**AGRA activities**

Government response

Many governments have developed protocols to support the agricultural sector, which is critical for food security. In view of the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic, and recognizing that economies need to continue working, governments have allocated a significant portion of their budgets to support the agricultural sector.

In the case of Nigeria, the national government has increased its inputs on agricultural inputs by 5-10% due to movement restrictions related to COVID-19. In other countries, the government restrictions on persons and the restriction on grain trading, have affected the delivery of goods internally but land restrictions on persons and natural disasters and movement restrictions have also impaired the food supply. In Kenya, the government has been providing access to emergency rice buffer stock.

In an encouraging sign, in AGRA focus country Mali, the government has worked with the private sector to urgently deploy resources to assist women access resources necessary to conduct agricultural activities.

Debt risks in developing countries were already high prior to the pandemic. These risks are now maturing, as many developing countries are struggling to pay back their debt amid the economic slowdown caused by COVID-19. Debt relief strategies to sell crops will affect the delivery of strategic food reserve.

**Government support in AGRA-focus countries**

The need to manage and minimize the impact of COVID-19 on health systems, while allowing economic activity to resume. With more and more governments acknowledging that COVID-19 will be a long-term problem, governments are acknowledging the need to manage and minimize the impact of COVID-19 on health systems, while allowing economic activity to resume.

The government support in AGRA-focus countries includes:

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**AGRA'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

Together with continental partners, AGRA launched a call to action to governments in Africa, the development community and the private sector to urgently deploy resources to assist women access resources necessary to conduct agricultural activities.

Strengthening digital innovation for small holder farmers.

Linking farmers with buyers and processors.

Forging new partnerships.

Placing women at the center.

AGRA's consortia continue engagement with AgRED (an umbrella coalition bringing public & private sector). And development community.

AGRA is facilitating strategic food reserve.

Sharing stories of success.

**Call to action for government support for women in agriculture faced with COVID-19**

Women are critical to food security and ensuring sustainable livelihoods amid the current COVID-19 pandemic. The call to action for government support for women in agriculture faced with COVID-19 is crucial.

With the freight costs. $1.8-3.2 billion in Africa.

**NATURAL DISASTERS AND MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS**

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, many developing countries have been hit by natural disasters and movement restrictions. This has caused significant challenges for small holder farmers.

In Nigeria, largely due to movement restrictions related to COVID-19, the national government has allocated 18% of its annual GDP, equivalent to about $65.7 billion per month. This is separate from and in addition to the wider external debt relief.

In Kenya, AGRA is providing support to government data and analytics through its agricultural inputs have been categorized as 'Essential', specifically in Kenya, Malawi and also Rwanda.

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