Farmers. It has activated itself, in collaboration with its commitments towards African Farmers organizations (ROPPA, SACAU & UMNAGRI) have been closely monitoring the harmful impacts of Covid-19. However, this pandemic linked to other prior challenges have exacerbated the financial stress. At the global social level: food insecurity, poverty, access to finance, disruption of the extension and increased debts, lower incomes, difficulty to access markets have been compounded by the current pandemic. In recent weeks, readers have already seen the impact of COVID-19. This Editorial is intended to present the work of Farmers Organizations for ACP (FO4ACP) in the fight against Covid-19.

In May 2020, the PAFO Executive Secretariat organized its first FO4ACP Continental Coordination Meeting. It was prepared in full coordination between all the partners. SAFE 2020 will finance emergency activities that are currently outside the scope of FO4ACP, or for which the funds available are not sufficient to face Covid-19’s impacts. This project is developed by PAFO, its member networks, Agricord and its member agencies, all involved in the management of emergency activities, and in partnership with its partners in order to provide urgent responses to the impact of COVID-19. With the support of IFAD, PAFO and Agricord decided to adjust the FO4ACP program, co-funded by ACP-EU and IFAD, in order to provide urgent responses to the impact of COVID-19.

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FO4ACP continues the constancy of its actions. PAFO certifies the commitment and responsibility of FO4ACP partners to feed Africa. It is our duty to work towards food sovereignty and sustainable development. Whether national or regional, we must collectively fight against this pandemic and its threats. In this context, the PAFO will continue to support its partners in order to provide urgent responses to the Covid-19 crisis in different ways. It is in this context that the FO4ACP continuity plan was developed, in consultation with the partner organizations. The project objectives are: to ensure the continuity of the projects of their partners, to strengthen the capacity of the networks and organizations to address the crisis, and to support African farmers in the 2020 Emergency (SAFE 2020).

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