

COVID-19 Situation Report #6

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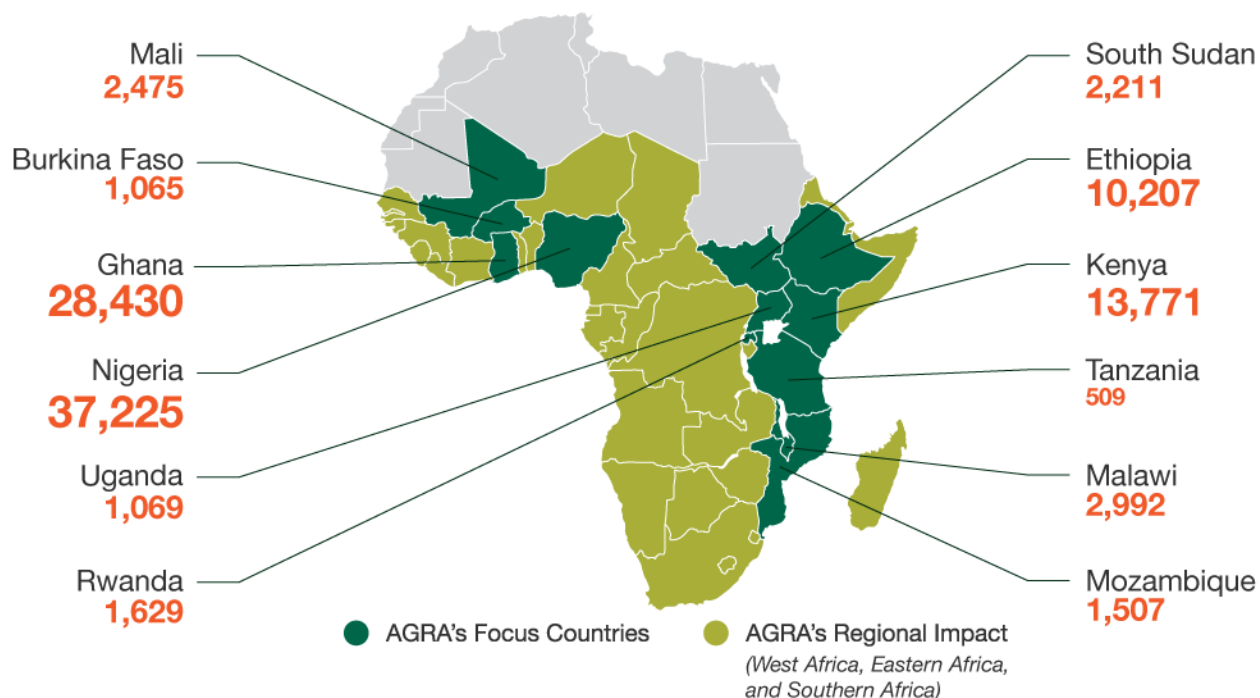
- COVID-19 cases continue to increase in AGRA focus (1) countries; food insecurity remains a concern as governments cautiously open economies.
- With slowing economies across Africa, governments continue to roll out initiatives to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and make agriculture a priority of the economic recovery. The government response in a number of AGRA focus countries continues to be built out and is highlighted below. We are seeing more activity right now in this area in West Africa.
- The food security picture remains mixed. In Nigeria, the affordability and availability of food may be of concern as both supply and demand sides are squeezed, but in Kenya, food prices are stabilizing. We continue to watch the situation in Uganda closely where heavy rains could impact harvest.
- Easing of movement restrictions is making it easier for AGRA teams to implement programs and much programmatic work is proceeding as planned – while following government protocols.
- [AGRF Virtual Summit 2020 “Feed the Cities, Grow the Continent”](#) Launched at Virtual Press Briefing.
- [The 2020 AGRF Agribusiness Deal Room was also launched virtually](#); the Agribusiness Deal Room is supporting matchmaking and investment for ag SMEs.

Food security remains a concern as COVID-19 cases pick up and economies take a hit across Africa. Food insecurity has continued to rise as the economic fallout from COVID-19 continues. [Writing in the Telegraph](#), Mark Lowcock, the UN’s Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, and Masood Ahmed, the President of the Center for Global Development, explain how the knock on effects of COVID-19 could result in a “health, economic and security crisis that will dwarf the impact of COVID-19 “. It is against this backdrop that the UN released [an update](#) to its Global Response Plan to COVID-19, appealing for \$10 billion in 2020 to deal with the worst effects of COVID-19 in the hardest-hit countries.

In AGRA focus countries, the number of COVID-19 cases increased by 37%, rising to around 100,000 cases from approximately 73,000 cases two weeks ago. However, the incidence of recovery is showing an improvement, up by 3% as of this reporting period, with 53% of people diagnosed, recovering. The death rate remains low at 2%. Nigeria continues to stand out as the cases are increasing faster than other countries. We profile Mali in the box below as this country’s fragile security situation and dependence on subsistence agriculture makes it especially vulnerable to the pandemic.

COVID-19 Cases in AGRA Focus Countries

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Due to a fragile security situation, COVID-19 spread in Mali could disproportionately impact the rural ag sector.

Our team in West Africa reports that cases of COVID-19 are rising in Mali. As of July 22, the country has reported 2,477 cases of COVID-19. The virus has been reported across the country; rural areas where rice and cotton are grown have been especially affected. The government and NGOs have provided training around the need for enhanced sanitary measures and the importance of wearing masks, but it is reported that people have not respected these measures. In Bamako, people are not following instructions for distancing well during social ceremonies. The deterioration of the socio-political situation has disrupted the entire health system and made it difficult to reach those who need treatment, and has also made it hard for local authorities to enforce social distancing measures. This could have an impact on COVID-19 spread, despite the increased distribution of mask and sanitary kits.

[Reuters](#) has reported that the pandemic could also lead to falls in food production. In Mali, farmers growing cotton, for example, receive subsidized inputs for the crop – on the condition that they also grow food crops. Now, with cotton prices falling as a result of the pandemic, farmers may often not be able to afford the inputs they need to grow their cotton and other food crops – even with subsidies. Food production and cotton production alike could fall- raising the risk of food insecurity.

With slowing growth across Africa, governments are continuing to roll out social-economic stimulus /initiatives to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 of which the ag sector remains a priority. A few of the government initiatives in selected focus countries are highlighted below.

Nigeria continues to build out its COVID-19 response. The Federal Government has said it will start up “The Green Imperative” at a cost of \$1.2 billion over 5-10 years, to establish 632 farm mechanization centers to boost the nation’s food sufficiency (see country table for more details).

The Ministry of Agriculture is also supporting smallholder farmers through their various associations and cooperatives to provide free seeds for crops including cashew, soybeans, and sesame and subsidized inputs. At least 35% of the inputs are targeted at women and youth farmers.

In **Ethiopia**, the Ministry of Agriculture is working hard to put additional land under cultivation to compensate expected production loss due to COVID -19. Social unrest could put these plans at risk and disrupt AGRA's work on-the-ground. We continue to monitor this ongoing situation closely.

On the 4th of July, a Grant Agreement of \$65.69MM was signed virtually between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the African Development Bank to finance the COVID-19 Emergency Crisis Response Budget Support Program. The Export Import Bank of Korea is a co-financier with an allocation of US\$ 40M in the form of credit. These are general

In Burkina Faso, to support companies affected by the pandemic, the government has created a support mechanism for affected businesses. Called "Financing of Economic Recovery post COVID-19 in Burkina Faso (FRE COVID-19)", it aims not only to safeguard existing businesses but also build forward by funding companies that develop viable new projects within the framework of the revitalization of the post-COVID-19 economy. The cost of this lending operation amounts to about \$180 MM.

In Ghana, the supply of government subsidized inputs is on-going, and farmers have reported up to 90% access. However, cross-border smuggling of fertilizer and other inputs to neighboring countries has been reported, constraining farmers' access to inputs. The Government has therefore charged local bodies to track and report the movement and distribution of subsidized agricultural inputs in their respective districts on a weekly basis.

As the government looks to return the economy to some form of normalcy, Fall Army Worm infestation control measures have intensified amidst COVID-19. To manage possible crop yield losses during this COVID-19 period, the Government has made more pesticides available, and trained farmers on identification and measures to control infestation of the pest. Reports from farmers indicate the Fall Army Worm pest population is currently under control.

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In **Nigeria**, the government is employing restrictive trade measures and import bans to protect its domestic agricultural production including grains. For example, the Central Bank of Nigeria has directed foreign exchange dealers to stop processing maize import trades in order to boost local production. The government hopes actions like this will help stimulate economic recovery, safeguard rural livelihoods and increase jobs which have been lost as a result of the ongoing COVID-19

In **Kenya**, the food situation is stable. Markets are opening and the food supply is normal. There has been an increase in number of livestock markets that have opened over the last weeks. The government is imposing strict regulations on markets as they have been a source of COVID-19 transmission.

A survey in Kenya measuring the socio economic impact of COVID-19 on households - the Households Report Wave II report – was published, and included some indicators for food security.

- 78% of respondents had access to food.
- 78.8 % indicate they have seen an increase in food prices.
- 77.6% had no challenge accessing markets.
- For those who were unable access markets, it was because the market was closed (44.1%) or it had been relocated (30.9%).

We continue to watch the situation closely in **Uganda**, where harvest is starting in the central and eastern part of the country. However, the unexpected heavy rains are interrupting the harvesting and post-harvest handling, drying and processing activities. Farmers will require post-harvest equipment (dryers, threshers, shellers) to mitigate this challenge and to safeguard quality of produce.

AGRA's Response to COVID-19

In many AGRA focus countries, the easing of COVID-19 measures are making it easier for teams to implement programs – albeit in a highly cautious fashion and respecting government protocols to limit the spread of COVID-19. Highlights of AGRA's work are below.

Despite COVID-19, the planting season is underway in most AGRA focus countries. In many countries, easing of containment activities means that it is easier for AGRA grantees to implement programs on-the-ground to support farmers.

- In Burkina Faso, while social distancing limits exchanges with stakeholders, an anticipated potential risk for this campaign is erratic rainfall which may negatively impact productivity.
 - AGRA is supporting ongoing preparation for the season; the country team is working with an implementing partner to facilitate input access for 415 more farmers
- In Ghana, the team is cautiously taking advantage of the easing COVID-19 measures to support partners in the upcoming planting season. Farmers have received training on international quality standards.
- In Nigeria, where COVID-19 cases are rising, AGRA is continuing to connect with seed companies to facilitate last mile seed delivery to the farmers through their retail agro dealers and community based advisors at the village level
- In Tanzania, restrictions on public gathering above 10 people continue to present challenge to agricultural programs. However, AGRA Consortia have resumed providing technical support to farmers using one to one discussion and ICT platforms where possible.
- In Ethiopia, despite the recent political unrest, the AGRA country team is working with grantees in preparation for planting season. Some of the activities include refresher training of development agents and farmers. Procurement of fertilizers for the planting season has been finalized.



AGRF Virtual Summit 2020 “Feed the Cities, Grow the Continent” Launched at Virtual Press Briefing

A virtual press briefing was held on July 16 to launch registration for the AGRF Virtual Summit 2020. The Hon. Dr. Gérardine Mukeshimana, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources Rwanda and Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA on behalf of the Government of Rwanda and AGRF partners, announced that the Tenth Annual AGRF Summit will be held virtually between 8 – 11 September 2020.

The AGRF Virtual Summit 2020, which brings together delegates from governments, the civil society, the private sector, research community and development partners will be held, under the

theme: “Feed the Cities, Grow the Continent – Leveraging Urban Food Markets to Achieve Sustainable Food Systems in Africa.”

“Rwanda looks forward to hosting this virtual gathering, just as much as we will welcome delegates to Kigali, the AGRF home, in future years. Rwanda knows how to build and adapt. We will be driving an agenda of food systems that works for inter African trade, our cities and our rural communities at AGRF,” said the Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources Gerardine Mukeshimana. “Building the right food systems for Africa will improve the lives of millions,” she concluded.

The AGRF Virtual Summit 2020 will showcase the achievements and ongoing efforts to leverage critical partnerships across rural and urban sectors for shared prosperity.

“We need food systems that are equitable, sustainable, resilient, and capable of meeting the global challenges of malnutrition, poverty and climate change as well as be responsive to emerging and unforeseen challenges – such as those posed by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA and Special Envoy to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit. “We must not relent in our effort to transform food systems for the benefit of everyone,” she said.

The AGRF Virtual Summit 2020 will inspire and call for the adoption of concrete action and commitments from governments, the private sector, farmers and processors, and other stakeholders in the agriculture and food systems sector.

For more information and expected outcomes please visit: <https://agrf.org/index>.

The 2020 AGRF Agribusiness Deal Room was also launched virtually; the Agribusiness Deal Room is supporting matchmaking and investment for ag SMEs

Over 550 people attended an online webinar hosted by AGRA’s President, Dr. Agnes Kalibata to launch the Deal Room at the AGRF. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Deal Room is being organized virtually this year.

The Deal Room is a matchmaking platform that convenes stakeholders to facilitate partnerships and investments in African agriculture. It supports governments and companies with access to finance and partnership opportunities. The Deal Room is expected to attract close to 200 companies, 15 government delegations and 50 public and private investors exploring a wide range of investment opportunities.

The July 20 event opened the Deal Room for submissions from SMEs, governments and investors to submit their details and register for participation at the AGRF Summit. Speakers included USAID Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick, who reiterated USAID’s support for the private sector as an engine of economic growth. She noted that last year the Deal Room generated more than \$200 million in investment commitments for African businesses. Claire Akamanzi, CEO of the Rwanda Development Board, expressed her support for the Deal Room and officially launched the Deal Room. SMEs spoke to their challenges and investors explained their processes for developing investments. Josephine Okot of Victoria Seeds explained that the high cost of finance from banks made the Deal Room an important growth and finance mechanism for her business. Rebecca Mincy of Acumen explained that when her company is looking to invest, a key criteria is for example, innovation outside of digital, around supply chain management and logistics.

For more information or to register, please visit <https://agrf.org/dealroom/>

AGRA News

- **Press Release:** [AGRF Virtual Summit 2020 “Feed the Cities, Grow the Continent” Launched with Press Conference](#)
- **Press Release:** [Call for submissions of African investment opportunities for matchmaking at the Agribusiness Deal Room 2020](#)
- **YouTube.** [AGRA country manager Dr. John Jagwe appealed to the Ugandan government to invest more in storage, post-harvest processing and handling agriculture produce towards economic growth.](#)
- **Reuters.** [AGRA President Dr. Agnes Kalibata in a United Nations flagship report on hunger on 13th July 2020 said that it is not a given that there are tradeoffs between lowering emissions and improving nutrition.](#)

Related COVID-19 News

- **Telegraph:** [The developing world faces a health, economic and security crisis that will dwarf the impact of Covid](#)

About the Sit-Rep

As COVID-19 continues to spread across Africa, our bi-weekly sitrep is designed to provide timely information, reflecting what we hear from small holder farmers and partners on-the-ground in 11 countries in sub-Saharan Africa (1). We welcome your feedback at sitreps@agra.org

- Ghana, Rwanda, Nigeria, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Mali, Kenya, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania

COVID-19 situation and response at a glance by country (selected highlights only, updated as of July 21, 2020)

Country + summary of current situation	COVID19 challenges	Government ask/response	AGRA activities (highlights only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burkina Faso. Most COVID-19 measures are suspended including curfews. However, gatherings of more than 50 still prohibited. Discussions are ongoing for opening borders. • Recent analyses from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs warn that the impact of COVID-19 risks doubling the number of people facing food insecurity in the border area of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger until the end of the year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing limit exchanges with stakeholders • An anticipated potential risk for this campaign remains erratic rainfall which may negatively impact productivity. 	<p>To support companies affected by COVID-19, the government, in partnership with the Association of banking and financial professionals in Burkina Faso, has created a support mechanism for affected businesses. This initiative is called Financing of Economic Recovery Post COVID-19 in Burkina Faso (FRE COVID-19). It aims not only to safeguard existing businesses but also support efforts to build back stronger by funding companies that develop viable new projects within the framework of the revitalization of the post-COVID-19 economy. The cost of this lending operation amounts to about \$180 MM.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGRA: Ongoing season preparation activities: • Hauts-Bassins; Cascades regions. Inputs supply/ planting/ demonstration implementation. The main cultivation operations in progress are plowing and sowing. • Centre-Ouest and Boucle du Mouhoun région: Country team is working with the implementing partner to facilitate input access for 415 more farmers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethiopia. Movement restriction has been eased by regional government. • Ethiopian government declared the number of food insecure people has reached 16.5 million (6.7 million non COVID-19 and 9.8 million COVID-19 related). Of those that require assistance, 61% of are children, 21% women and 9% people with disabilities. 	<p>Movement and meeting restrictions do not allow mass trainings to be conducted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On July 4, 2020, a Grant Agreement amounting to \$65.69 MM was signed virtually between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the African Development Bank to finance the COVID-19 Emergency Crisis Response Budget Support Program. The Export Import Bank of Korea is a co-financer with an allocation of \$40MM in the form of credit. • A Concessional Loan Agreement amounting to \$30MM was signed 	<p>AGRA country team working with grantees in preparation for planting season.</p> <p>Some of the activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land preparation for wheat and teff • Seed and fertilizer distribution • Cultivation and weeding of maize and haricot bean continuing

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		<p>between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the Republic of Korea to finance the provision of medical equipment in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Agriculture is working hard to put additional land under cultivation to compensate for expected production loss due to COVID-19. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal activities including refresher training of development agents and farmers is ongoing. Procurement of fertilizers for planting season is finalized.
<p>Ghana. To curb further importation of COVID-19- into the country, Ghana's borders remain closed to movement of people from neighboring countries. Military and other security officers have been detailed to the country's entry points to check the illegal movement of people across the borders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The easing of COVID-19 measures are making it easier for team to implement programs. Team continues to support partners while implementing programs for the upcoming planting season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private sector companies, NGOs and individuals continue to donate PPE and money to the government of Ghana-established Corona Alleviation Fund. Total donation of approx. \$14MM is so far reported. Part of the money is being used to build Corona Virus Management Centers across the country. Fall Army Warm infestation control measures have intensified amidst COVID-19. Reports from farmers indicate pest population is currently under control. Farmers and Agricultural Extension Agents are monitoring pest populations to ensure that quick control measures are applied when and where there are signs of infestations. The supply of govt. subsidized inputs is on-going, and farmers have reported up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking advantage of the easing of COVID-19 Measures, AGRA programming is ongoing. Southern Region: Farmers received training on quality standards and are implementing these on their demonstration plots and farms. Demonstration plot activities are on-going and farmer field days are planned. Digital profiling of community-based advisors is also on-going. Northern Region: Planting of fields and first weeding has taken place while farmers adopt quality standards on their demo plots and farms. Training on quality standards for farmers and millers has also continued.

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		<p>to 90% access. However, cross-border smuggling of fertilizer and other inputs to neighboring countries has been reported. The government has therefore charged Regional Coordinating Councils, District Assemblies and Departments of Agriculture to track and report weekly the movement and distribution of subsidized agricultural inputs in their respective districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of dams to support dry season farming is under way. Government -under the one-village one-dam program- is funding the construction of 437 small dams in farming communities in northern Ghana to enhance dry season farming and thereby improve food and nutrition security as well as incomes of smallholders during off-season production periods. 	
<p>Mali. Govt. continues to open up public services bringing economic activities back to life.</p>	<p>No new update on challenges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government is maintaining the fertilizer subsidy at 11,000CK /50kg to support farmers in the current planting season. 	<p>Ongoing Campaign preparation activities: - These Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sowing and start of crop management in Bamako • Continuation of sowing and start of crop management, preparation of rice nurseries in the south

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate farmers access to input market Facilitate fertilizer distribution through electronic distribution system to be developed Continue supporting Ministry of Agriculture in development of response plan for planting and marketing season ahead
<p>Kenya. The government of Kenya revised its COVID-19 measures, extending the travel restriction on some counties.</p> <p><u>Food situation (risk and opportunities)</u></p> <p>The food situation is stable. 4m bags of maize have been imported into the country. The private sector is asking for tax rebates for them to be able to procure the new consignment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maize harvests expected in August 2020 Rice deficit of about 800,000 bags owing to reduced demand Markets are opening and food supply is normal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Central, Western and Eastern Provinces, no major challenges except social distancing measures. In Coastal Province lockdown remains in place in some locations. In addition, heavy rain has become challenging in some places. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Agriculture continues to Coordinate effort to monitor food security through the Food Security War Room. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGRA team is working closely with consultant to support the War Room. Government efforts to ease restrictions will help in expediting program implementation.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of livestock markets that are open has increased. There is a need to adhere to COVID-19 compliance measures as markets have been found to be sources of transmission. There is increased commodity supply from neighboring countries for fruits and vegetables <p><u>Exports</u> are normalizing. Freight prices remain high though cargo space issues have been resolved. On US, UK and KE trade negotiations there is need for alignment of export standards</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nigeria. In addition to maintaining the curfew in place until the end of July, the Federal Government has reversed decision on resumption of schools, students won't take the 2020 West Africa Examinations Council (senior school) exam. However, domestic flights are flying in Nigeria following a three-month suspension because of COVID-19. Nigeria continues to employ trade restrictive measures and import bans to protect its domestic 	<p>No new update on challenges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federal Government has said it will start up "The Green Imperative", which will lead to the establishment of 632 farm mechanization centers in the country to support food production in all the local government areas of the country so as to boost the nation's food sufficiency. The program is worth \$1.2billion and is expected to be implemented over a period of 5-10 years. As part of measures to cushion the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on farmers, Lagos State Government has donated 15 trailers of 50kg bags of 	<p>AGRA continued to connect with seed companies to facilitate last mile seed delivery to the farmers through their retail agro dealers and community-based agents at the village level.</p>

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<p>agricultural production including grains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new report released by the FAO “Covid-19: Channels of transmission to food and agriculture” forecasted a contraction in both supply of and demand of agricultural products and points to possible disruption in trade and logistics. • The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has directed foreign exchange dealers to stop processing ‘Forms M’ for the importation of maize to help boost local production, stimulate a rapid economic recovery, safeguard rural livelihoods and increase jobs which were lost as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. 		<p>maize to Poultry Association of Nigeria PAN, Lagos Chapter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first group of 400,000 farmers benefited from N500billion Federal Government zero-interest financing for small-scale farmers under the Agriculture for Food and Job Plan Scheme • The Ministry is supporting smallholder farmers through their various associations and cooperatives with farm inputs including: 38,142kg of improved cashew seeds for distribution to 3,798 cashew farmers across the country for the 2020 cropping season; 27,000 kg of certified sesame seeds for distribution to 5,400 sesame farmers, 50,000 kg of soybeans seeds for distribution to soybeans farmers and 12,000 bundles of Orange Fleshed Sweet Potato (OFSP) for 1,200 farmers; 580 liters of soil amender and 500 liters of organic fertilizer to potato farmers. • These seeds are being given to the beneficiaries free of charge while other inputs are given at 75 per cent subsidy At least 35 per cent of the inputs are targeted at women and youth farmers in line with the targets set in Nigeria’s National Gender Action Plan for Agriculture and Policies aimed at 	

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		ensuring increased opportunities for women.	
<p>Rwanda. Travel across the country is open except two districts bordering Congo (Rusizi and Rubavu)</p>	<p>Cross border trading with neighbors is a challenge but it seems the government easing of COVID-19 measures is offering a return to some kind of normality.</p>	<p>No new updates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGRA team continues to support farmers through Q2 planned activities. • Team plan to resume field visits while still observing government guidelines on health protection.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uganda. Life almost returning to normal as business and buyers resume trading activities. • Harvest is starting in some parts of central and eastern Uganda. However, the unexpected heavy rains are interrupting the harvesting and post-harvest handling, drying and processing activities. Farmers require post-harvest equipment (dryers, threshers, shellers) to mitigate this challenge and to safeguard quality of produce. • Agro input outlets and food markets are allowed so long as they follow government guidelines. 	<p>No new updates on challenges.</p>	<p>Uganda Development Bank Ltd (UDBL) has already received Ugx 500 billion from donors for economic stimulus package. AGRA funded consultant is also preparing to deliver a final draft of the Agricultural Finance Strategy for UDBL</p>	<p>We are learning that village based advisers can play a crucial role in last-mile delivery of agro-inputs and off-taking of produce sustainably.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malawi. Gatherings above 100 are limited. • Reduction of public transport by 60 percent while observing social 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited supervision on harvesting and handling of seed by out-growers. 	<p>No new updates.</p>	<p>Main Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-harvest handling and marketing

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<p>distancing. Wearing of face masks in public places is obligatory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grain trade is happening normally within the country with minimal restriction except at borders which have all been closed - apart from Mchinji in the Centre, Mwanza in the South and Songwe in the North for essential services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postharvest handling intervention support through digital service (video and audio clips etc); irrigation support, community storage mechanisms Continue supporting the grantees virtually on seed sampling and certification. Also participating in key cluster meetings 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for winter cropping i.e. planting Most of the harvesting is done and marketing is underway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tanzania. The gov. Continue to relax measures to improve the business and investment climate; wearing face coverings is becoming mandatory. Farming activity is ongoing; grain and other food produce trading- both national & international is encouraged by the government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of inputs will be highly affected by limited movement due to COVID-19 Restricted public gathering above 10 people continue to present challenge to Agricultural programs Restricted trucks movements to from Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Govt. tabled budget for 2020/2021 that has series of measures to stimulus economic activities and improve investment climates. The measures include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of Agro-Industrialization Removal of VATA on crop insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGRA Tanzania field staff have resumed their work stations from Monday July 6th 2020. AGRA Consortia have resumed providing technical support to farmers using one to one discussion and ICT platforms where possible. The support includes capacity building training, validation workshops etc. Western TZ: Managing various stages of short rain seasons Southern Highlands Tanzania: Local and Regional Trade facilitations Equipping farmer

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			<p>organizations with quality control tools (e.g. moisture meters)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Highlands of Tanzania: Potato seed production and distribution and preparations for the upcoming training for potato producers market association.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mozambique. The Mozambican Government announced a continuation of the Level-3 State of Emergency another 30 days until July 29. Public gatherings are suspended. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, commercialization of farmer's produce continues • Initial weeks of the marketing season showed rising prices with low volumes being sold for both rice and maize. • There are indications that in rice producing areas, harvest delayed at the peak in July due to scarcity of seasonal labor. 	<p>Many field activities cancelled due to government restrictions on movement due to COVID-19.</p>	<p>No new updates.</p>	<p>Support to grantees continues to ensure project implementation during the ongoing and critical harvesting, and post-harvest management for smooth marketing and reduced losses in both product and market opportunities/negotiations.</p>

Financial resources committed as of July 3, 2020. These are resources committed that AGRA is aware of; the table may be changed as updates occur and we are made aware of them.

	Total	World Bank	IMF	Donors	WFP	Govt	Local Private Sector	Other	Remarks
	\$MM	\$MM	\$MM	\$MM	\$MM	\$MM	\$MM	\$MM	
Ghana	1,345.5	100.0	1,000.0	125.0	0.5	120.0			"The Govt. has proposed \$390MM humanitarian budget Govt. \$120MM Stimulus Package for SMEs."
Mali	233.2	25.1	200.0	2.3			5.8		
Burkina Faso	200.8	148.0				50.0		2.8	Govt. \$50MM support to AG sector.
Nigeria	1,642.8	50.0		6.6		1,202.6	94.4	289.2	"Govt. \$1.2BN funding for mechanization in 632 local govts. CBN providing \$90.3MM economic stimulus for households and businesses"
Ethiopia	499.0	82.6	411.0	5.4					The Govt. has set up a \$1.3BN Budget to mitigate COVID-19.
Kenya	1,702.0	50.0	758.0	191.0		703.0			"EU = \$5MM, Other UN agencies = \$135M, RF = \$1MM GOK has set up \$100MM SME recovery budget and \$100MM cash transfer to vulnerable people GOvt. Economic stimulus package = \$503MM"
Uganda	581.5		491.5	75.0		15.0			US Govt. \$3.4MM, EU \$31.6MM to support Govt effort to tackle COVID-19. GOG has dedicated \$15MM for food relief and IFAD set up \$40MM rural poor stimulus fund envelope.
Tanzania	-								
Rwanda	4.0			4.0					US Embassy has donated to support Govt. effort.
Malawi	42.7					42.7			Govt allocated \$22MM to agriculture, \$14 for grain purchase.
Mozambique	686.0	217.0	337.0					132.0	"Govt. setup \$700MM budget to mitigate COVID 19 Impact Islamic development fund has 132M in project support in the IMF's Pro-Saúde health support Program."
Total	6,937.5	672.7	3,197.5	409.3	0.5	2,133.3	100.2	424.0	

New Updates:

- IFC announced a sum of \$50 million loan to Nigeria's first City Monument Bank (FCMB).
- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced \$50 million to support Kenya's response and recovery efforts to meet the immediate and longer-term challenges that COVID-19 is posing.
- June 27th, the World Bank approved a \$117 million grant to support a government project on Urban Development and Decentralization.