

COMPASS Ethiopia

Meki Catholic Secretariat

Target group/beneficiaries engaged in programme

- How is the target group affected by the current situation?

SILC group members are unable to undertake saving and collect loans and conduct regular SILC meetings. Those who received small ruminant for fattening are in difficulty of getting market to sell the fatten shoats. Nutrition beneficiaries (pregnant, lactating women's and children under five years), are challenged to get food and vegetable seed from the market. Seed beneficiaries of this year until now could not get the training on ecological production methods due to COVID 19 pandemic them besides, crop seed has not been purchased for the farmers.

- What are the implication in the project region?

The major implication of COVID-19 in the COMPASS-ET implementation area is that target groups are under stress due to the fact that lack of timely access to accurate information. Moreover, the pandemic induced Social and economic crises that disrupted social orders of the community especially it disrupted social gathering, funeral services, team work and bared marketing of produces as it mainly spreads/transmitted through contacts and breath. Consequently, people are feeling of solitary, and other social and economic activities are brought to the static state that further exacerbated by state of emergency that poses restrictions of mobility, transactions especially open markets and other public movements especially in mass and closure of different services. All these have resulted in inflation, deficit in supply, hiked prices on sanitary products, these in turn has caused psychological pressures as people are scared and confused to run the business they used to. Generally, the pandemic implications are: social, economic and health crisis that are manifested in different magnitude.

- Are there programme activities that would put beneficiaries at risk?

Yes off course, Activities that involve many people like: crop seed provision and ecological production method training, back yard gardening activities and poultry provision for nutrition beneficiaries, permaculture activities, advocacy or knowledge management on sustainable land management are under risk due to hazards of the pandemic of COVID 19.

Programmes activities

- Activities that can still take place, that have to be postponed or cancelled

Tree seedling preparation and managing the demonstration center are activities that are still taking place. Poultry provision, back yard gardening and ecological production methods training and knowledge management on sustainable land management are the main activities that have been postponed. Physical soil and water conservation activity are cancelled for this year due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

- Activities that have been modified

Until now in COMPASS-ET project there is no activity modified and added due to the occurrence of COVID-19 pandemic.

- Activities that can be added due to Covid-19

There are activities which can be added due to COVID-19. Awareness creation on COVID-19 and provision of food staffs, sanitary materials for poor of poorest, elders and disabled targeted beneficiaries are activities that is better to added.

The situation of the Project staff

- Are all project related staff able to carry out their work according to the project plan? If not, what alternative tasks can they do?

Since, March 17, 2020 all project staffs are not able to carry out their work according to the project plan. MCS management decided all project staffs to perform their work from home (online). However, the staff can work away from home if additional assignments are given as long as they are provided with sufficient PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and transportation.

Implications on Compass budget

- Are there costs that won't be spent? Are there costs that are additional due to Coronavirus?

The project utilized more of budgets except some remained activities like provision of seed, ecological production method training, and advocacy/knowledge management forum, provision of poultry and preparation of multipurpose tree seedlings. Additional costs are needed to create awareness on COVID-19 and to support needs with sanitary

materials, PPE and food supplies to specially lactating and pregnant women, Children, disabled and destitute and other targeted groups.

Other important information

The health facilities found in the vicariate of Meki have no laboratory equipment to test samples which help combat spread of the virus. On top of that the health workers will need additional medical supplies including PPE, drug and other basic medical necessities parallel to prevention works. MCS management also discussed all projects to have contingency plans from the project activities; like home to home technical support, activities done individually and activities which is not need meeting and personal contact. Permaculture, back yard gardening, provision of seed and others are the activities which is under our plan to carry out during this time.

COMPASS Burkina Faso

OCADES Caritas-Kaya

Target group/beneficiaries engaged in programme

- How is the target group affected by the current situation?

The measures to combat the spread of covid 19 taken by the national authorities (avoiding gatherings of more than 50 people, stopping public transport vehicles, quarantine of towns at the centre of the epidemic, curfews, etc.) as well as regional measures (closure of markets and yards).

- What are the implication in the project region?

The current situation has consequences on the progress of project activities, but also on the lives of the population in general, although the region does not record any positive cases at covid 19. However, as far as the project is concerned, the aim is to avoid activities that bring people together or that lead to displacement of beneficiaries. Also, the measures, especially those at the regional level, lead to a sharp reduction in the capacity to sell products such as market gardening, postponement of certain activities such as exchange trips, awareness sessions on crop management, hygiene and sanitation, which should be done through fora, film screenings, etc.

- Are there programme activities that would put beneficiaries at risk?

Health authorities and the government consider gatherings of more than 50 people to be settings for the spread of the coronavirus. Therefore, activities such as fora theatres, film screenings, training sessions that bring together more than 50 people, home visits by endogenous facilitators on hygiene and sanitation, as well as exchange trips initially planned for the beneficiaries.

Programmes activities

- Activities that can still take place, that have to be postponed or cancelled

Awareness-raising activities (forum theatres, film screenings, etc.) are postponed; Home visits by endogenous animators can be made. They will be opportunities to sensitize households on the coronavirus.

- Activities that have been modified

Training for beneficiaries, which should take place at the level of each municipality with at least 100 participants. This activity will be done at the village level directly where it will concern only about thirty people.

- Activities that can be added due to Covid-19

- A training of endogenous facilitators on Covid-19 in order to equip them to sensitize households during home visits on the pandemic and the barrier gestures to stop the spread of the pandemic ;
- Provision of hygiene kits (hand wash, liquid soap,) to the working groups ;
- Equipping field agents with masks and hydro alcoholic gels.

The situation of the Project staff

- Are all project related staff able to carry out their work according to the project plan?



Yes, all staff are able to do their jobs. Arrangements have been made to make this possible. Indeed, for monitoring purposes the beneficiaries have been subdivided into small groups of up to 10 households.

Implications on Compass budget



- Are there costs that won't be spent?

At this time, no activities will be cancelled according to our planning. Adjustments will certainly be made to adapt to the prevailing health situation to minimize the risk of contamination of beneficiaries. However, a strong deterioration of the situation could lead to the cancellation of one or the other activity and its postponement for the last year.

- Are there costs that are additional due to Coronavirus?

Additional costs due to Coronavirus are to be expected in relation to the acquisition of hygiene kits, hydro-alcoholic gels for the beneficiaries as well as project staff.

Handwash device/Dispositif de lave-main

Other important information

A Covid-19 contingency plan is being finalized with small projects to raise public awareness. This plan is being developed to support government measures to control the spread of Covid-19. It is hoped that each project will be able to make a financial contribution as far as possible to its implementation. It is intended to cover the entire Diocese of Kaya. The contribution of COMPASS is expected.

COMPASS South Sudan

Solidarity with South Sudan

Target group/beneficiaries engaged in programme

- How is the target group affected by the current situation?

The target groups of SAP-R/Compass South Sudan totally live in great fear of the Covid-19 pandemic. This fear is associated with poor / limited health facilities, equipment and drugs and the anticipated deteriorated humanitarian situation of the local population. This is also associated with the current political vacuum in the state and at local government levels where there are delays in the appointment of state Governors who could have formed the local government in the states and county level.

- What are the implication in the project region?

As of this date, South Sudan has registered thirty four confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the country. This has increased more fear, panic and threats to the entire South Sudanese population. With this, we called off some key activities such as workshops and farmer trainings, in-service training for the Community Extension Workers, exposure visits for farmers and women group members, staff further trainings and regional visits, networking and coordination in line with the order of the national taskforce committee on coronavirus. This pandemic has also led to the closure of the international and state borders which has led to high cost of goods and essential commodities in the local markets, making it difficult to the less advantaged to afford certain things they need for their living. . People are confined in their places.

- Are there programme activities that would put beneficiaries at risk?

Yes, activities such as trainings for the target groups and in-service training for the Community Extension Workers are suspended. Exposure visits are put on a halt to avoid crowds of target groups but encourage limited movement and social distancing among the target groups and the entire communities.

Further external trainings for the staff and Community Extension Workers

Programmes activities

- Activities that can still take place, that have to be postponed or cancelled

Activities that can still take place

- Agriculture & Nutrition awareness raising via newsletters and radio talk shows.
- SAP-R demonstration farm activities
- Nutrition food additive preparation
- Field visits and follow ups
- Follow ups of innovation pig rearing / breeding

Activities that can be postponed due to Covid-19

- Workshops and trainings for target groups and Community Extension Workers
- Exposure visits
- Staff further trainings

Activities that can be added due to Covid-19

- Awareness raising about Covid-19

- COMPASS South Sudan is planning to provide some simple basic protective gears of Covid-19 such as the face mask, for the permanent workers, the Community Extension Workers and casual labourers to avoid the spread and or contraction of Covid--19. We are also planning to support the vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children and women with simple medication (paracetamol) and sanitary washing buckets.

The situation of the Project staff

- Are all project related staff able to carry out their work according to the project plan?

The entire project staff are at work, the Farm Manager and his team, the Extension Officer / deputy, and the Community Extension Workers. The Nutritionist and Assistant are doing nutrition food supplement preparation, kitchen gardening demonstration, nutrition newsletters and awareness raising via radio talk shows. The Monitoring Officer and the Project Coordinator are still on board and doing their jobs.

- If not, what alternative tasks can they do? n/a

Implications on Compass budget

- Are there costs that won't be spent?

We will use the remaining budget on the suspended activities hopefully after the pandemic.

- Are there costs that are additional due to Coronavirus?

There is additional anticipated cost which should be incurred for provision of the basic human needs such as washing soap, sanitary buckets and basic simple treatment for the less advantaged groups such as elderly, children and women. Secondly, the cost of essential and non-essential commodities has gone higher by 20, 30 - 50%. This is more likely to affect the project budget if the situation will not improve soon.

Other important information

Compass South Sudan developed newsletters on coronavirus with key messages in the local language about the symptoms and preventive measures of the disease. These newsletters were distributed by the Nutritionist and Assistant to the Community Extension Workers of Bazungua, Bodo, Bazumburu, Kasia, Makpandu and Riimenze. 380 newsletters were distributed to 380 community members as follows :

1. Makpandu 50 (18 male and 32 female)
2. Kasia 50 (26 male and 24 female)
3. Bazumburu 70 (20 male and 50 female)
4. Bodo 70 (31 male and 39 female)
5. Bazungua 70 (50 male and 20 female)
6. Riimenze 70 (45 male and 25 female)

On the right is the copy of the poster of the newsletter.



COMPASS Senegal

Caritas Tambacounda

Target group/beneficiaries engaged in programme

- How is the target group affected by the current situation?

As part of the measures to combat VIDOC - 19, the State of Senegal has taken certain measures, including a ban on gatherings (meetings, weekly markets, ceremonies, etc.) and the movement of people is reduced. This has had a major impact on the target groups of the COMPASS project. The reduction of their market share for fruit and vegetable producers in market gardens and petty trade. These measures have greatly reduced the sources of income and income of the target groups.

- What are the implication in the project region?

The Tambacounda region has recorded 8 cases of Coronavirus to date. These cases are located in the department of Goudiry. In the communes of Ndogo Babacar and Maka where the project is working, no cases of Coronavirus have been recorded. However, the measures taken by the State are general prevention measures applicable throughout the national territory. To this end, the project's target groups will benefit from the support measures initiated (food aid) by the state for vulnerable people.

- Are there programme activities that would put beneficiaries at risk?

Mass awareness activities and meetings of groups of more than 10 people and group formation were considered to be activities that pose a risk for the transmission of the virus. These activities were all suspended to avoid exposing the project's target groups.

Programmes activities

- Activities that can still take place, that have to be postponed or cancelled

All awareness-raising activities, training and other mass meetings are postponed until the situation has calmed down. However, the target groups continue to implement market gardening activities. They are organized in small groups to avoid gatherings according to agreed watering schedules.

Activities related to innovation 2 "Installation of bio-digesters" such as procurement procedures are ongoing. However, the training sessions are postponed.

- Activities that have been modified

There is no modified activity yet. However, the permanent monitoring system that used to be provided by the Animators is being replaced by the collection of information by telephone when necessary with the community relays. Weighing and screening activities for malnourished children who require human contact have not yet been carried out. The proposal is to go door-to-door with preventive measures (washing hands with soap before and after any contact with children).

- Activities that can be added due to Covid-19

The following activities could be added.

- Mass awareness activities via radio broadcasts
- Provision of hygiene kits (hand washing, soap, bleach) to target groups
- Supporting the establishment of water points for groups that use wells for drinking water supply
- Food aid to households identified as highly vulnerable to the consequences of VIDOC - 19

The situation of the Project staff

- Are all project related staff able to carry out their work according to the project plan?

The Project Facilitators have been recalled for 15 days off (April 1-15, 2020) pending further developments. This measure was taken by the Management of Caritas Tambacounda to ensure their protection. For the Staff (Coordinator, M&E Expert and Nutrition Expert), teleworking is applied.

- If not, what alternative tasks can they do?

The management of the day-to-day business and administrative processes of ordering goods and services related to the implementation of the project.

Implications on Compass budget

- Are there costs that won't be spent?

For the time being, annual planning is not impacted. However, if the situation is not brought under control by the end of April, some activities will be considerably revised and this will have an impact on expenditures.

- Are there costs that are additional due to Coronavirus?

There are no additional costs due to Coronavirus yet. However, the proposed additional activities (distribution of hygiene kits and food aid, access to drinking water) will require additional budgetary means.

Other important information

We're preparing a response plan for VIDEO 19. It includes preventive measures to contain the pandemic and an exit strategy to build community resilience.