



We are the enablers and accelerators of  
African women and youth in agribusiness.

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Our Target is to connect 15million women and youth in  
agribusiness across the continent.

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## WHO WE ARE

**We are a Non-Profit organization limited by guarantee.**

Its network that comprises of individual members' businesses including producers, processors, aggregators, export companies and input suppliers among others across the continent and globally. The organization provides women-owned and youth-owned agribusinesses with an E-Hub, which is a repository of information on agriculture along value chains and supply chains.

AWAN Afrika Under 30 champions are the youth of either gender engaged in agribusiness.



# WHERE WE ARE







## CURRENT STATISTICS

500,000

*Women impacted*

3,000

*Registered on Network*

44

**countries**



## WHAT WE DO

**Financial Inclusion**



**Technology in agriculture**



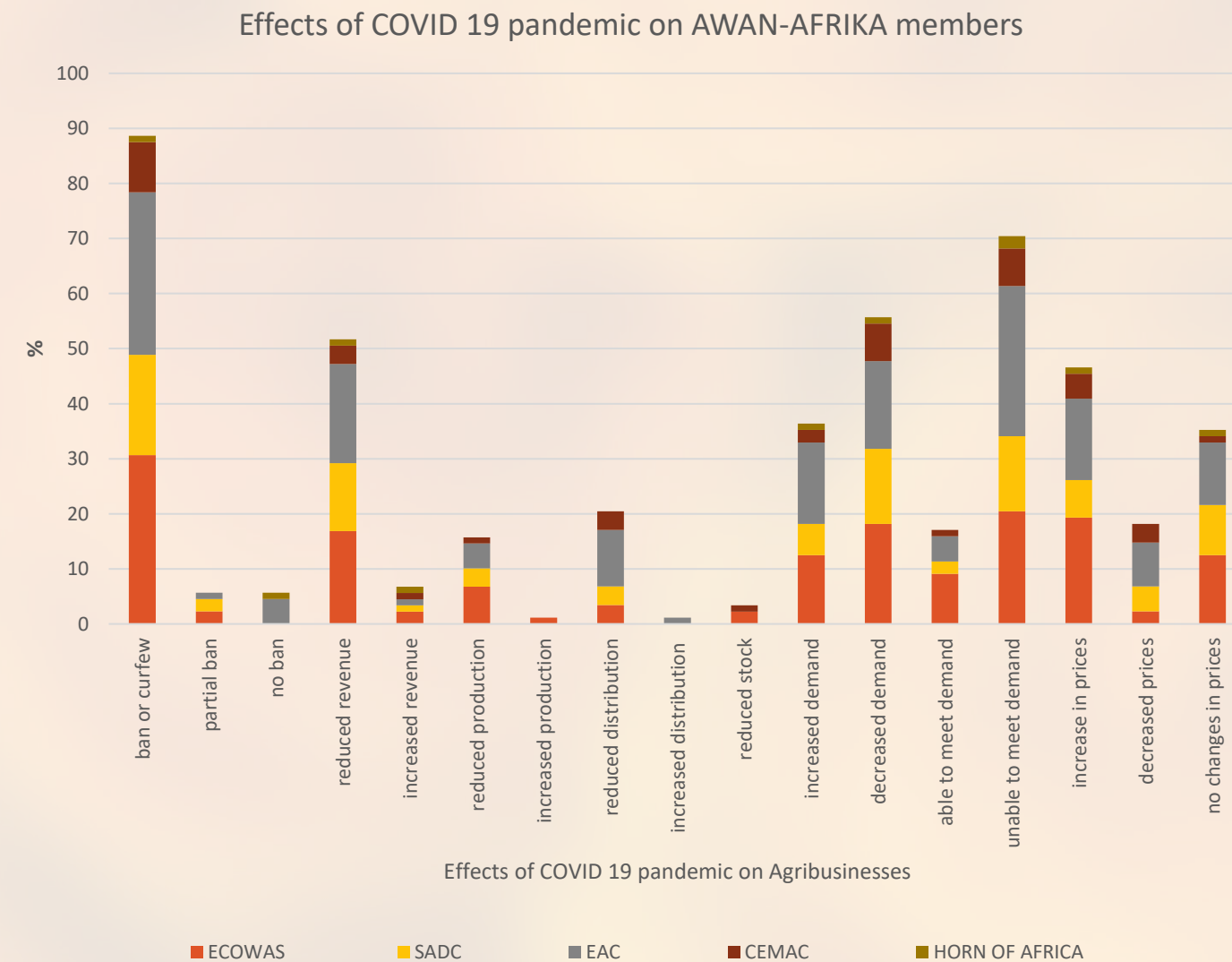
**Market Access**



**Trade Facilitation**



## THE IMPACT OF COVID 19 ON AGRIBUSINESSES IN AFRICA



- Almost 90% of SMEs have experienced a ban of movement which has led to disruption in the short and long-distance supply chains, resulting in more than half losing income and are struggling to stay afloat
- Confinement has caused a 57% drop in demand for agriproducts and 71% of suppliers have lost income and are unable sustain operations





## THE NEEDS

1. Challenges supporting the livelihoods of suppliers and sub-suppliers due to decreases in demand and challenges in accessing markets.
2. Concern for resilience amongst farm producers to be able to use/repurpose/diversify their production so that they can survive periods of reduced demand.
3. Challenges in diversifying supply chains -and bringing in new workers/suppliers- rapidly and ethically.
4. Challenges to meeting commitments to suppliers and workers through swift payment mechanisms
5. Safety of workers, particularly those in factory and farm settings where social distancing may prove challenging.
6. Gender- COVID-19 may have a disproportionately negative impact on female workers, particularly in the garment sector.
7. Human rights violations (including modern slavery) that may occur with increased cost pressures, increased vulnerability of poor households and limited oversight of recruitment and work practices in suppliers and sub-suppliers.
8. Increased vulnerability of migrant workers who may be reliant on a particular supply chain and have limited protections and recourse in host countries.



## WHERE IS THE NEED

**Business need Cash flexible cash ,flexible loans with very low interest rate**

**Small and informal businesses need grant so that they can resume supplies to medium businesses**

The urgent challenge faced by women owned agriprenuers as a result of the impact of COVID-19 is lack of cash flows to sustain their operations or revive their businesses now that measures imposed by governments in Africa are eased.

Covid-19 Highlighted already existing inequalities.

Significant gender disparities still exist for women to enter spheres of trade and markets particularly for those who manage and own small business enterprises. Women need to be provided with accessible and affordable Finance/Capital and equipped with skills and knowledge required to rescue their businesses from collapsing in the coming months.

To address the challenges from the inequalities we need **FINANCIAL RESOURCES**.

At AWAN AFRIKA we are rethinking and adopting our interventions to take into account the increasing demands/opportunities arising from reduced physical contact as a result of COVID 19 pandemic, e.g door-to door distribution of products, through business digitalization, digital marketing, access to reliable logistic services and supply chains.





## ADDRESSING THE NEEDS

### **The New Normal will not be Normal without responsible Solidarity for common good**

The uncertainty faced by most small-scale farmers and agriprenuers will have severe negative impact on National and Continental Food Security and Economy during and in post COVID-19 pandemic unless rapid response initiatives are put in place to mitigate the continuous worsening of the situation. This will require well-coordinated rescue plan initiatives by key drivers of growth within the sector.

1. AWAN-Afrika priority this year is to partner with impact investors to enable our members to access affordable and flexible finance and input capital. In addition, we will continue providing technical support to agribusinesses and revamp our incubation hubs.
2. AWAN-Afrika has identified partners, in order to increase our members participation in the digital economy, access to digital marketing and digital trade. This we expect will lead to improved supply chains that will enable women owned agribusiness not only survive this difficult period but thrive beyond COVID-19



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*Thank you!*

*Merci!*

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*¡Gracias!*

*Obrigado!*

*Asante!*



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