A deeper look at the conditions and incidence of e Commerce in the Global South

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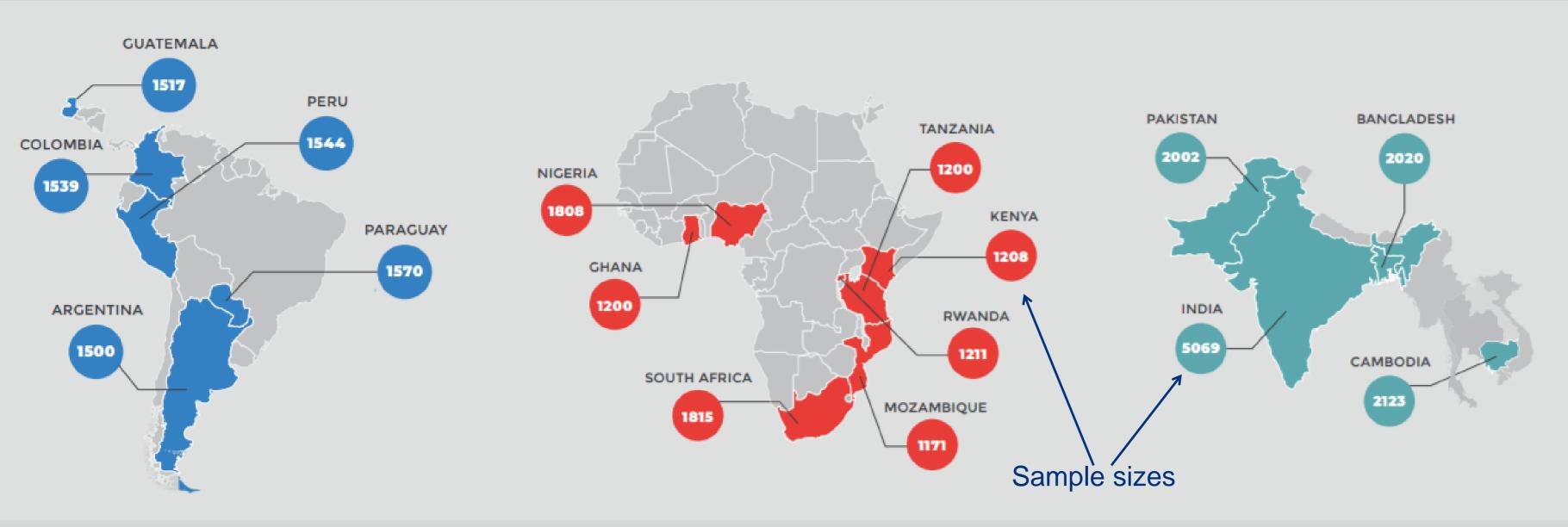








Nationally representative surveys of ICT access and use by households & individuals aged 15-65; In 16 developing countries; Data represents 30% of the global population; 28,900 face-to-face interviews; +/-3 margin of error



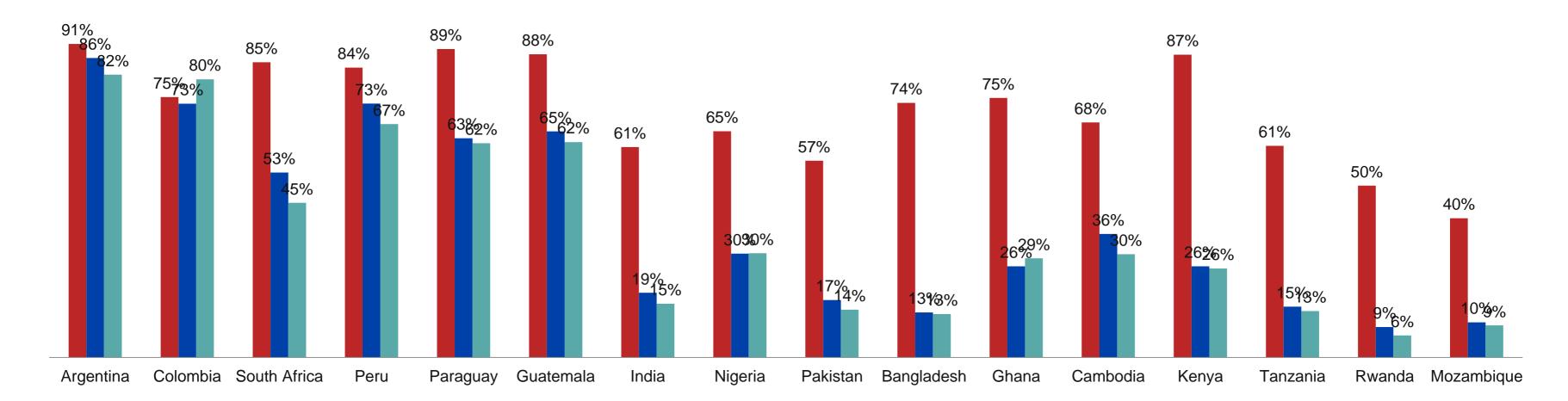




Higher connectivity in higher income countries; But Asia and Africa lag behind in Internet use

Mobile phone ownership, Internet usage and social media use (% of aged 15-65 population)





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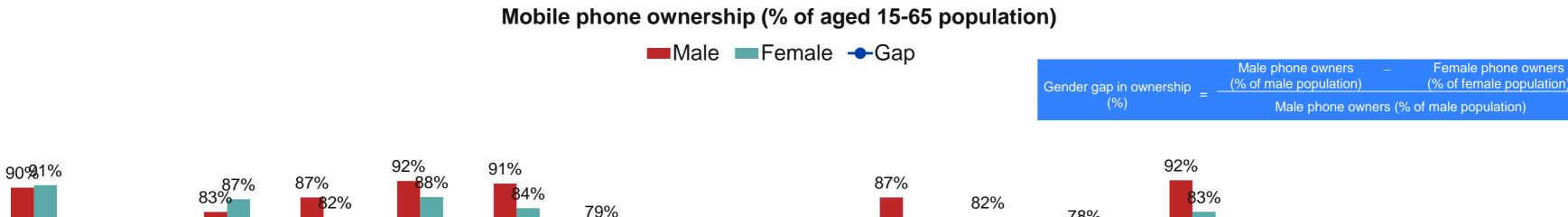
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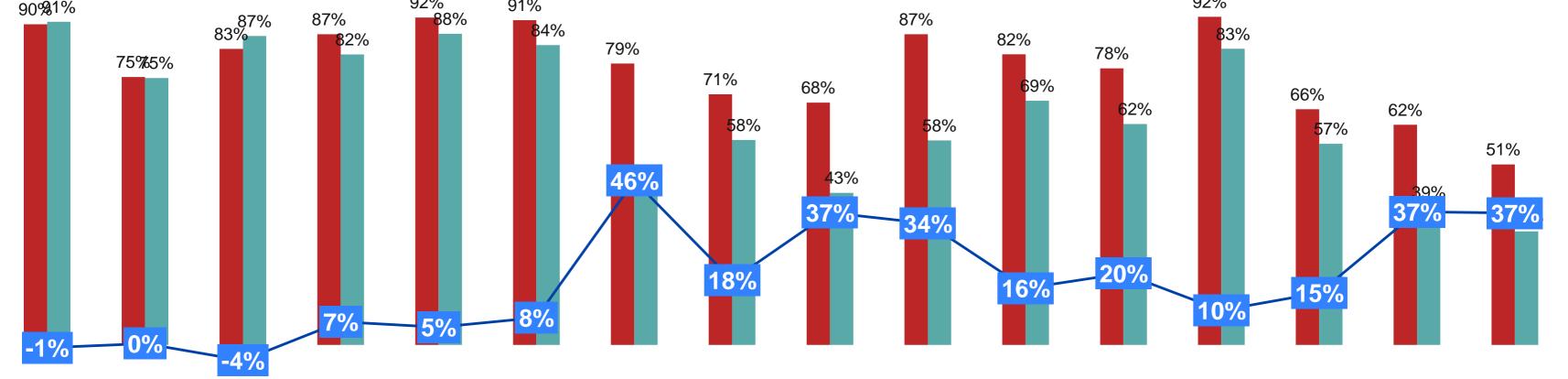
Q3: Do you use social media like Facebook, Whatsapp, Twitter etc?

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All respondents	1,240	1,425	1,610	1,478	1,357	1,407	5,069	1,706	2,002	2,020	1,145	2,123	1,179	1,102	1,118	1,091



There is a significant gender gap in ownership of phones





Argentina Colombia South Africa Peru Paraguay Guatemala India Nigeria Pakistan Bangladesh Ghana Cambodia Kenya Tanzania Rwanda Mozambique

Q: Do you own a mobile phone?

Nigeria Bangladesh Tanzania Male Female 656 751 2,478 2,591 912 896 1.060 942 1.092 928 547 735 1,388



....and a higher gender divide in Internet use



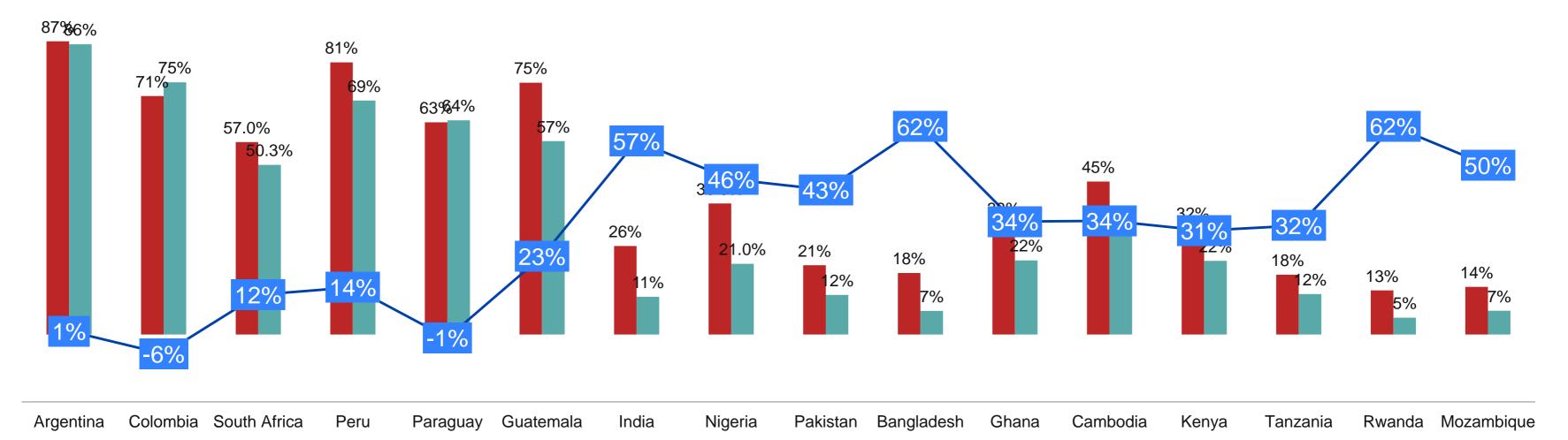


Gender gap in Internet users - Female internet users (% of female population)

usage (%)

Male internet users - Female internet users (% of female population)

Male internet users (% of male population)



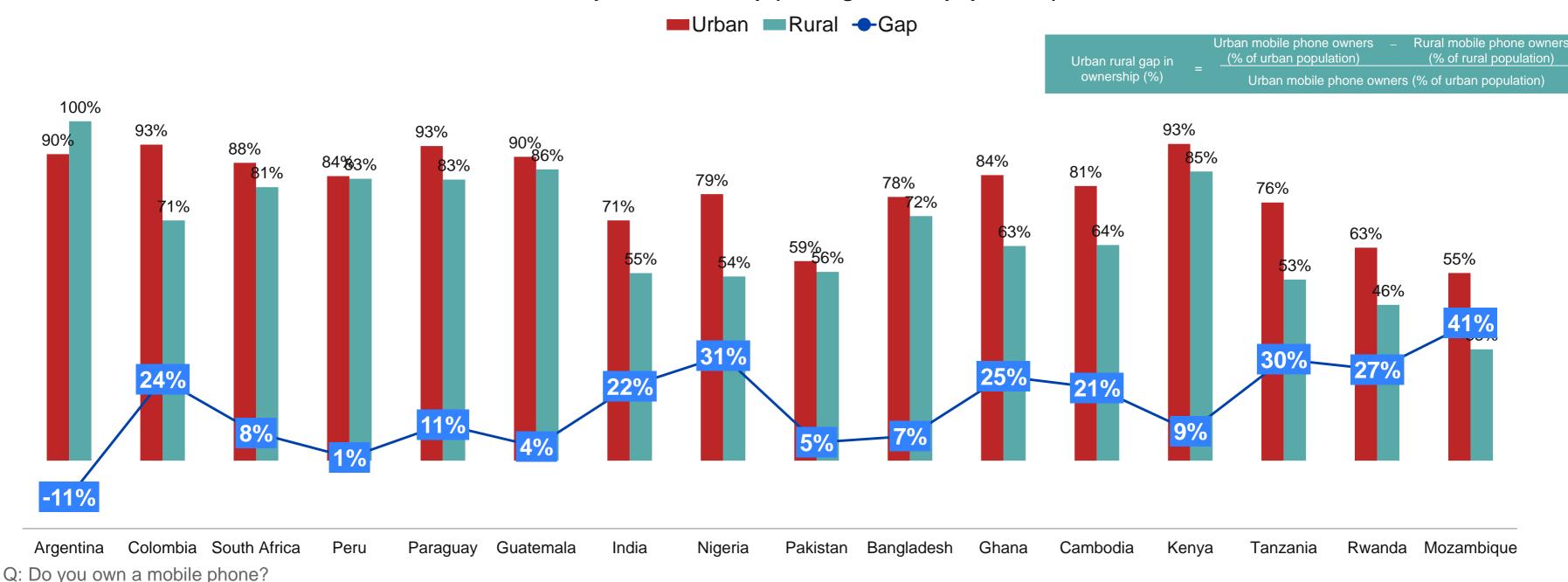
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In addition to gender, there is also an urban-rural divide in mobile ownership

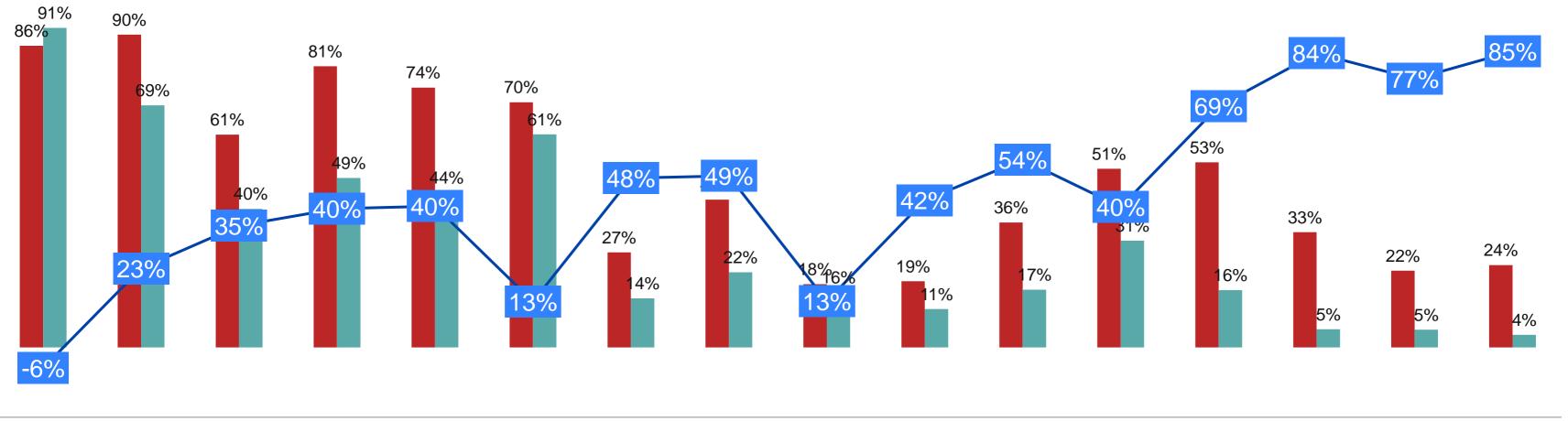
Mobile phone ownership (% of aged 15-65 population)



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.....and an even higher urban-rural divide in Internet use





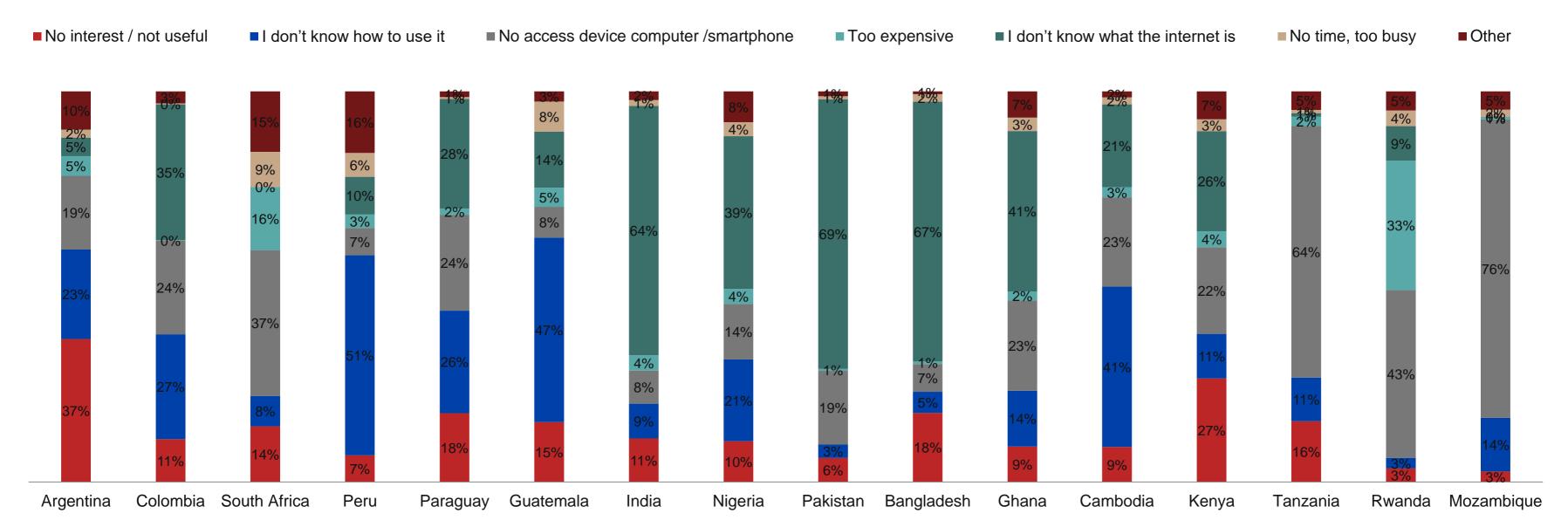
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Non users: Still a significant % of in Asia (and some in Africa) don't know what the Internet is. In LataM, many don't know how to use it.

Reasons for not using the Internet (% of aged 15-65 non-Internet users)



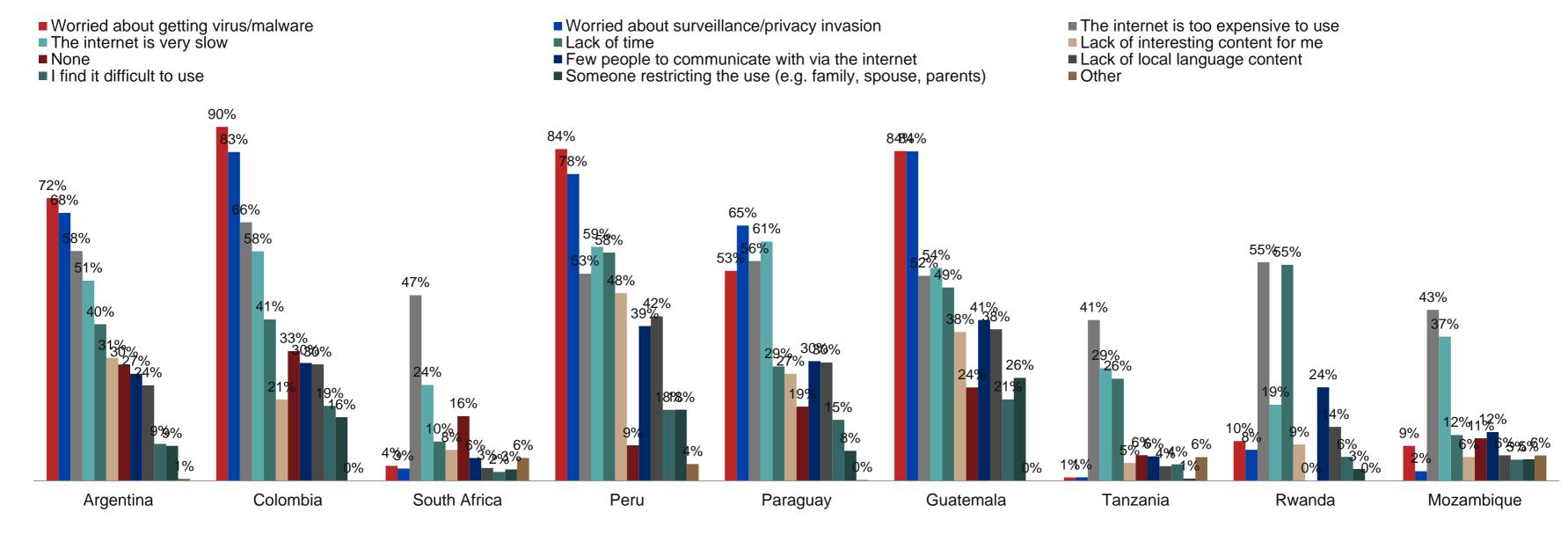
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Non-Internet users	192	248	317	391	536	484	4,150	1,177	1,575	1,754	837	1,320	741	319	151	319



What limits more use among current users?: Cost & Speed in most African countries; malware & privacy concerns in LatAm(contd.)

Limitations for Internet usage (% of aged 15-65 Internet users)

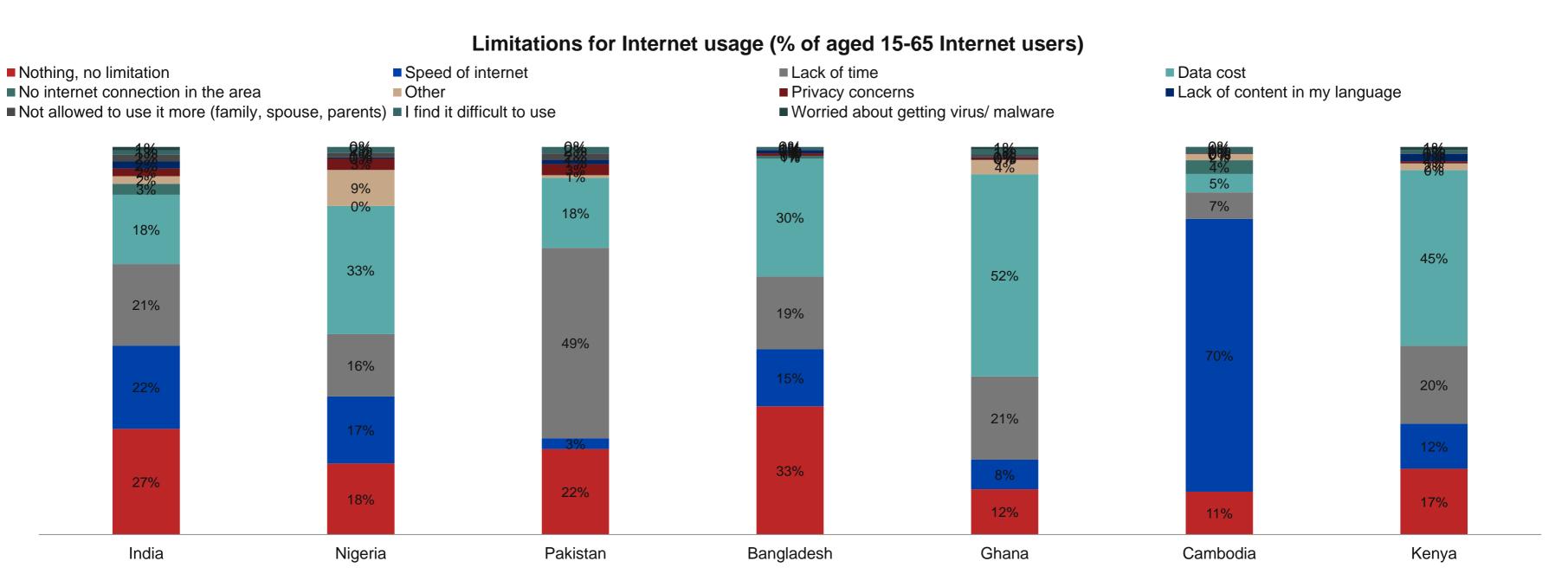


Q: I'm going to read some phrases that other people have mentioned like limits to use the internet? For each one, please, tell me if you consider it a limitation or not. (Multiple response question)

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....Lack of time & data costs in Asian countries; and in the remaining African countries



Q: What is your main limitation for your use of the internet? (Single response question)

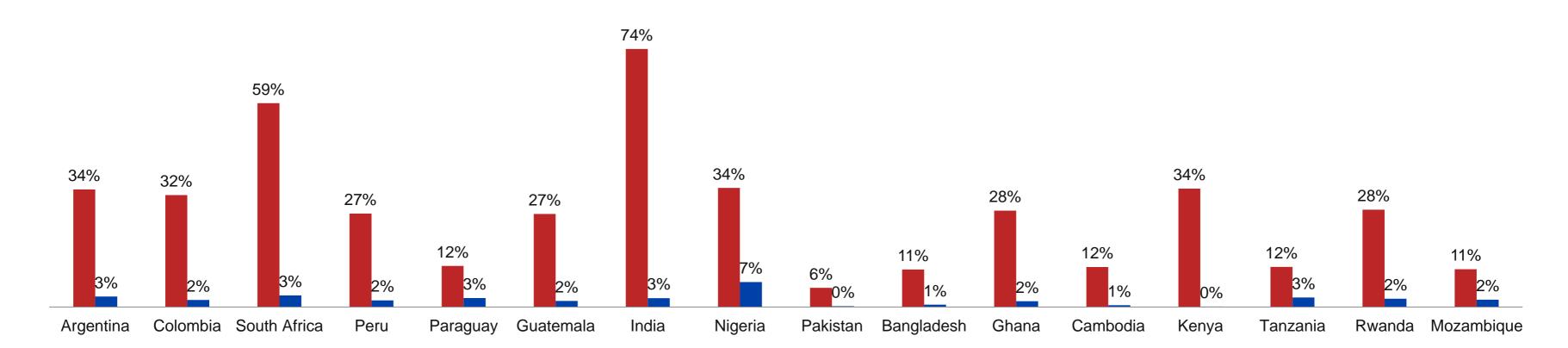
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Internet users	919	529	427	266	311	804	440



75% of 15-65 population in IN and 60 & in ZA Indians have their own bank account. All others, less than 50% of the 15-65 aged are banked

Access to bank accounts (% of aged 15-65 population)





Q1:Do you have access to a bank account?

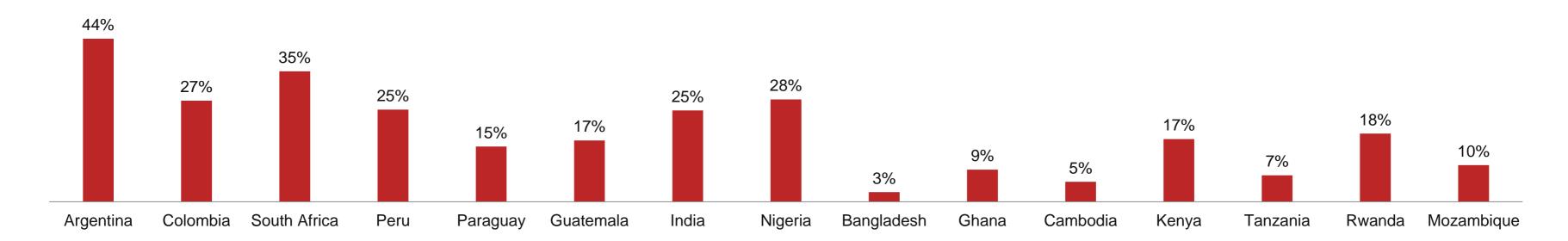
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Similarly, low credit & debit card ownership

Credit or debit card ownership (% of aged 15-65 population)

Owns a credit or debit card



Q:Do you have a credit card or debit card??

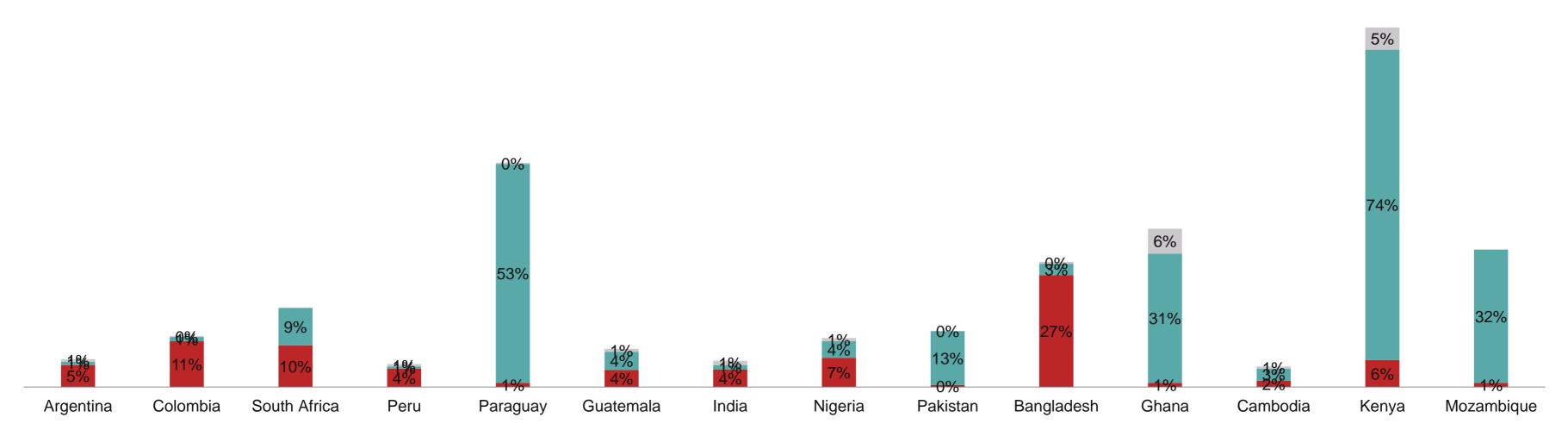
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Mobile money: High use In Kenya, Ghana, Mozambique, South Africa and Paraguay. But low elsewhere.







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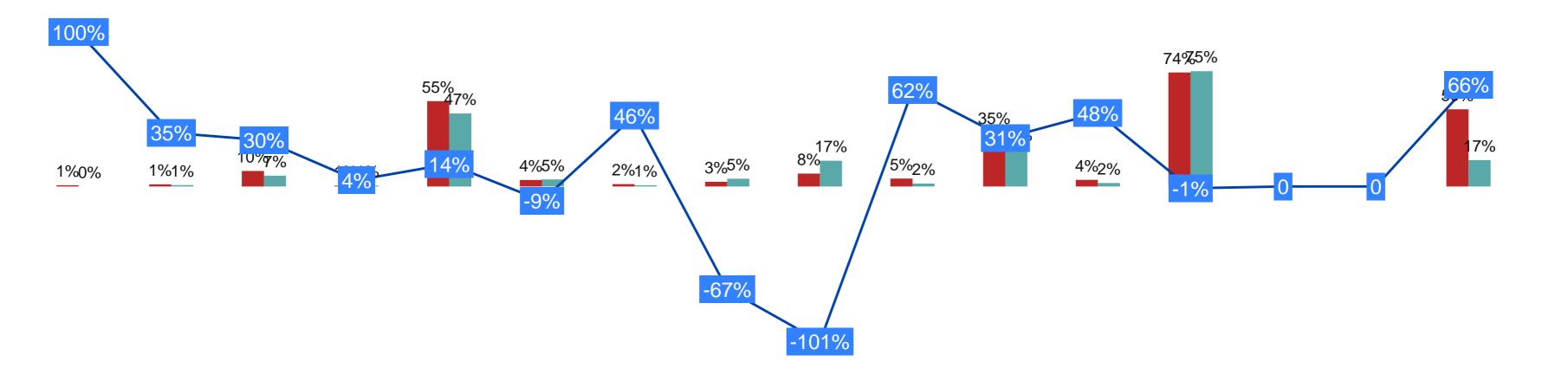
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Mobile phone owners	1,116	1,297	1,552	1,234	1,209	1,214	3,252	1,180	1,208	1,531	934	1,526	1,074	667



Mobile money used both in urban and rural areas. But significant gap in Mozambique, Paraguay and Cambodia







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Urban Rural Urban Rural

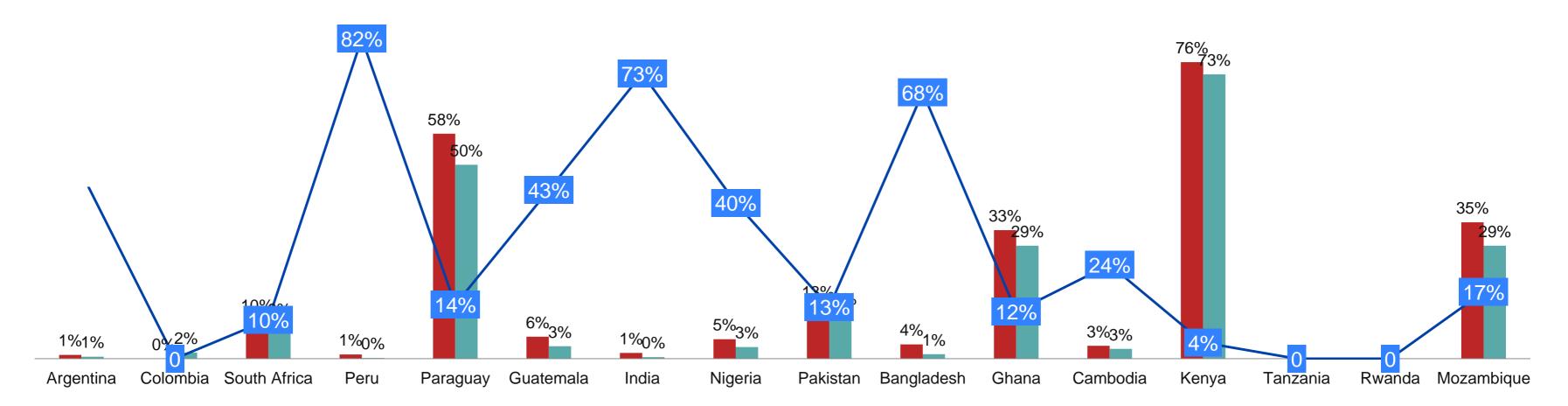
Mobile phone owners 1,084 32 927 370 919 633 985 249 765 444 492 722 1,490 1,762 857 323 489 719 637 894 605 329 728 798 678 396 498 169



Gender gap in mobile money use almost everywhere (except Argentina, Colombia)

Mobile money usage(% of aged 15-65 mobile phone owners)

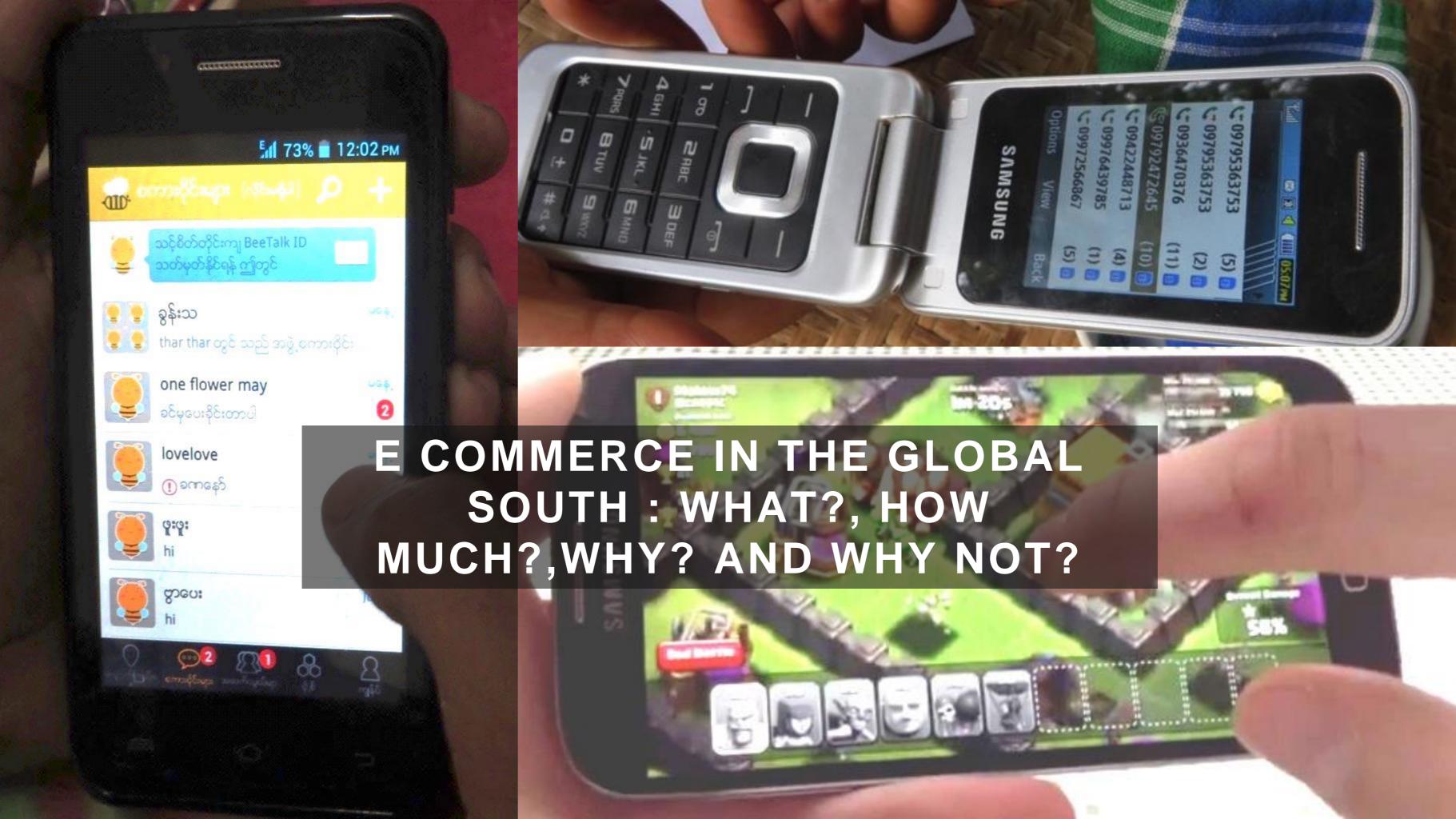
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Mobile phone owners	425	691	438	859	666	886	443	791	772	437	586	628	2,000	1,252	660	520	777	431	962	569	452	482	597	929	507	567	340	327

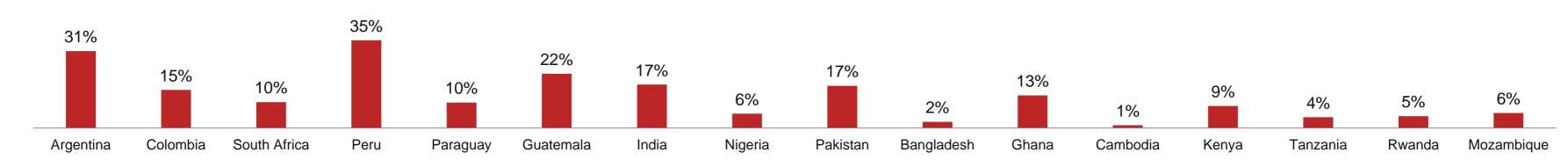




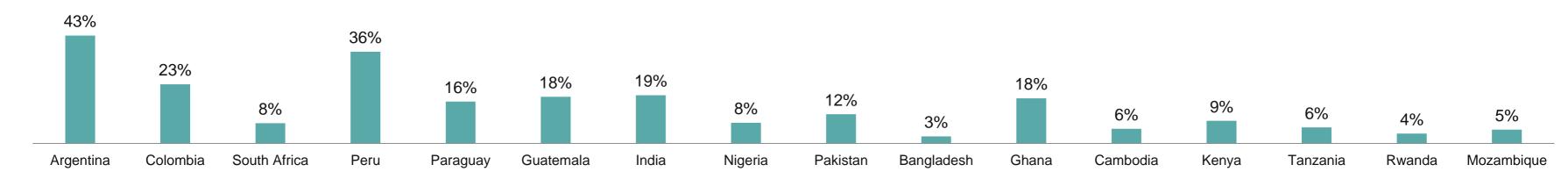
Use of trading & transport apps: Best performance from Latin American countries. Ghana outlier (good performance) in Africa

Mobile app usage (% of aged 15-65 feature or smartphone owners)

■ Transport apps (public transportation info, taxis, Uber)



■ Trading or E-commerce apps (selling and buying online e.g. ebay)



Q: Are you using these types of Mobile apps on your phone?

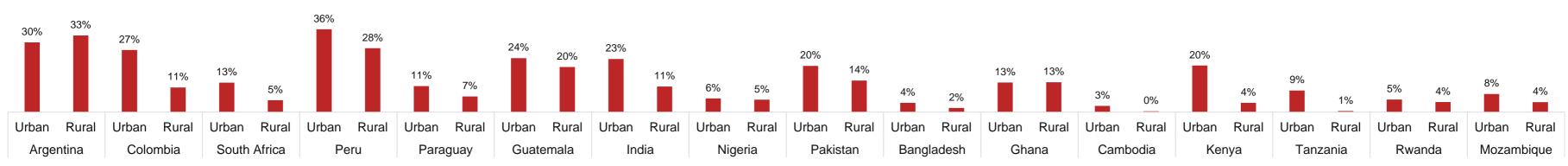
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Feature or smartphone owners	982	1,020	1,552	972	809	846	1,397	795	571	936	458	878	1,074	789	660	667
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Overall, higher use of transport and trading apps in urban areas

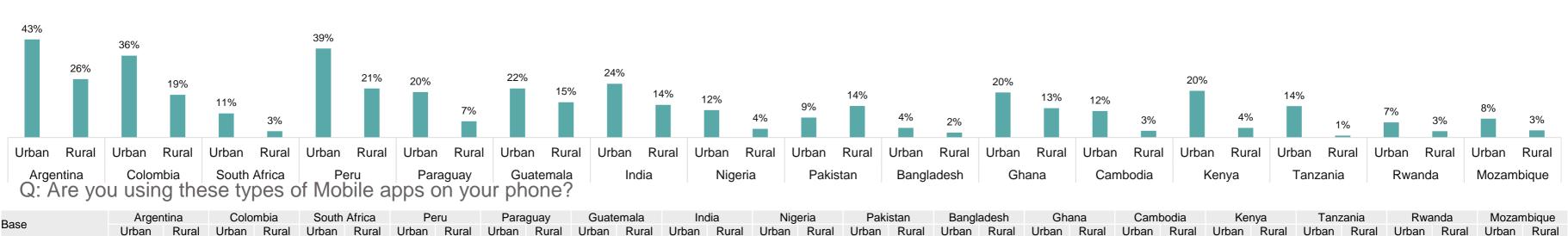
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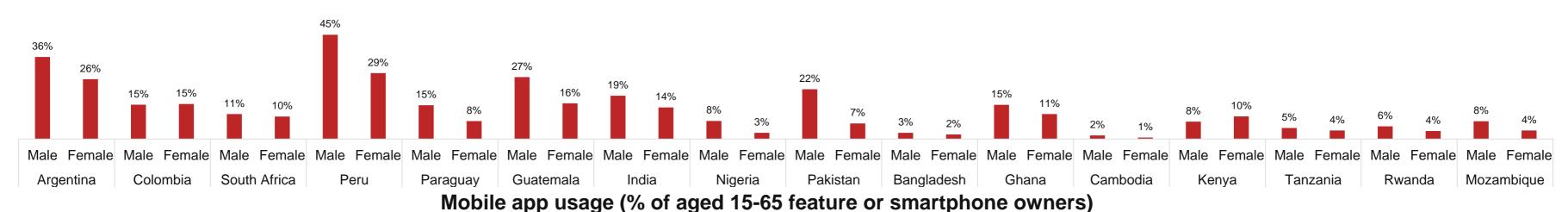
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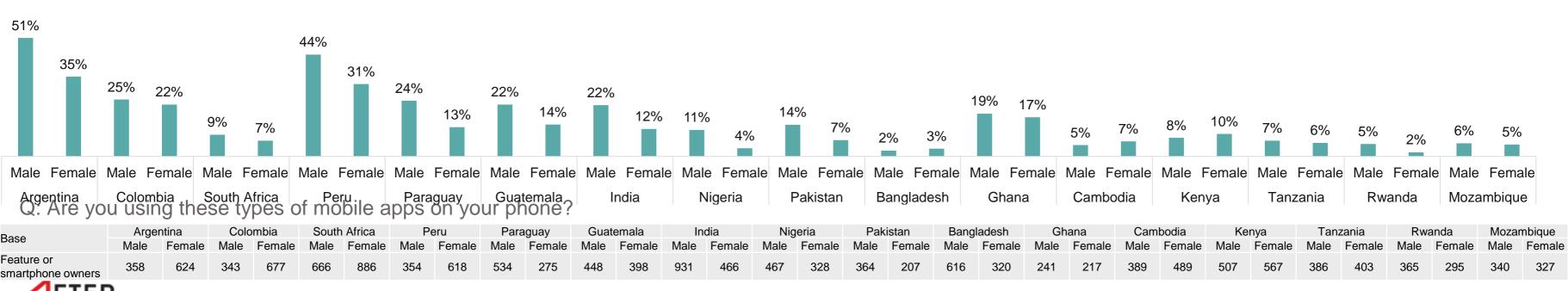
And higher transport & trading app usage among men (compared to women) in most countries

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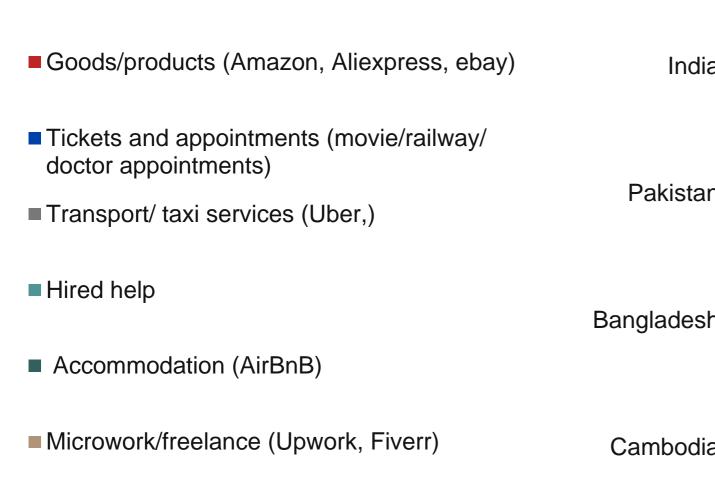
A LOOK AT BUYING

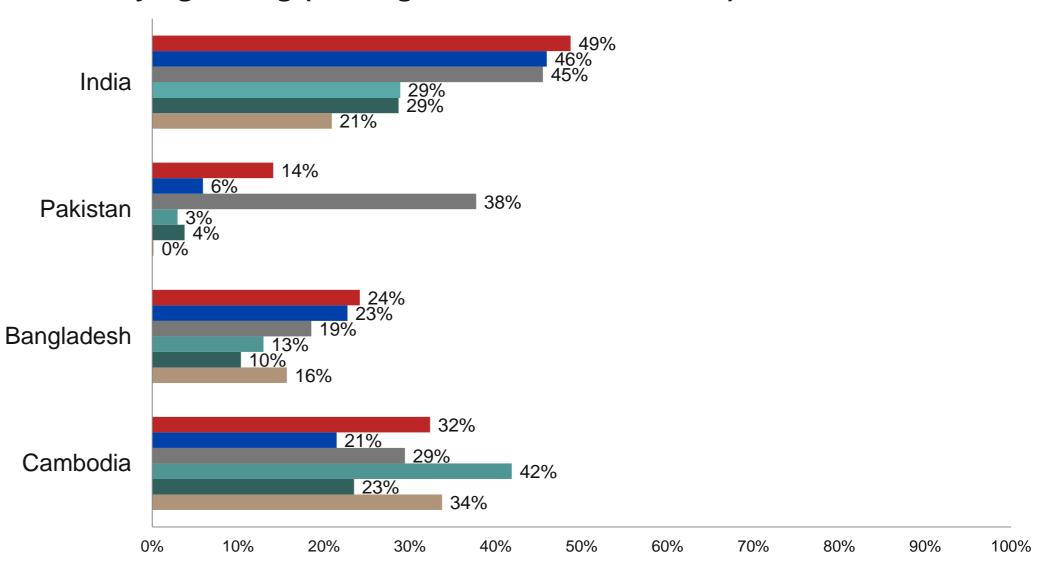


Awareness of platforms for buying/selling goods/services highest in IN, followed by KH; PK & BD lag behind in most categories

"platforms" = via internet or apps

Awareness of platforms for buying/selling (% of aged 15-65 internet users)





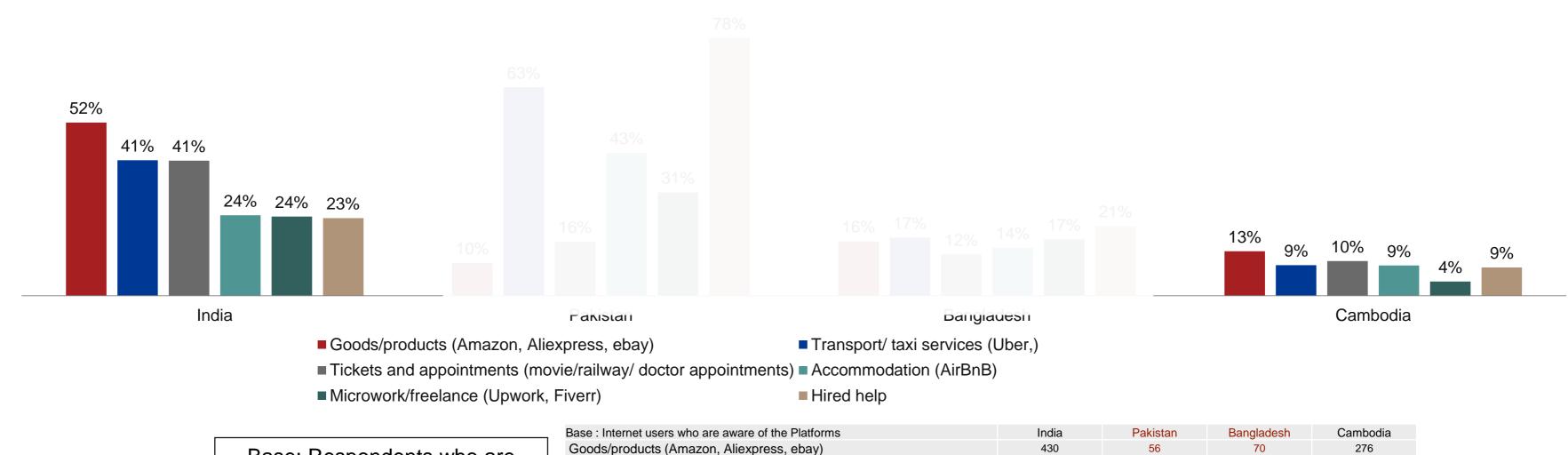
Q: Have you heard of these opportunities to buy/sell goods or services over the internet or apps as just defined?

Base	India	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Cambodia
Internet users	919	427	266	804
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In IN, use of platforms for **buying** goods/products most popular, followed by of transport services(taxi, train tickets). Awareness in Cambodia (KH) not translated into use.

Usage of platforms: buying (% of aged 15-65 internet users aware of platforms)



Base: Respondents who are aware of the platforms
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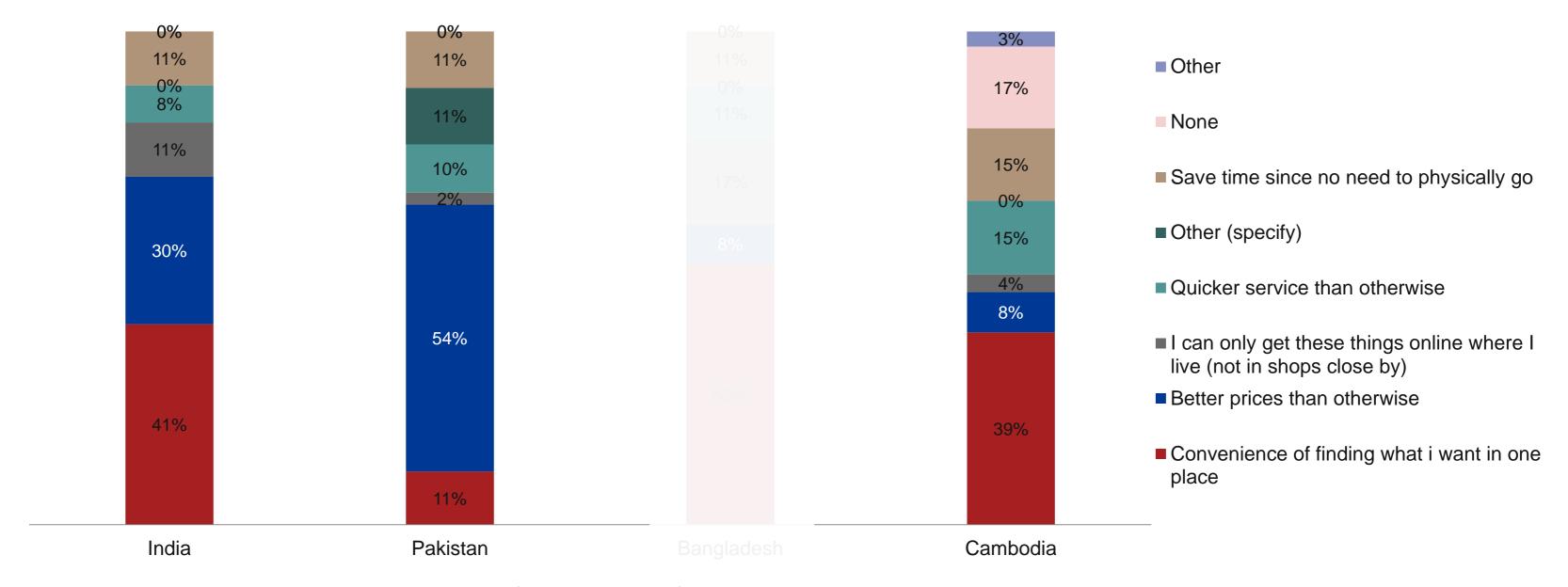
Base : Internet users who are aware of the Platforms	India	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Cambodia
Goods/products (Amazon, Aliexpress, ebay)	430	56	70	276
Transport/ taxi services (Uber,)	396	146	59	259
Tickets and appointments (movie/railway/ doctor appointments)	409	20	70	185
Accommodation (AirBnB)	265	16	32	209
Microwork/freelance (Upwork, Fiverr)	202	7	43	288
Hired help	258	13	40	355

Q: Have you ever bought any of the following goods or services through the internet or apps?



Convenience of finding things in one place and and better prices are key reasons for using platforms to buy goods and services

Reason for using platforms for buying (% of aged 15-65 platform users who buy)



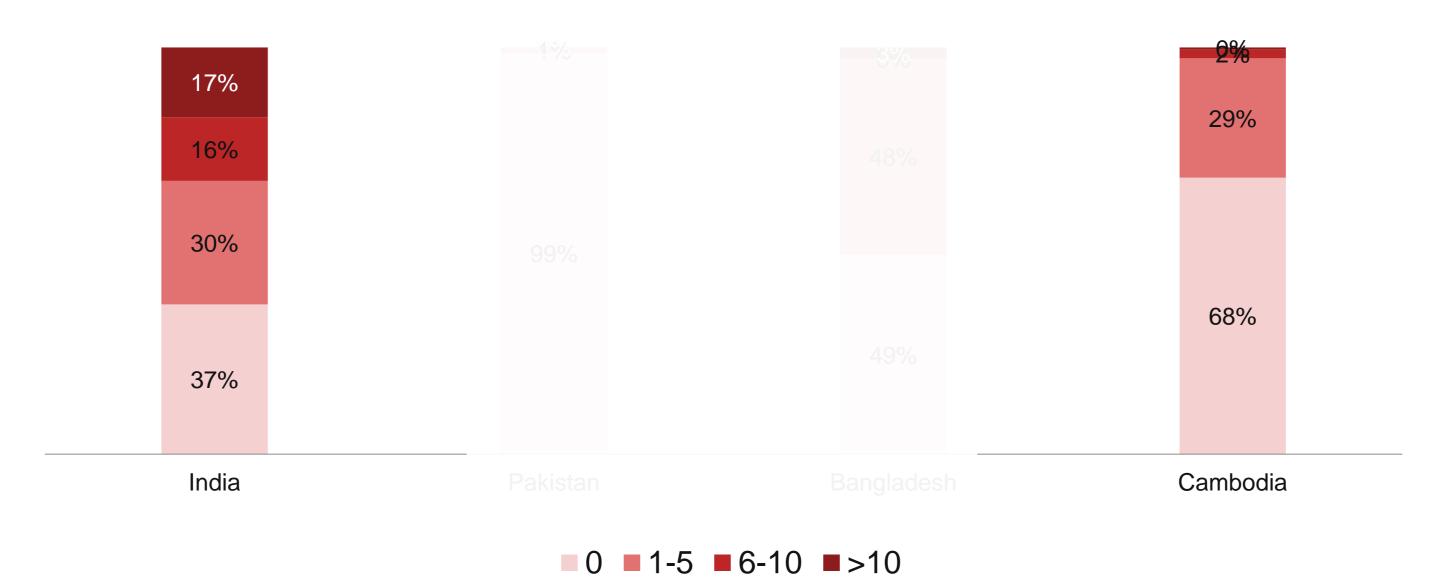
Q: Why do you usually choose to use these kinds of websites/apps to search/buy goods and services?

Base	India	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Cambodia
Platform users who purchased through platforms	239	125	14	102



But few have made more than 5 purchases in the last 3 months

Frequency of purchases via platforms during last 3 months (% of aged 15-65 platform users who buy)

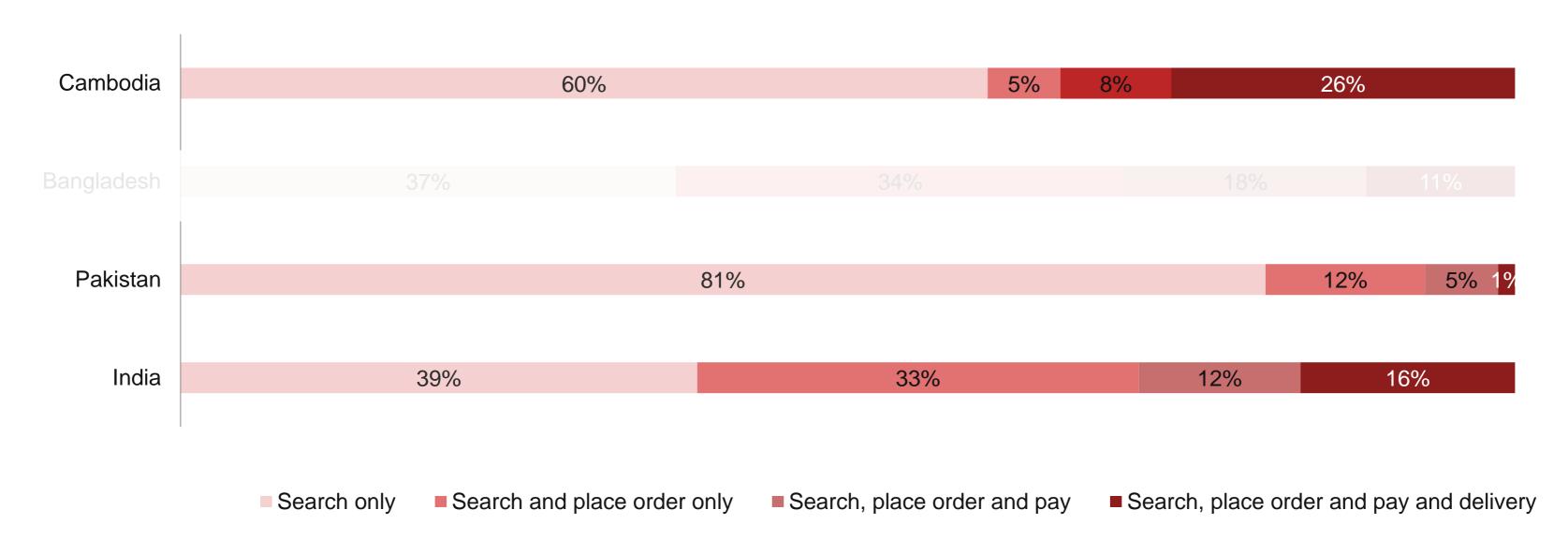


Q: Now, thinking about the last three (3) months, please tell me how many times you have bought or hired a good or service using the internet?

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Many buyers stop after search and order placement; payment and delivery more often happens <u>outside</u> the platform

Transaction components completed on Internet/apps: buying (% of aged 15-65 platform users who buy)



Q: In your most frequent online purchase or hire Do you usually use the internet to:

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Among those who do search online, lack of knowledge and lack of need key reasons for non-completion of transactions on the Internet/apps. Trust is an issue in India

Reason for not placing order and paying via Internet/apps

(% of aged 15-65 buyers who didn't place order or pay for the most recent purchase)

	India	Pakistan		
I don't need to (e.g., I can buy all necessary goods/services from physical stores)	31%	25%	21%	
I'm not comfortable sharing personal details online with third parties	24%	4%	37%	
I cannot be certain of the quality of the product	23%	3%	4%	
I don't know how to	22%	64%	20%	
I am not certain that I will receive the goods/services	20%	2%	12%	
Delivery charges are too high	18%	6%	0%	
It takes too much time	15%	1%	0%	
There is no option to place order or do payment online	13%	1%	21%	
I'm not comfortable sharing financial details online with third parties	11%	0%	4%	
Online prices of goods/services are too high	11%	0%	4%	
I am not certain that my payment will reach the seller	10%	3%	4%	
I've had a negative experience in the past	7%	0%	0%	
I am not comfortable using sellers/service providers that I don't know	5%	2%	0%	
I have heard of people having negative experiences with these	4%	2%	0%	

Q: In your most frequent online purchase or hire, what are the reasons you usually don't place the order or do the payment inrough the internet or mobile apps?

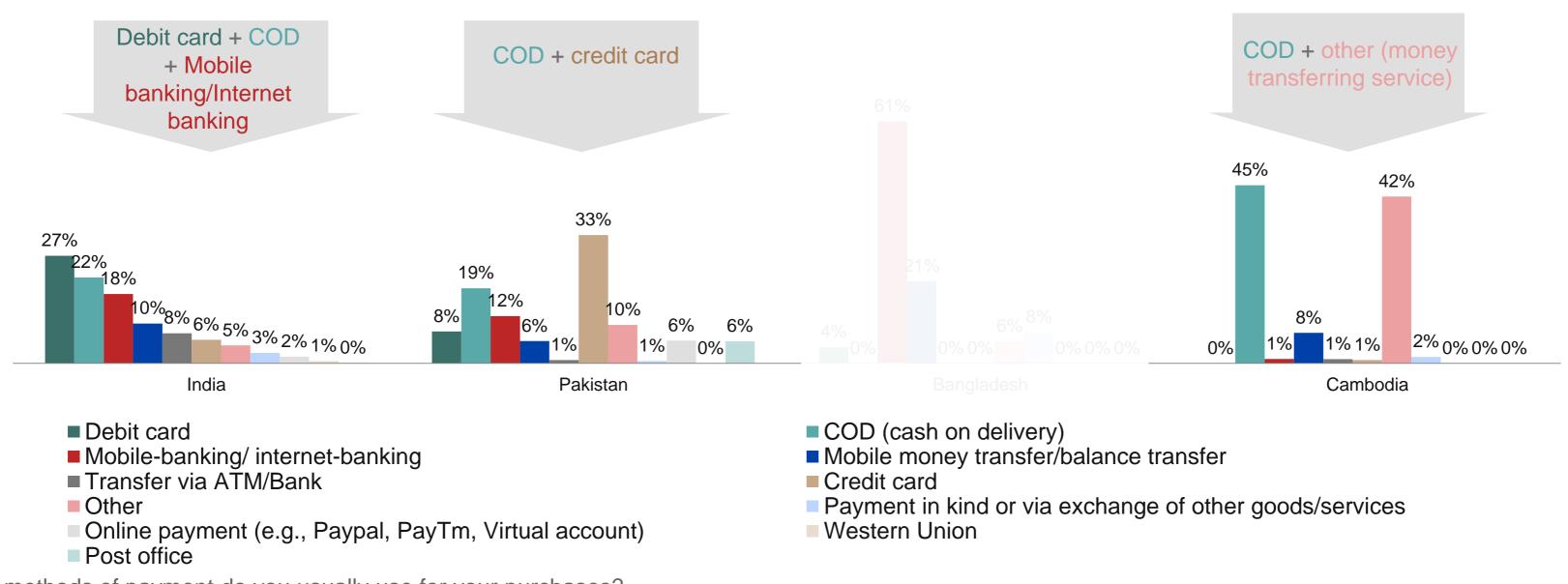
Base	India	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Cambodia
Platform users didn't place or pay for the most recent purchase	175	110	10	71



Popular payment methods differ by country, but cash on delivery used in all (and in top 2 methods of payment).

18% of platform users in India use mobile/internet banking

Usual method of paying (% of aged 15-65 platform users who buy)



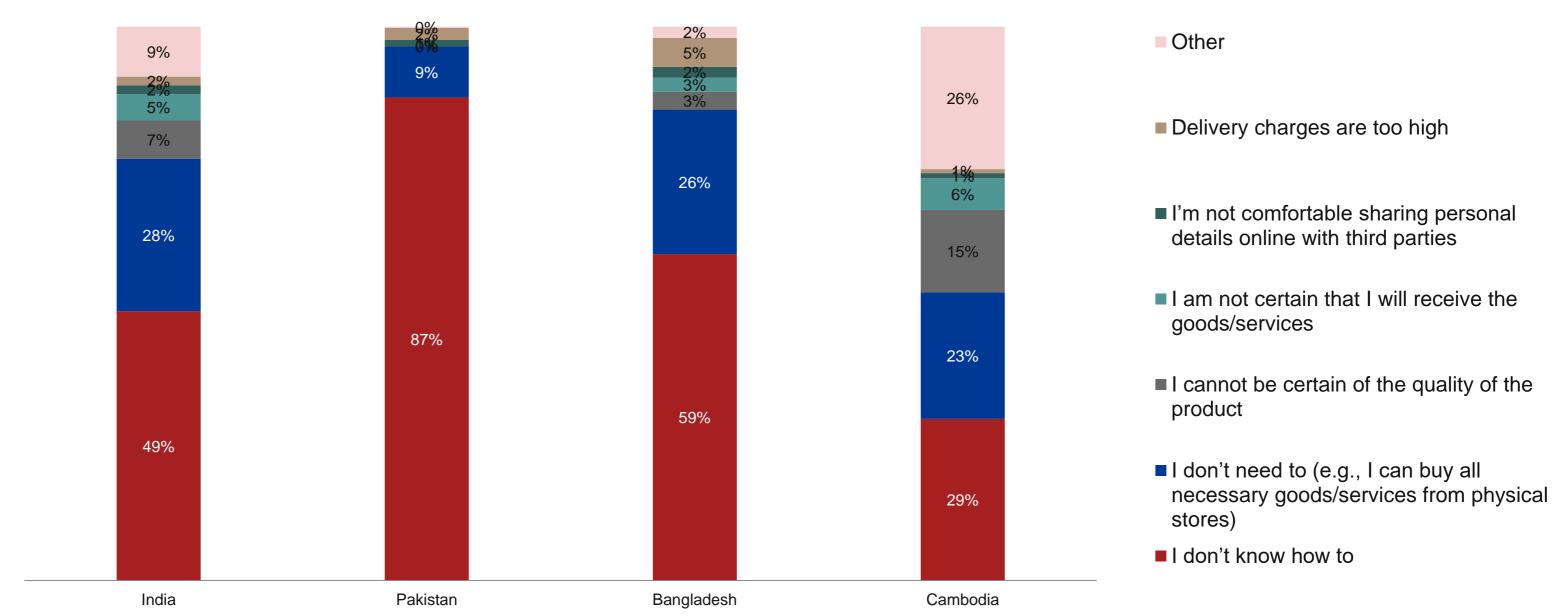
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Among those who don't buy online, skills and relevance are key barriers to platform use for buying

Reason for not using platforms for buying (% of those aged 15-65 who are aware of but don't use platforms)



Q: What is the primary reason you don't buy goods/services through the internet or mobile apps?

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Base	India	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Cambodia	
Respondent who are aware of platforms but not using them	586	302	227	421	

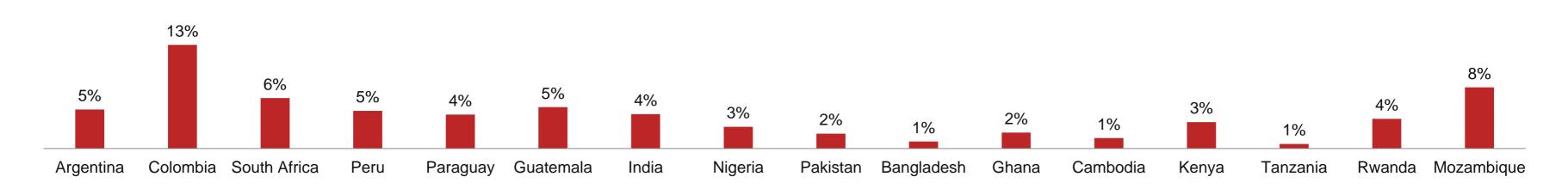


A CLOSER LOOK AT SELLING



Platform use for selling in of labor: low overall, though still a large absolute number in Colombia.

Usage of platforms: selling (% of aged 15-65 internet users)



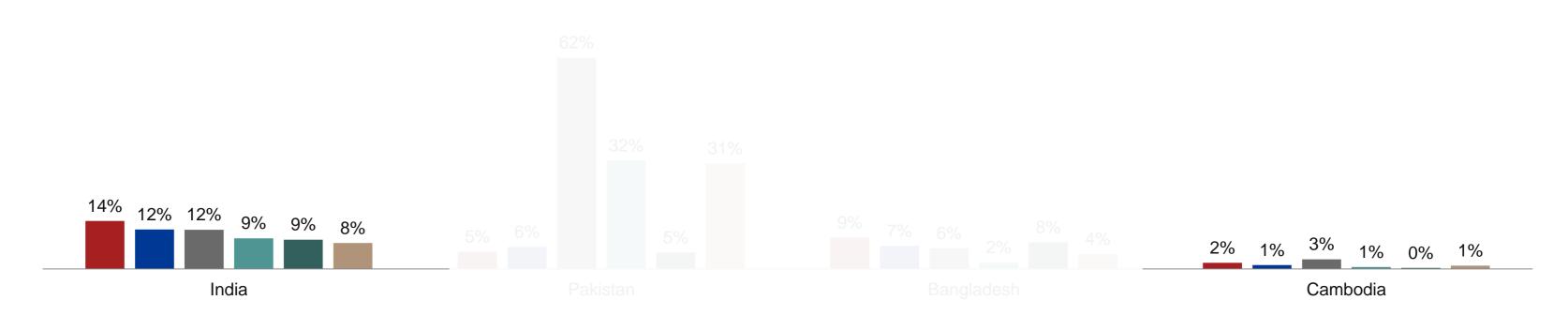
Q: Some people find paid jobs or tasks by connecting directly with people who want to hire them using a website or mobile app. In the last year, have you earned money by taking on jobs of this type?

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Labor is not the only thing sold. Sale of goods in India. Minimal in other Asian countries

Usage of platforms: selling (% of aged 15-65 internet users who aware of platforms)



- Transport/ taxi services (Uber,)
- Hired help
- Tickets and appointments (movie/railway/ doctor appointments) Microwork/freelance (Upwork, Fiverr)
- Goods/products (Amazon, Aliexpress, ebay)
- Accommodation (AirBnB)

Base: Respondents who are aware of the platforms *Bases are low for PK & BD

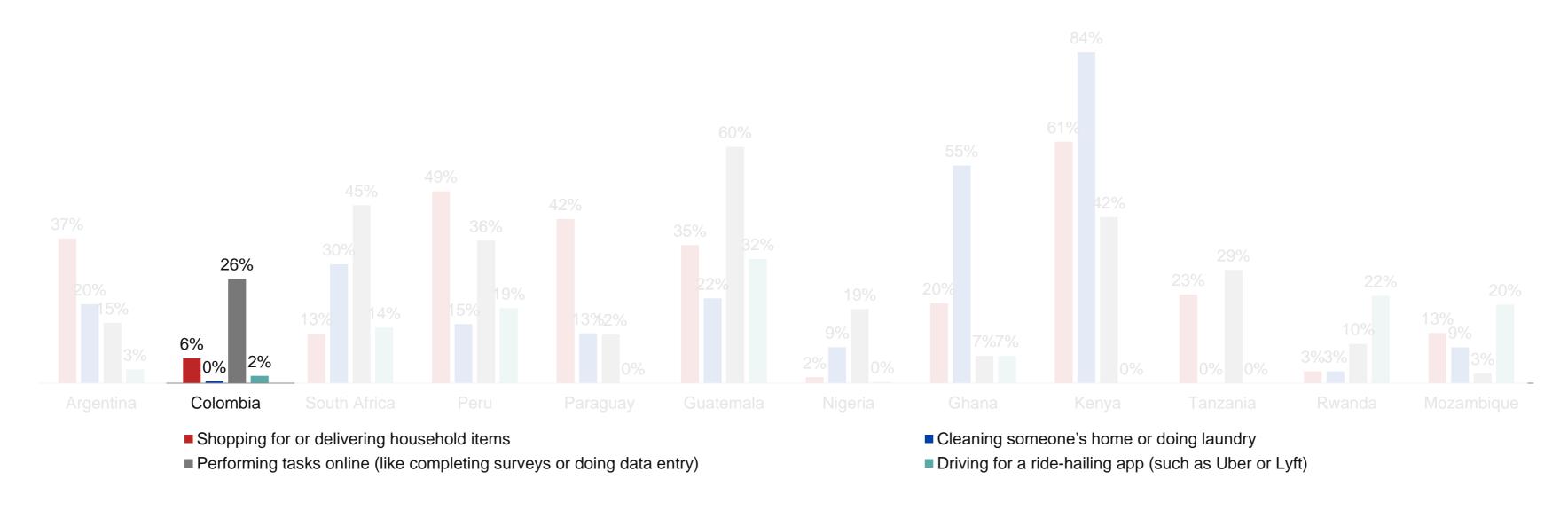
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Q: Have you ever bought any of the following goods or services through the internet or apps?



Platform use for selling goods/services: Minimal in Africa and LatAm. But in Colombia, significant microwork and online freelancing

Usage of platforms: selling (% of aged 15-65 internet users who sell through platforms)



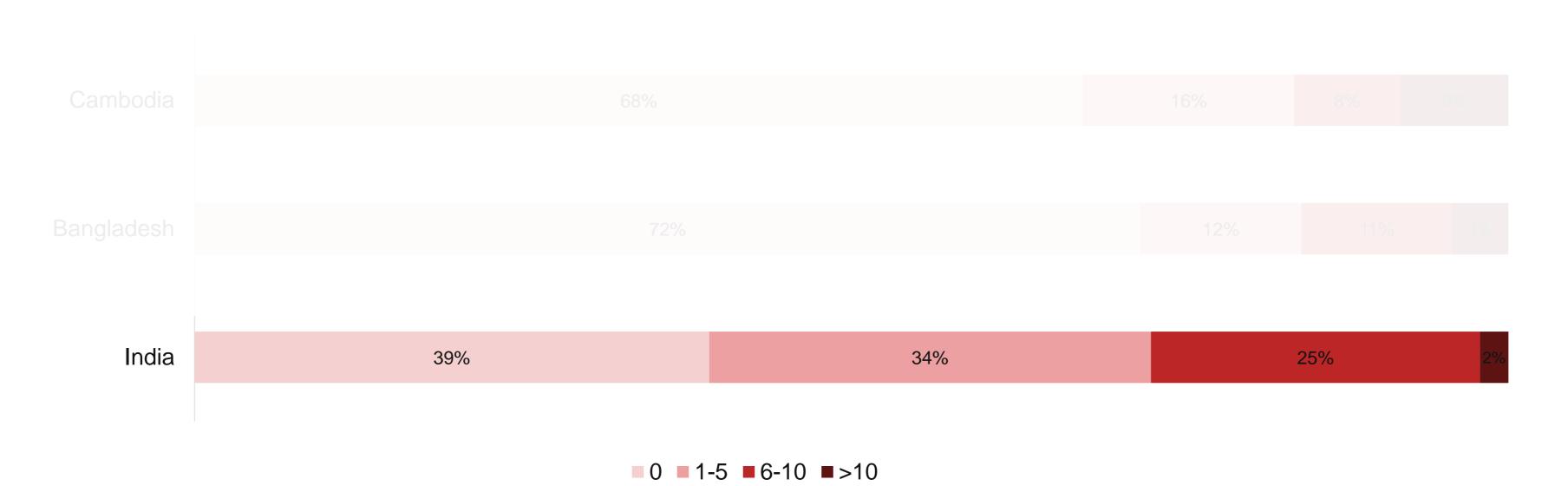
Q: What sorts of jobs or tasks have you performed in the last year using these services?

Base	Argentina	Colombia	South Africa	Peru	Paraguay	Guatemala	Nigeria	Ghana	Kenya	Tanzania	Rwanda	Mozambique
Platform users who sell through platforms	50	117	46	52	29	48	24	10	17	4	11	23



Frequency of selling via platforms is low across countries.

Frequency of sales via platforms during last 3 months ((% of aged 15-65 platform users who sell)



Q: Now, thinking about the last three (3) months, please tell me how many times you used to earn money by selling things or taking on jobs through the Internet in the past 3 months

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Base		India	Bangladesh	Cambodia	
Platform users who sell through platforms		106	14	19	



Better offers, access to larger customer base and flexibility are the key reasons for selling via platforms

Reason for using platforms for selling (% of aged 15-65 platform users who sell))



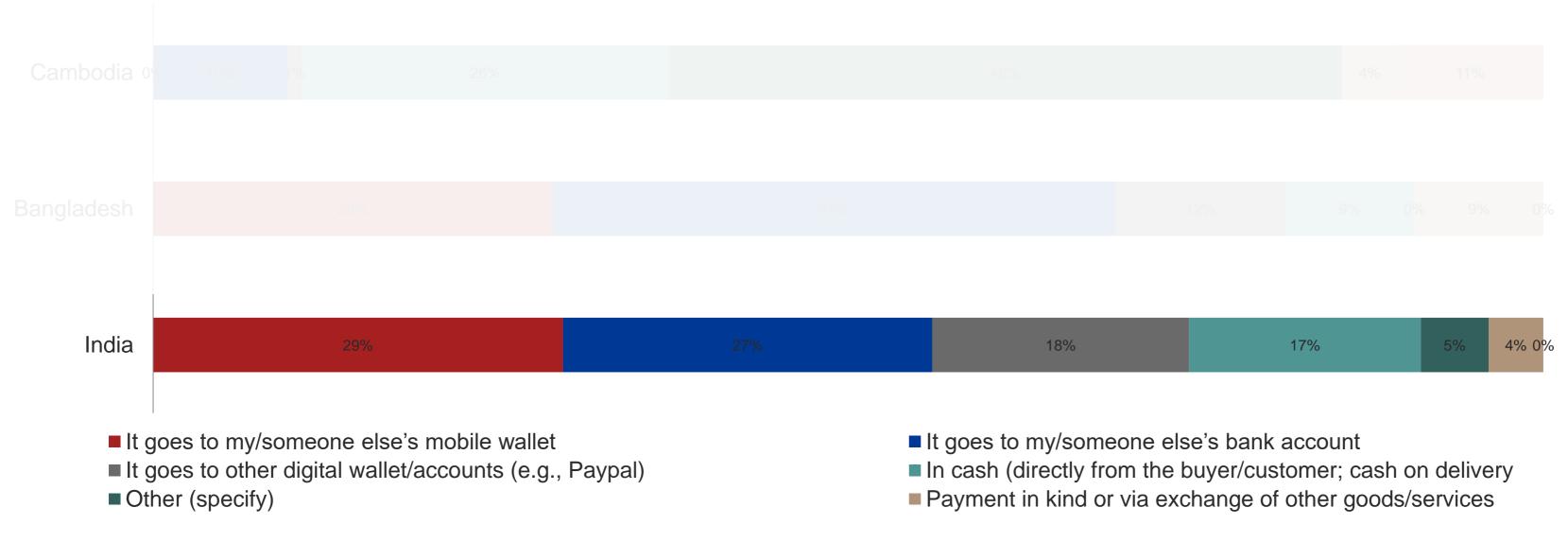
Q: Why do you usually choose to use these websites/apps to earn money or sell goods and services ?

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Platform users who sell through platforms	106	41	14	21



India: Over half of sellers receive money via mobile wallet or bank account (own or others'); just 17% receive payment in cash

How earnings/revenue is cashed out (% of aged 15-65 platform users who sell)



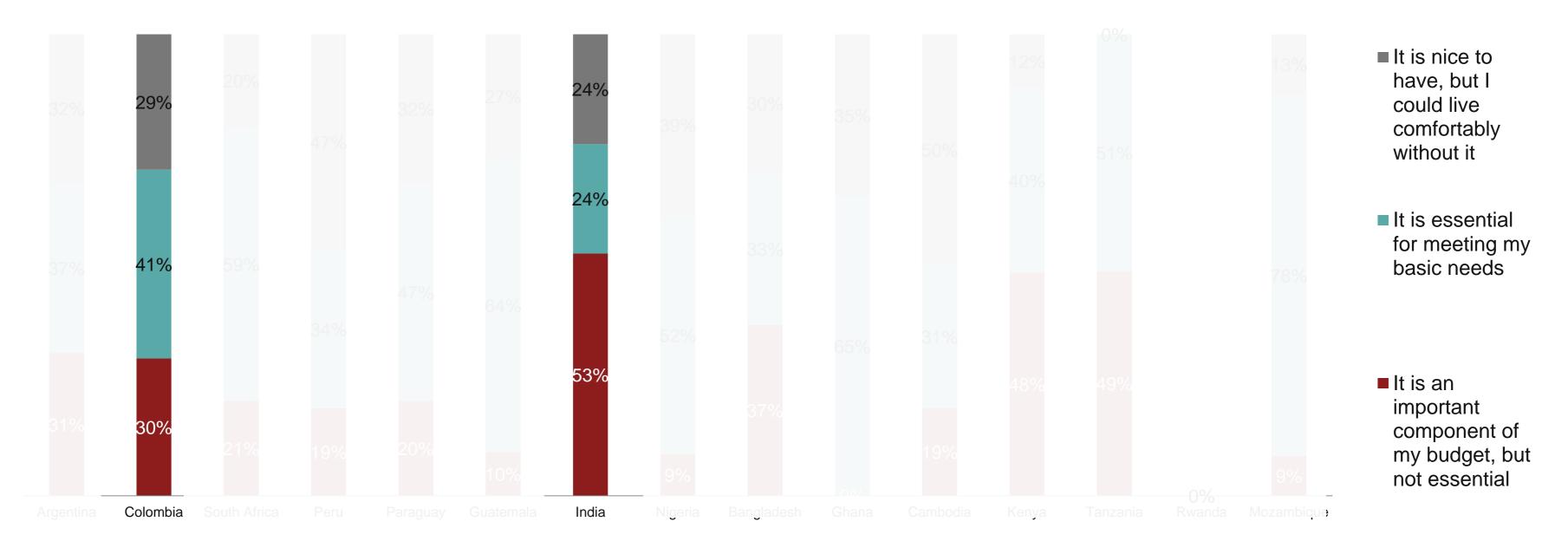
Q: How do you usually receive money to your hands / cash out?

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In India, one quarter of the people who use the platforms to sell, claimed it is essential for meeting their basic needs

Importance of earnings from platforms (% of aged 15-65 platform users who sell)



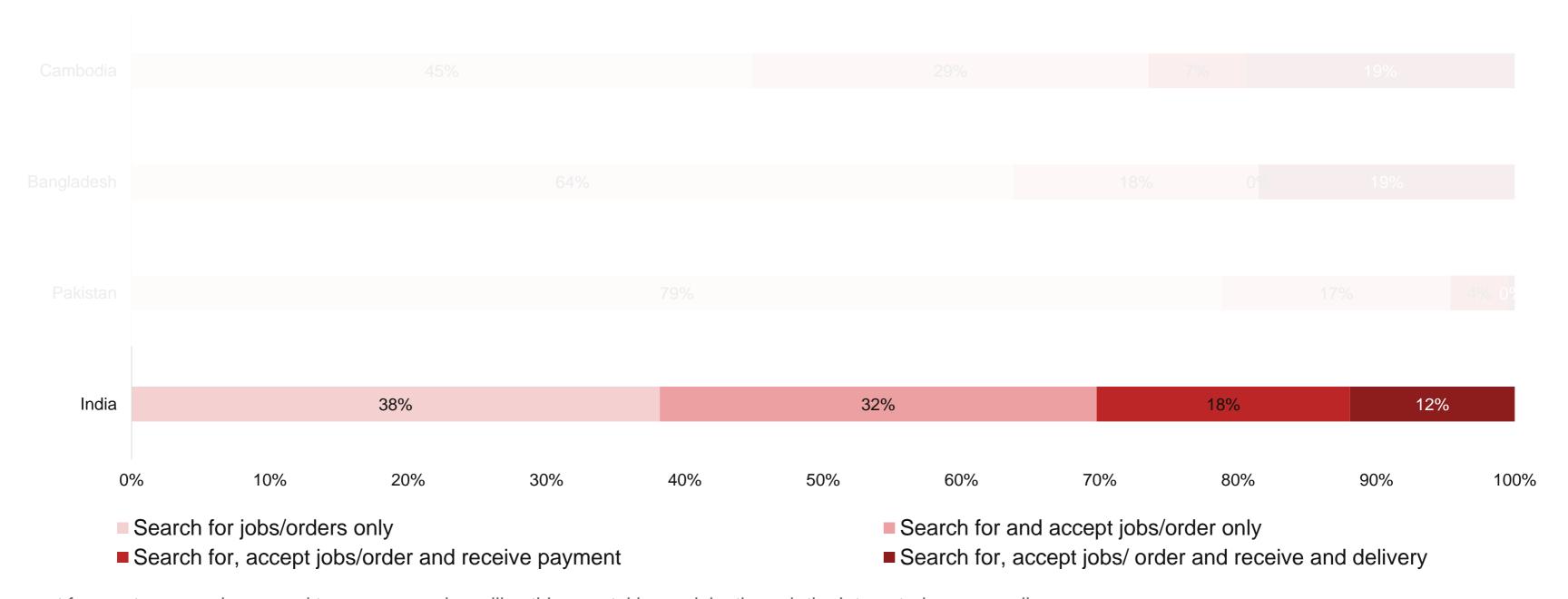
Q: Which of the following statements best describes the income you earn from using these services?

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But many of those who use platforms to sell goods/services used them for searching only. Low usage of internet for payments

Transaction components completed on Internet/apps: selling (% of aged 15-65 platform users who sell)



Q: In the most frequent way you have used to earn money by selling things or taking on jobs through the Internet, do you usually

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Lack of need and knowledge are key reasons for not using Internet/apps to accept orders or receive payments (among those who do list their goods/services online)

Reason for not to accepting orders and paying via Internet/apps (% of aged 15-65 sellers who don't usually accept orders/payments via Internet/apps)

Reason	India	Pakistan	Cambodia
I don't need to	50%	7%	47%
I don't know how to	42%	77%	66%
I'm not comfortable sharing financial details online with third parties	18%	5%	26%
Online prices of goods/services are too low	15%	5%	26%
I am not comfortable using buyers /service providers that I don't know	14%	0%	8%
There is no option to accept order or receive payment online	13%	0%	32%
I'm not comfortable sharing personal details online with third parties	11%	8%	26%
I am not certain that I will receive payment from buyer	11%	11%	38%
I've had a negative experience in the past	11%	11%	0%
It takes too much time	9%	8%	0%
I have heard of people having negative experiences with these	4%	1%	4%
Service provider commission too high	2%	5%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%

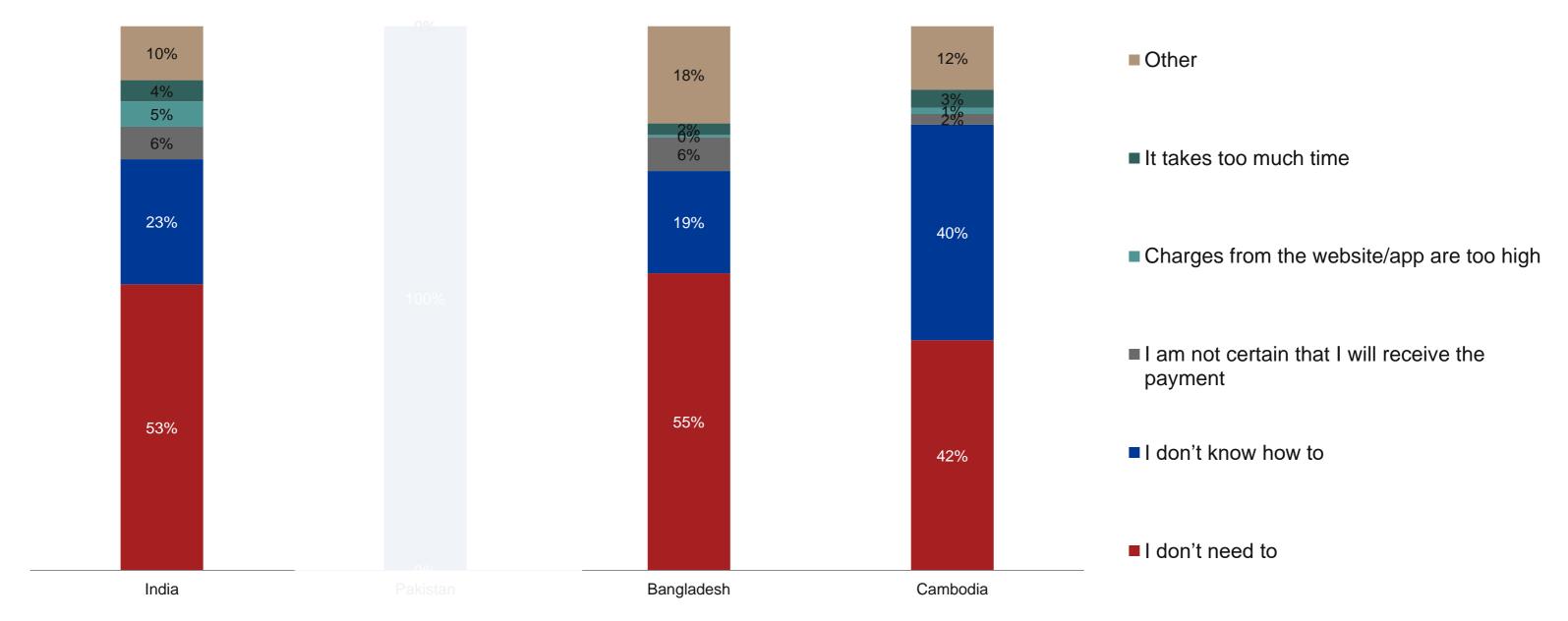
Q: In your most frequent hire or sell, what are the reasons you usually don't accept the order /payment through the internet or mobile apps?

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Base	India	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Cambodia
Platform users didn't get paid via platform/internet	101	29	12	14



Skills and relevance are key barriers to platform use for sell through platforms

Reason for not using platforms for selling (% of those aged 15-65 who are aware of but don't use platforms to sell)



Q: What is the primary reason you don't sell goods/services through the internet or mobile apps?

Base	India	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Cambodia
Platform users who aren't sell through platforms	356	314	80	506



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