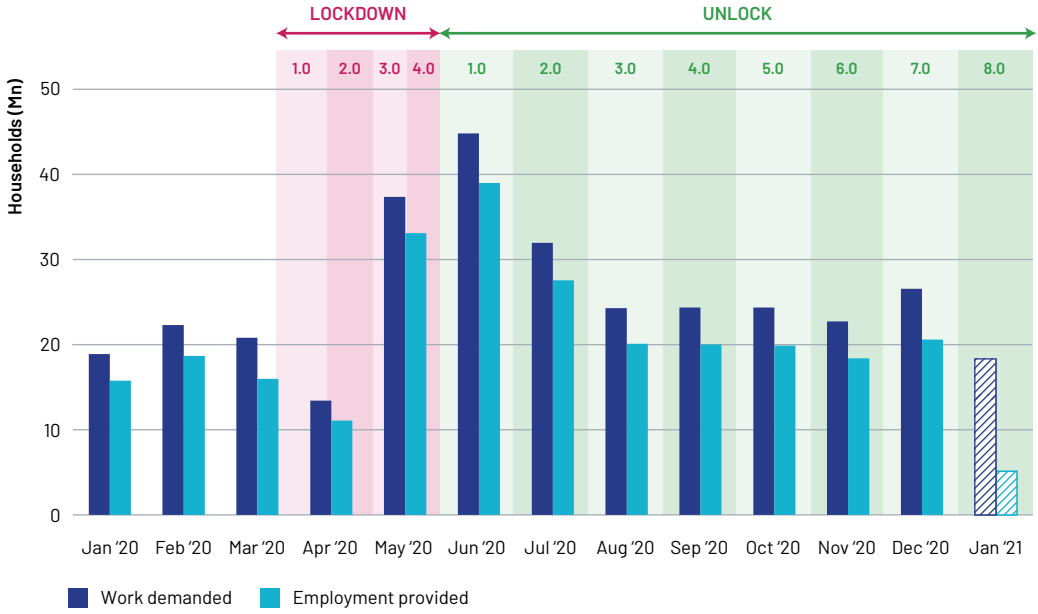


Chart 16: Employment provided under MGNREGA turned weak

Source: MNGREGA, Acuity Knowledge Partners
 Note: Data for January is estimated



- » MGNREGA is a rural employment act, aiming to provide at least 100 days of work in a year
- » While work demanded by household fell sharply in April 2020 (lockdown causing dislocation of migrant labours), it has improved since then, reaching as high as 26.52mn in December
- » Its counterpart, employment supplied, has fell short of demand every month (Dec: 20.59mn) due to varied reasons (projects halted due to lockdown, budget allocation, etc.)
- » January estimates look quite anemic (with a sharp difference between the two measures) raising doubts over stabilising rural employment conditions