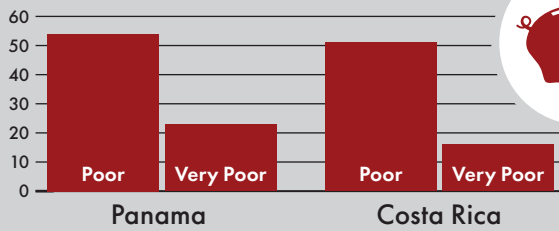


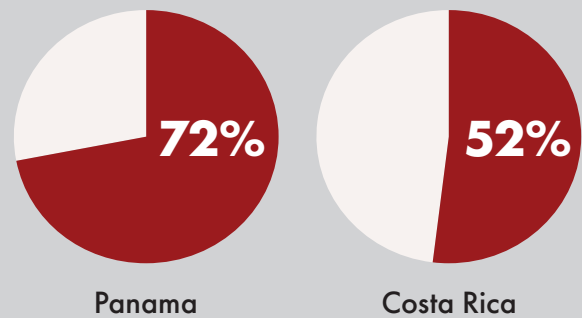
COVID-19's Impact on Business Absorptive Capacity

Regardless of a migrant's reason for emigrating, they typically seek gainful employment as soon as possible after arrival. In Costa Rica and Panama, as in most other countries, the business community has been harmed by the long-lasting pandemic.

% of respondents stating the business climate is "poor" or "very poor" by country



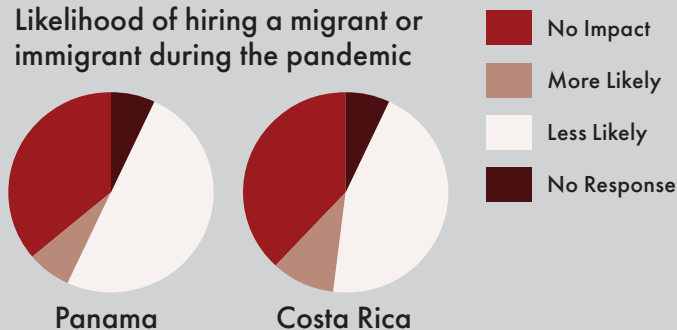
% of respondents stating their businesses were "hurt a lot" by the pandemic



79% of Costa Rican Respondents predicted that their industries would return to pre-COVID-19 levels within two years

72% of Panamanian Respondents predicted that their industries would return to pre-COVID-19 levels within two years

Likelihood of hiring a migrant or immigrant during the pandemic



Unemployment

Increased substantially throughout the pandemic

21.9%
Costa Rica

18.5%
Panama

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