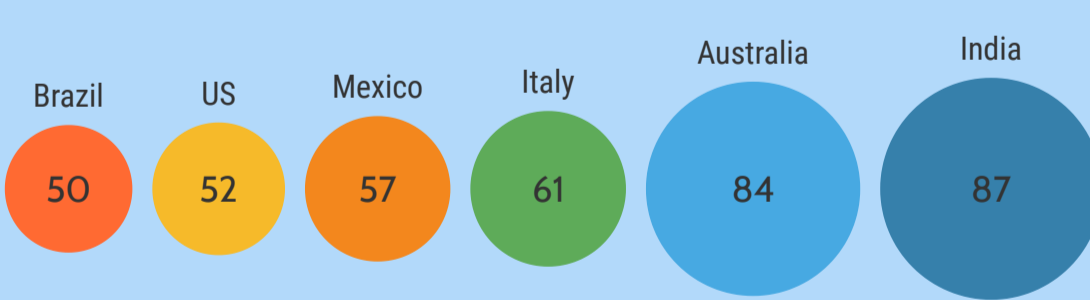
MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED

Percentage satisfied with government's response to Covid-19 (Africa)¹

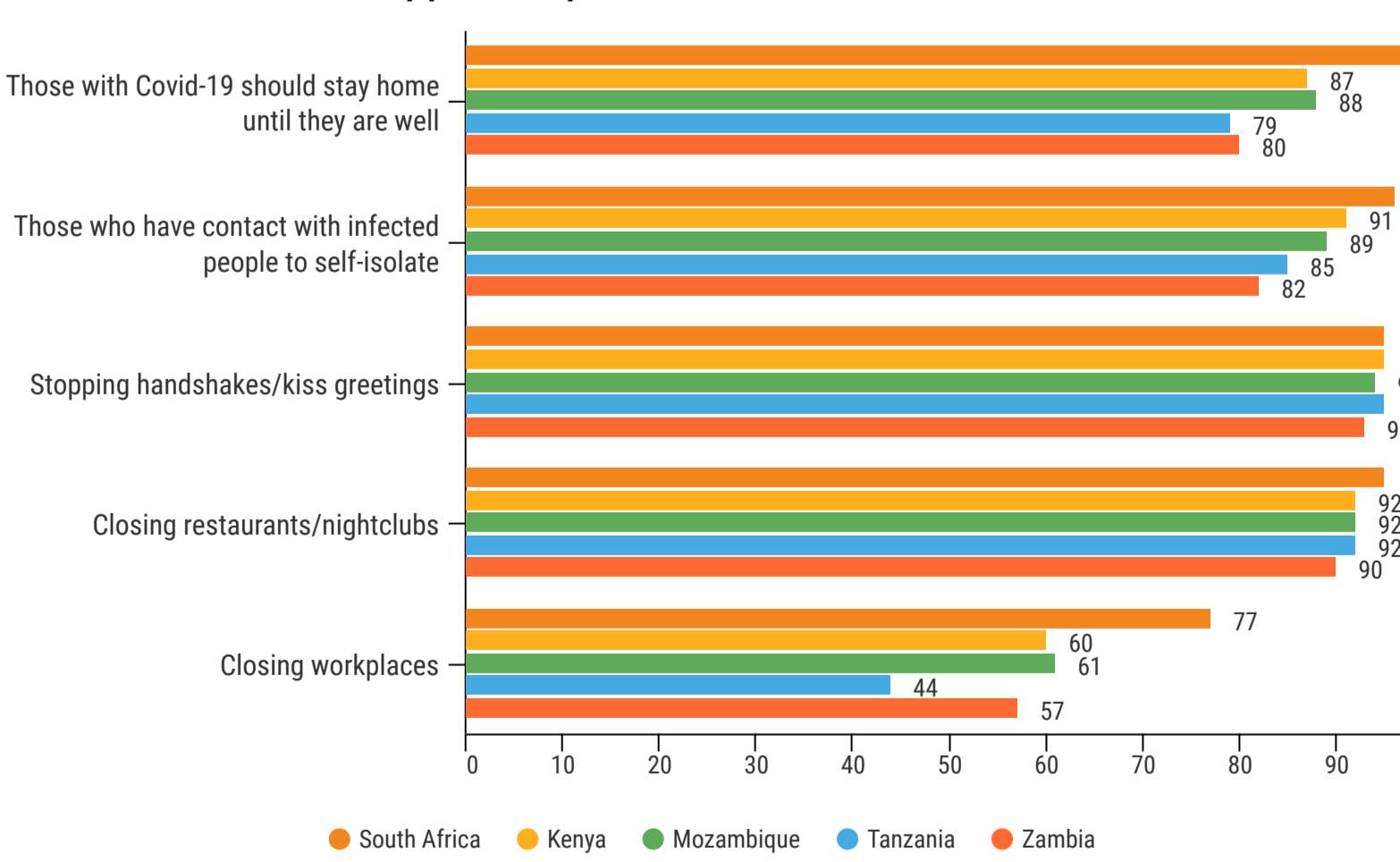


GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Government is doing a good/very good job of containing Covid-19⁴

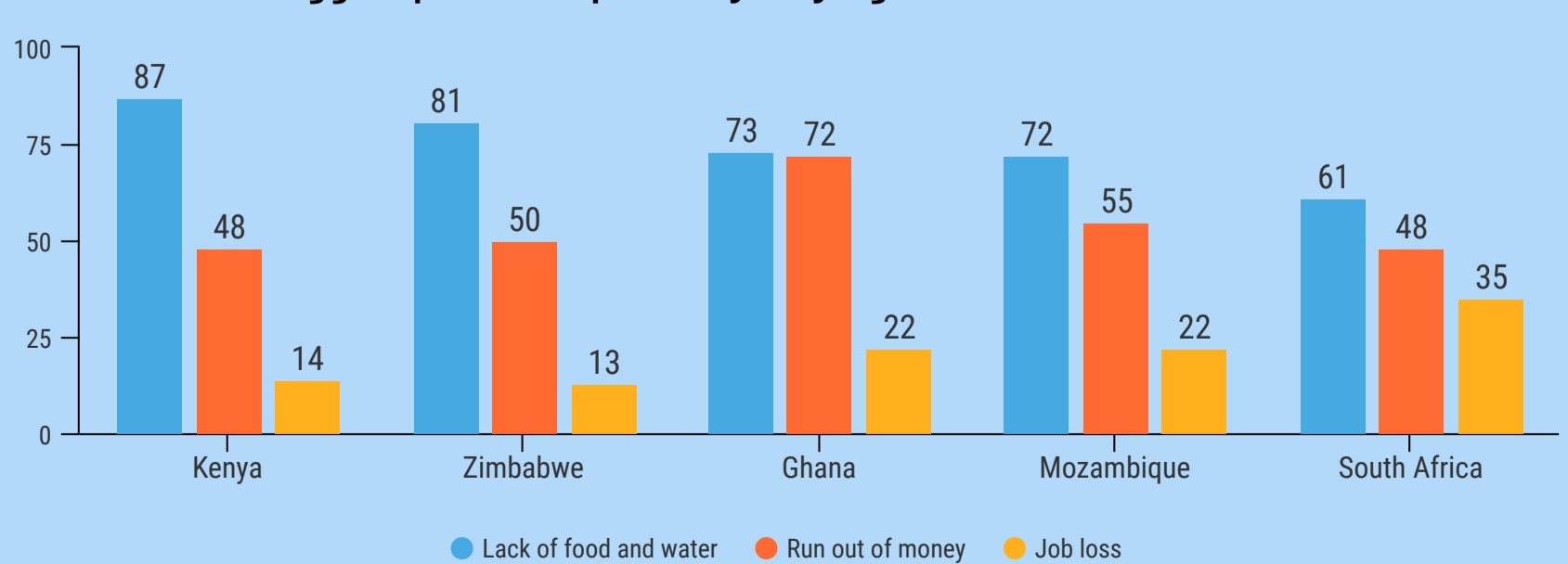


Support for public health social measures¹



SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL MEASURES

Biggest problems posed by staying at home for two weeks¹



MAIN CONCERNS ABOUT LOCKDOWN

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