# CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS IMPACT

Data-driven insights for brands during COVID-19



















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## INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has had far reaching humanitarian consequences. At the time of writing this report, a total of 1,020,993 confirmed cases and 53,457 deaths had been reported from all over the world. In order to prevent the virus from spreading, governments have been forced to impose travel restrictions, quarantines, curfews, workplace hazard controls, event postponements and cancellations and even complete closures of facilities.

As businesses around the world come to terms with yet another economic depression termed as the Coronavirus recession, these words hold water now more than ever:

### "The green reed which bends in the wind is stronger than the mighty oak which breaks in a storm."

- Confucius



Businesses worldwide are learning how to deal with this 'Black Swan' event and trying to connect to their customers and even realign their strategies. In such times, it is important to reflect and understand that it is not the strongest who withstand the storm but the ones who can think on their feet in a rapidly changing world.

The one thing that comes to the aid of businesses and governments alike is hard-hitting, in-depth data. Data that uncovers facts, blows the dust off our intuitions and distinguishes the impactful from the noise.



With a vision to bring such information to the fore, we set out analyzing data trends of more than 1.5 billion users worldwide, across 12 different industry verticals. We found that while Retail, Real-Estate, and Travel & Hospitality industries have struggled, industries such as Media & Entertainment, Video Conferencing and Social Media have prospered.

This report contains data primarily from North America, India, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. We hope you can leverage this data to design strategies that add value to both you and your customers.



# **HISTORY OF COVID-19**



China announces lockdown in the epicenter of the pandemic the Hubei province









### **NORTH AMERICA**

Downloads 78.00% DAU 5.00%

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\*Data Source for IN, SEA - MoEngage \*Data Source for NA, EU, MEA - Apptopia



### **MIDDLE EAST**

Downloads 14.90% DAU 3.00%

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## EUROPE

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Downloads 130.00% DAU 13.00%

### INDIA

Downloads -25.00% DAU -180.00%

### **SOUTH EAST ASIA**



Data collected for March 2020







## SOUTHEAST ASIA



There has been a **steady decrease** in the active users and conversion rates on healthcare apps in Southeast Asia.



Decrease in active users from January 2020 to March 2020





## **CUSTOMER STORIES**

### **ALODOKTER**

Alodokter, an Indonesia based healthcare super app that provides online healthcare services to more than 24 million users across Indonesia, has been regularly hosting doctor-approved safety articles on the app for its users. These articles have information on COVID-19 affected areas, measures to control the spread and quarantine tips. Users receive these articles on their mobile devices via push notifications twice every day, to ensure optimum viewing and reading.

To curb anxiety, Alodokter has deployed real-time chatbots that help users with COVID-19 related queries and safety measures. The responses of the chatbots have been reviewed and approved by a panel of doctors. This chatbot has already interacted with more than a million users in less than a week.

We believe this is because healthcare apps in Southeast Asia have diverted their efforts for the time being to gain user trust by running multiple awareness campaigns.

This change in focus is paying off as it has resulted in a **110% increase** in spends on healthcare apps in Southeast Asia during this COVID-19 outbreak.





Increase in spends until March 2020



Similar to Southeast Asia, Indian healthcare apps have seen a sharp decrease in active users from January 2020 to March 2020.



Decrease in active users from January 2020 to March 2020 in India



## **CUSTOMER STORIES**



#### EKINCARE

Ekincare, an integrated health service platform, has started offering 24x7 LIVE chat with doctors while spreading awareness about coronavirus and COVID-19.

Apart from this, Ekincare is offering a 'Consult a Nutritionist' service to assist people staying at home to talk to a nutritionist and understand what food products to consume in order to boost immunity. This campaign runs thrice a week.

They have also opened complimentary tele-consulting sessions with a team of in-house doctors for employees of various companies. Two push notifications are sent every day to Ekincare's users to encourage them to use this service.





# COVID-19 IMPACT QUADRANT

The Impact Quadrant divides industry verticals in specific geographies into 4 major categories:

**EXPLOSION:** Industries that have seen huge demand both in terms of new user downloads and active users. Industries that fall under this quadrant are:

- Video Chat apps (worldwide)
- Online Shopping (North America & India)
- Healthcare (North America, Europe, and Middle East)
- Media and Entertainment (worldwide)
- Social Media (Southeast Asia)
- Real Estate (Middle-East Asia)

**GROWTH:** Industries that have shown rise in active users but not considerable rise in downloads. Industries that fall under this quadrant are:

- Social Media (North America, Europe, India, & Middle-East)
- Online Shopping (Southeast Asia, Europe, Middle-East Asia)
- Food Delivery (Southeast Asia, North America)

#### **SLOWDOWN:** Industries that have seen decline in both active users and new app downloads. Industries that fall under this quadrant are:

- Travel & Hospitality (worldwide)
- Mobility (worldwide)
- Real Estate (Southeast Asia, North America, Europe, India)
- Food Delivery (Europe, India, Middle-East Asia)

#### **EMERGENCE:** Industries that have shown promise with getting new users downloads but not active users. Industries that fall under this quadrant are:

Healthcare (Southeast Asia)









# CONCLUSION

In the last few weeks, your business may have flipped for the better or the worse. This in-depth resource is for marketers and business owners who are unsure about how to approach marketing during COVID – 19 pandemic. We hope these data backed insights help you create valuable assets for your customers in uncertain times like this.

### Key Takeaways for mobile app marketers during COVID-19

Mobile Marketers from the worst-impacted industries, where operations have come to a halt, can follow these tips:

#### SEND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



Educate users about the steps you're taking for them. Remember, consumers are anxious, and winning their trust during these times is vital. Use push notifications, emails, and text messages to send regular updates to your users.

#### **BUILD STRONGER CORE CAPABILITIES**



Use this time to invest in building a strong CRM stack, fixing data flow and identifying shortcomings in the current stack. This will improve readiness and you can start strong when business resumes.



#### **ENGAGE USERS WITH CONTENT**

To increase active users, invest resources in curating bite-sized content that resonates with your users. Create videos, interactive carousels, quizzes, and image cards and host them on your app.





## **ABOUT MOENGAGE**

MoEngage is an intelligent customer engagement platform, built for the mobilefirst world. With AI-powered automation, optimization capabilities, and in-built analytics MoEngage enables hyper-personalization at scale across multiple channels like mobile push, email, in-app, web push, On-site messages, and SMS. Fortune 500 brands across 35+ countries such as McAfee, Samsung, and Vodafone use MoEngage to orchestrate their omnichannel campaigns. MoEngage has been featured on Gartner's Magic Quadrant for two consecutive years and is the youngest company on the list.







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