

COVID-19 Situation Report #5

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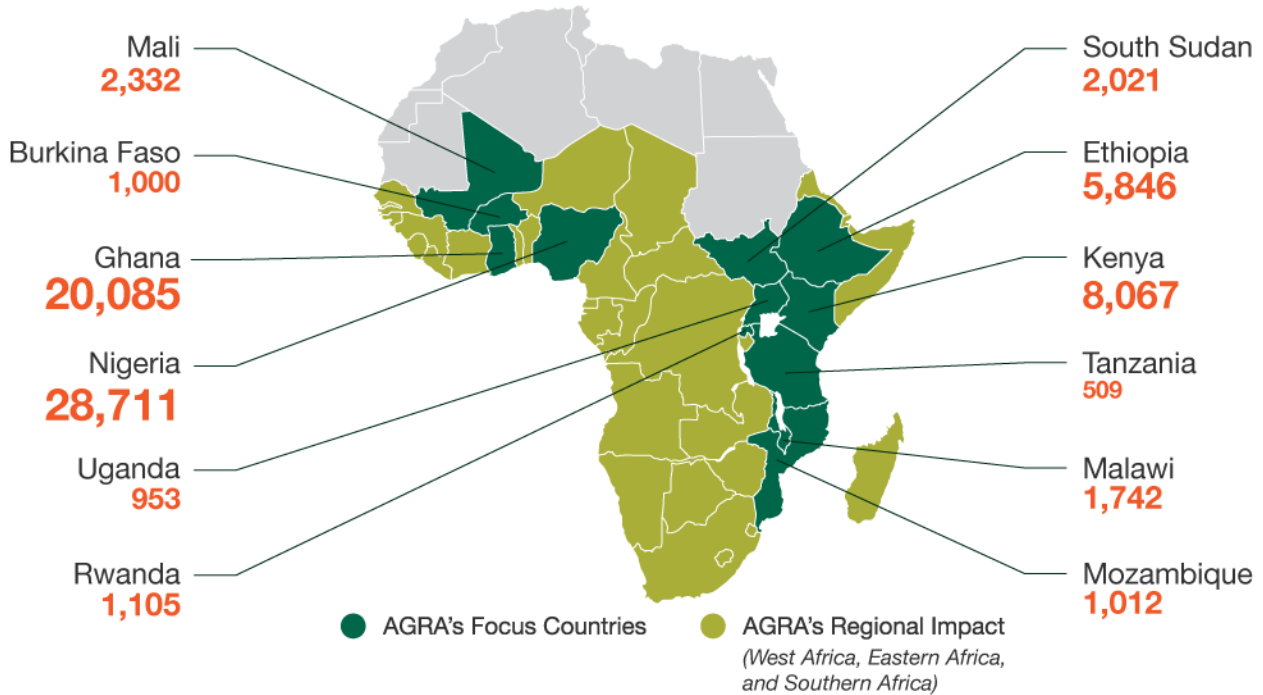
- COVID-19 cases continue to increase in AGRA focus (1) countries; food insecurity remains a concern as economies suffer.
- With slowing growth across Africa, governments are launching new initiatives to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and bring agriculture to the forefront of the economic recovery.
- Private sector actors are stepping up to support farmers with different initiatives. This includes YARA and Bayer launching COVID-19 response plans in Kenya with the potential to benefit over 200,000 farmers.
- Food prices remain volatile and affordability of food and inputs is starting to be of concern.
- Tensions in Ethiopia between ethnic groups have escalated to demonstrations and deaths, primarily in towns, with the potential to transition to rural communities. AGRA continues to monitor the situation and potential impact on small holder farmers closely.
- Easing of movement restrictions is making it easier for AGRA teams to implement programs.
- AGRA's [June Food Security Monitor](#) finds multiple shocks, such as adverse climate events, the COVID-19 pandemic, and containment activities are causing disruptions to agricultural farming systems in sub Saharan Africa. This is happening alongside good harvests we are seeing in some countries, such as Malawi and Zambia.
- AGRA's COVID-19 "at a glance" by [focus country](#) & [financial resources](#) committed that AGRA is aware of.

Food security remains a concern as COVID-19 cases pick up and economies take a hit across Africa. Food insecurity has continued to rise across Africa as the pandemic continues to spread. The [IMF warned](#) in late June that the recovery will be slower than expected following a "crisis like no other". A [McKinsey Study](#) noted in April that GDP in Africa was likely to decline from estimated 3.9% growth in 2020 to -1.4% in 2020 as a result of the economic impact of the pandemic. We are seeing signs of this playing out now in AGRA focus countries, including Ghana, where GDP is estimated to have declined by -27.9% during the three-week lockdown period, and in Nigeria, which expects 4% quarter on quarter decline in the contribution of the agricultural sector to GDP.

In AGRA focus countries, the number of COVID-19 cases increased by 40%, rising to around 73,000 cases from approximately 52,000 cases two weeks ago. This increased caseload is likely the result of increased testing in many AGRA focus countries. The recovery rate is improving, with the rate of those dying as a result of COVID-19 remaining low – around 2% of those reported infected have died. We are also seeing governments cautiously opening up economies with many borders expected to open soon.

COVID-19 Cases in AGRA Focus Countries

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With slowing growth, governments are launching new initiatives to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and bring agriculture to the forefront of the economic recovery. The impact on overall growth continues to be felt in AGRA focus countries. Ghana GDP is estimated to have declined by -27.9% during the three week lockdown period with -36.4% agri-systems contribution in 2020 to GDP. In response, Ghana's Agriculture Sector COVID-19 Response Strategy is leading the way to provide economic stimulus to support farmers, and the Ghana Government's Flagship agricultural program, Planting for Food and Jobs is delivering 520 multipurpose mini tractors to small holder farmers.

The financing arrangements for Ghana's Agriculture Sector COVID-19 Response Strategy program will be in two phases. Phase 1 is from July to December 2020 and Phase 2 January to December 2021. The total cost for Phase 1 is estimated at GHS 2.143 billion (approximately \$360MM). For Phase 2, the implementation cost is estimated at GHS 2.512 BN (approximately \$425 MM).

In Nigeria, which expects 4% quarter on quarter decline in the contribution of the agricultural sector to GDP, the government has launched the Agriculture for Food and Jobs Plan (AFJP) worth approximately \$1.39BN to support over two million smallholder farmers across the country with the goal of improving crop yields per hectare while linking farmers to markets for off-take throughout grower schemes. The aim is to produce 10 million metric tons of food within 12 months.

In Mozambique, the President is launching an Agricultural Marketing Campaign in the Northern district of Manhica, Maputo province recognizing the challenges imposed by COVID-19.

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Food prices remain volatile and affordability of food and inputs is starting to be of concern. In Mozambique, some markets are seeing a price increase for maize of 75% as compared to 2019, with farmers are concerned when the pandemic will end. Also, in Mozambique, which is in the marketing season, AGRA implementing partners on the ground are observing that there is a 13% average price increase with initial low volume trading compared to 2019. The rise in prices, which is good for farmers, makes it more expensive for SMEs to access processors, for example, who fear price hikes to end consumers. Large off-takers could be the winners in this situation – raising fears of additional, speculative food price rises.

At the same time, we are also witnessing prices stabilizing in Kenya with a 0%-3% reduction for cereals, with minimal increase for legumes and vegetables. Surveys provide a more nuanced picture. A survey by the UK-Kenya Tech Hub showed that due to COVID-19, ~50% of agro-processors have faced reduced demand, ~25% have faced distribution and supply disruptions, ~5% have faced reduced access to export markets and 5% have had reduced investment in their businesses.

In Nigeria, where soybean is an important source of protein for households, an AFEX Commodities Exchange report on COVID-19 indicated that soybean sales declined -13.55% in the last three months. Cash strapped households in Nigeria may no longer be able to afford soybean, leading in some cases to malnutrition and/or food insecurity.

In Malawi for example, in urban areas, many poor households are currently facing food and income gaps due to impacts of COVID-19 on the economy. Households dependent on trading, casual labor, and employment in domestic labor, teaching, hospitality, and the tobacco sector have been worst affected by reduced income-earning activities.

AGRA's Response to COVID-19

Ongoing support AGRA is providing in focus countries includes:

- **Coordinating support to governments.** Across all AGRA focus countries, we are engaging, and supporting co-ordination efforts and design of COVID-19 response plans.
 - For example, in support of the COVID-19 government support strategy, AGRA is part of government COVID-19 response working groups in Ghana, Kenya and Tanzania.
 - In Ghana, the COVID-19 Response Plan for Agriculture was developed and validated by the Agriculture Sector Working Group of which AGRA is a member. The plan articulates the impact of COVID-19 on the agricultural sector, defines short and medium-term mitigation measures, and outlines resource mobilization.
 - In Kenya, AGRA participates in the group which coordinates the government's COVID-19 response. The "war room" for example, monitors the availability of staple foods and takes necessary action to help ensure an adequate food supply for all Kenyans during the COVID-19 crisis.
 - In Tanzania, for example, AGRA's work provides support to the Ministry of Agriculture to plan and coordinate dry season agriculture to take advantage of the residual moisture and enhance farmer resilience. It is estimated that dry season agriculture could increase food surplus from 20% to 50%.
- **Linking farmers with buyers and processors.** Across AGRA focus countries, we are participating and supporting co-ordination efforts for countries who are at different stages in the cropping season. For example, linkages are being coordinated in countries not only where harvesting is underway –such as Mozambique and Malawi- but also in countries which are not yet in the harvest season. AGRA is also developing these linkages with

farmers in countries which are not yet in the harvest season -such as Tanzania and Burkina Faso - to ensure farmers are prepared before they go into the harvesting season.

- **Supporting data and analysis.** In Kenya, AGRA is providing support to government data and analytics through Kenya's COVID-19 war room. This includes monitoring the food security situation in Kenya to, for example, maintain the flow of produce from production to markets; ensure the minimal disruption to markets; and manage pricing spikes.
- **Strengthening innovation for small-holder farmers.** In response to COVID-19, AGRA is partnering with technology partners to supply smart and SMS extension content for farmers.
 - In Mali, for example AGRA staff are facilitating the development of an electronic distribution system that will facilitate the distribution of fertilizer during the planting season.

Countries are easing restrictions to revive economic activities, making it easier for AGRA teams to implement programs.

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 country teams to implement programs on-the-ground to support farmers. However, in Mozambique and Malawi for example, where the marketing season has started but movement is still restricted, there are delays due to a shortage of farm workers.

Highlights from a few AGRA focus countries are below

- In **Ghana**, taking advantage of easing COVID-19 measures, the Ghana Country Team visited seven regions to monitor grants implementation, assess the level of preparation of farmers in the planting season amidst COVID-19, and to interact with key partners with respect to measures being taken against the spread of COVID-19 after the lockdown.
 - The team observed that Consortia partners are actively facilitating training and capacity building sessions for Community Based Advisors (CBAs) and farmers, linking farmers to input and output market. Interaction with farmers showed that almost 90% of the farmers have secured their inputs and have already planted.
- In **Tanzania**, AGRA field staff have resumed work as of July 6, and AGRA consortia have resumed providing technical support to farmers using one to one discussion and ICT platforms where possible
- In **Mozambique**, AGRA team members are continuing to support grantees to ensure smooth marketing and reduced losses in both product and market opportunities/negotiations.
- In **Mali**, alongside ongoing campaign preparation activities, AGRA is also continuing to support the Ministry of Agriculture in development of a response plan for the planting and marketing season ahead.
- In **Burkina Faso**, in addition to providing support for season preparation activities, AGRA supported the signing of contracts for the supply of 2,394 MT of paddy rice. This is a great example of a program in which two financial institutions are providing pre-financing of agriculture inputs (seed and fertilizer), production of paddy rice, and post-harvest management equipment. Processors have agreed to buy the paddy rice, and a large rice importer has agreed to buy the processed rice, linking the value chain – all during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Strengthening Extension Service Delivery to Improve Productivity of Smallholder farmers in Sikasso Region, Mali

Agriculture is the cornerstone of Mali's economy and holds great potential for driving economic growth, despite the fact that only the southern part of the country is suitable for farming. The agriculture sector employs 80% of the Malian population (with 58% of agriculture labor force composed by male) and contributes 41-42% to Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Millet, sorghum, maize and cowpea are the basic staple crops and are produced by 90% of farmers for subsistence; crop yields depend almost entirely on the weather. The Government shift in focus was intended to modernize traditional farming practices, transfer resources and technology, and train personnel to address extension needs of smallholder farmers, which led to the decentralization of agricultural extension in Mali. However, the Government of Mali still does not have enough Extension Agents to advise farmers and is therefore unable to effectively reach farmers at the village level.



In recognition of such challenges, AGRA through its implementing partners in its 11 focus countries has continued to support and promote the use of self-employed Village Based Advisors (VBAs) or "Agripreneurs" who are linked to input companies to promote seeds of improved crop varieties, and fertilizers together with good agricultural practices, who in return provide linkages to buyers of farmers' produce. The VBAs primarily use Mother and baby Demonstrations to practically train farmers on various aspects of farming and are slowly using ICT to also pass information to farmers.

ZAMOHO (pictured above) is a seed company, and is part of an AGRA supported consortium in Sikasso. ZAMOHO staff trained community based advisors (CBAs) in business skills during the last season. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, these CBAs are continuing to supply farmers and agrodealers with improved certified seeds for maize, sorghum and cow peas in the districts of Sikasso and Kadiolo.

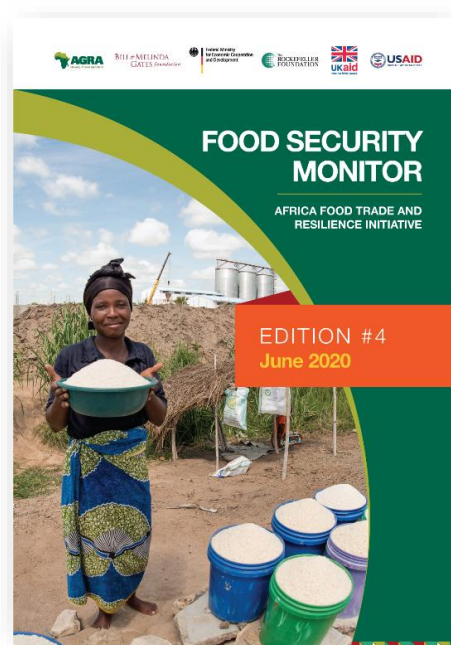
AGRA's June Food Security Monitor finds multiple shocks are causing disruptions to agricultural farming systems in sub Saharan Africa

Published monthly, AGRA's Food Security Monitor focuses on developments and changes that impact on regional food trade in each of AGRA's 11 focus countries and the follow-on implications for food security.

Findings from the June Food Security Monitor include:

- The multiple shocks in many parts of the continent are causing disruptions to agricultural farming systems with damaging impacts on affected populations.
- The continued food price spikes in some parts of the continent demonstrate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and containment measures on food and nutrition security in Africa.
- The continued disruption of food distribution and trade activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the need for countries to reduce their import dependency and increase domestic food production to ensure self-sufficiency.

The June Food Security Monitor is available [here](#).



AGRA News

AGRA released its [2019 Annual Report](#), which highlights progress made in the past year towards scaling agricultural interventions, showcasing the success of the organization's integrated delivery model.

Related COVID-19 News

- TBI: [End Food insecurity Across Africa Through Agricultural Change](#)
- **World Economic Forum:** [Africa is facing a food crisis due to COVID-19. These seeds could help prevent it](#)
- **IPS News:** [Africa's Post-pandemic Future Needs to Embrace Youth in Agriculture](#)
- **IT Online:** [Africa's agriculture value chains must go digital](#)

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

- (1) 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 3, 2020)

Country + Summary of Current Situation	COVID19 Challenges	Government Ask/Response	AGRA Activities (highlights only)
<p>Burkina Faso. Most COVID-19 measures are suspended including curfews. However, gathering of more than 50 still prohibited. Discussions are ongoing for opening borders. While COVID19 direct health effect appears relatively under control thus far, its negative economic impact significantly affects jobs and incomes. Tourism, transport sectors have been severely affected.</p> <p>Local demand for imported goods has also declined. Customs in the main entry points report up to 40% decline in trucks transporting goods from neighboring ports</p> <p>With imports markets disturbed, the Government is anticipating potential supply issues and is trying to compensate with increased domestic production.</p>	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To address the urgent balance-of-payments needs, the IMF approved US\$115.3 million emergency assistance for Burkina Faso under the Rapid Credit Facility. The country will also benefit from IMF debt service relief under the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust. • Latest update from in-country DPs, at least \$24MM has been mobilized to support the Govt. response actions. • Total resources mobilized from private sector and public fund collection campaigns are estimated at \$3M. • Ongoing distribution of food supplies at subsidized price through the Government established special shops. 	<p>AGRA: Ongoing season preparation activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hauts-Bassins; Cascades regions. Inputs supply/ planting/ Demos implementation. The main cultivation operations in progress are plowing and sowing between 25% and 50% for cereals. • Centre-Ouest and Boucle du Mouhoun région: The sowing performance rate is between 0 and 25% for cereals • Country team is working with the implementing partner GRAD to facilitate input access for 415 more farmers through RCPB credit in the BMCO consortium • AGRA supported the signing of contracts for the supply of 2,394 MT of paddy rice. A credit facility amounting to USD 647,184 is being negotiated with two financial institutions.
<p>Ethiopia. Movement restriction has been eased by regional states and there is no restriction on grain trading. Farm inputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement and meeting restrictions do not allow to conduct mass trainings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government of Ethiopia appealed for \$1.65B (506M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGRA country team working with grantees in preparation for planting season.

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<p>are being distributed. COVID-19 pandemic poses clear threats to Ethiopia's reforms and relatively strong economic growth, with "wide-ranging and serious" impacts across Africa's second most populous country, A new UN assessment finds, 13 June 2020.</p> <p>[No update due to unrest].</p>		<p>COVID-19 related) international assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethiopia and the World Bank (International Development Association) signed a \$250MM financing agreement in support of the COVID-19 Supplemental Financing to the Second Ethiopia Growth and Competitiveness Programmatic Development Policy Financing. (50% in the form grant, balance in credit). 	
<p>Ghana. As of now, most restrictions on movement of people and goods have been removed helping the country head into economic recovery. However, it is estimated Ghana National GDP dropped -27.9% during the 3 weeks lockdown of its major cities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The easing of COVID-19 measures is making it easier for tea to implement programs. Team continues to support Partners while implementing programs for the upcoming planting season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft agriculture sector COVID 19 response strategy funded by IFAD was presented at an Agricultural Sector Working Group (ASWG) virtual meeting. The strategy is seeking funding of GHC1.88B (@ US\$340MM) from the Ministry of Finance excluding expected additional funding from other sources including development partners, financial institutions and private sector to finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking advantage of the easing of COVID-19 Measures, the Ghana Country Team visited 7 regions of Ghana to monitor grants implementation, assess the level of preparation of farmers in the planting season amidst COVID19, and to interact with key partners with respect to measures being taken against the spread of the novel covid-19 pandemic after the lockdown. 4 project proposals under the USAID support, received approval to promote the application of digital extension approach amidst

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		<p>implementation of its COVID19 response plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Food and Agriculture has endorsed the draft national policy and technical regulation for aflatoxin control in food and feed. The policy, and regulatory framework, was prepared by the National Steering Committee for Aflatoxins Control [NSAC] established with support from AGRA. 	<p>COVID19 and to enable farmers effectively access input and output markets while adopting agricultural insurance to mitigate the secondary impact of COVID19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team observed during the mission that Consortia partners are actively facilitating training and capacity building sessions for Community Based Advisors (CBAs) and farmers, linking farmers to input and output market. Interaction with farmers showed that almost 90% of the farmers have secured their input and have already planted.
<p>Mali. Govt. continues to open up public services bringing back economic activities to life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food prices have increased and overnight travel is restricted. 	<p>As part of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has adopted certain measures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the 2020-2021 campaign, the price of cotton is set at 200Fcfa / kg for the first choice and 175Fcfa / kg for the second choice. In addition to this basic price, the government grants, exceptionally, a subsidy of 35 billion CFA resulting in a bonus of 50 FCFA on the price of each kilogram of seed cotton 	<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 southern part. Facilitate farmers access to input market. Facilitate fertilizer distribution through electronic distribution system to be developed. Continue supporting Ministry of Agriculture in development of

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		<p>produced and sold to the Malian Company for the Development of Textiles (CMDT).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft modification of the 2020 finance law due to COVID-19: The budget deficit increases by 317.239 billion Fcfa Decreasing budget revenues: 62.023 billion Fcfa (taxes) and 189.056 Fcfa (customs) 	<p>response plan for planting and marketing season ahead.</p>
<p>Kenya. Govt. of Kenya revised its COVID-19 measures, lifting cessation of movement into and out of Nairobi, Mombasa and Mandera from 7 July.</p> <p>Food situation (risk and opportunities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97% of food markets in 29 monitored counties are operational. • 40% of 55 livestock markets sampled are operational with the opening of Dagahaley market in Wajir. Additional counties (e.g., Kajiado) are implementing guidelines. • Prices of most commodities continue to stabilize in the past two weeks with price reductions on cereal food commodities ~0 - 3% and minimal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Central, Western and Eastern Provinces, no major challenges except social distancing measures. • In Coastal Province lockdown remain in place in some locations. • In addition, heavy rain has become challenging in some places. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • YARA launched a Covid response that aims to donate 13,000MT of fertilizer to 73,000 Small holder farmers. • Bayer also launched a Covid response and will donate 300 MT of seed to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGRA is providing support to government war room. • In addition, some programs are still being implemented; government efforts to ease restrictions will help in expediting program implementation.

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<p>increase for legumes and vegetables (<5%).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results from 106 agro-dealers surveyed indicates that 53% of seed, 45% of agrochemical, 42% of fertilizer, 39% of animal feed, 14% of fish feed suppliers have faced and expect lower demand due to affordability challenges caused by COVID-19. 		<p>150,000 Small holder farmers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The World Food Programme (WFP) is distributing food to 9,000 families affected by floods in Garissa, Mandera, Tana River, and Turkana counties in coordination with the National Disaster Operations Centre, the Ministry of Devolution and ASALs, and county governments. Ministry of Agriculture continue to Coordinate effort through the Food Security War Room. 	
<p>Nigeria. After four weeks of observing the second phase of the ease lockdown occasioned by Coronavirus, the Federal Government of Nigeria has announced lifting of the ban on travel across State borders while maintain curfew from 10 pm – 4 am but extended the 2nd phase by 4 weeks to the end of July.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited access to inputs and extension agent services due to restriction of movement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Hon. Minister of Agriculture Alhaji Sabo Nanono on Monday 29 June 2020 said the Federal Government of Nigeria has earmarked N600 billion to enhance farmers access to agricultural financing in the country. Nanono said about 2.4 million farmers were targeted to benefit from the interest-free facility, designed to encourage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGRA is providing support to Nigeria’s extension system and planting season activities.

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		<p>application of modern technologies in rice and cash crop cultivation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The National Agricultural Land Authority Development Authority (NALDA) has been revived by the current administration. The organization is set to empower 77,400 young farmers to engage in agricultural businesses nationwide in different farming activities ranging from crop farming to animal husbandry alongside a “Back to Farm” Program initiated to create employment and food production. -OCP Fertilizer Nigeria Limited (OCP Africa) has signed agreement with the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), the National Institute for Horticultural Research (NIHORT) and National Institute for Oil Palm. 	

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<p>Rwanda. Travel across the country open except two districts bordering Congo (Rusizi and Rubavu).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross border trading with neighbors is a challenge but seems Govt easing up of COVID-19 measures seem to offer a return to some kind of normality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Govt has been distributing food to vulnerable in cities. 	<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 govt guideline on health protection.
<p>Uganda. Life almost returning to normal as going back to normal business as buyers resume. Infections now spreading to the communities without clear traces of source. This is worrying health officials who are beginning to propose a second total lockdown.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrictions on movement create a challenging environment during the planting season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government issued a directive banning all workshops and trainings by civil servants. However, our project with Ministry of Agriculture Seed Inspection service (MAAIF-NSCS) has obtained a waiver to allow training of seed inspectors to occur. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning that VBA can play a crucial role in last-mile delivery of agro-inputs and off-taking of produce sustainably.
<p>Malawi. Gatherings above 100 are limited. Grain trade is happening normally within the country with minimal restriction except in borders which have all be closed apart from Mchinji in the Centre, Mwanza in the South and Songwe in the North for essential services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited supervision on harvesting and handling of seed by out-growers. • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the FAO (June, 2020 update), the total budget for the national response to COVID-19 stood at US\$345.29 million out of which US\$102.58 million has been funded representing 29.7%. • The Agriculture Cluster on COVID-19 has a budget of US\$ 30million of which has a shortfall of 28% of the total budget. 	<p>Main Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-harvest handling and marketing. • Preparation for winter cropping i.e. planting. • Most of harvesting done and marketing is underway.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also participating in key cluster meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MoAFS has initiated since the last week of April surveillance of markets and availability of food at household level in 18 Districts under the (EmA-FSS). 	
<p>Tanzania. The govt continues to relax measures to improve business and investment climate.</p>	<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. 	<p>Govt. tabled budget for 2020/2021 that has series of measures to stimulus economic activities and improve investment climates. The measures include:</p> <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 will resume 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 FOs with quality control tools (e.g. moisture meters). Northern Highlands of Tanzania: Potato seed production and distribution & Preparations for the upcoming training for potato producers market association.

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<p>Mozambique. The Mozambican Government announced a continuation of the Level-3 State of Emergency another 30 days until July 29. Flights from selected countries will be allowed.</p> <p>Food situation (risk and opportunities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. (on average, by 13% compared to same period last year). In maize areas, prices are also rising (on average, by about 75% compared to same period, last season), as farmers' concerns for food insecurity grow due to unknown end of the pandemic. • There are indications that in rice producing areas, harvest delayed to a peak in July due to scarcity of seasonal labor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many field activities cancelled due to government restrictions on movement due to COVID-19. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 27th, the World Bank approved a \$117 million grant to support a government project on Urban Development and Decentralization. • The International Development Association (IDA) financing aims at improving urban infrastructure and service delivery, and supporting institutional reforms capacities in municipalities to harness urbanization benefits across the country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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.