The Impacts of Covid-19

Experience from the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme

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Overview

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FAO-EU FLEGT Programme actions

- Immediate outreach and support to partners
- April 2020 – rapid survey: 120 service providers across Latin America, Africa and Asia -> adaptations and concrete actions taken
- Ongoing field surveys with RECOFTC and CIDT to document the immediate impact of the pandemic on forest communities in Asia and Africa
  - Results will be presented in a webinar on 28 October 2020
    “Experience from Forest Communities of Covid-19 Impacts”
Feedback from the field

- Restrictions resulting from the pandemic:
  - Limited participation in decision-making processes and key meetings;
  - Reduced field presence of forest authorities and delayed administrative processes

- Impacts on project beneficiaries:
  - Loss of economic activities due to reduced trading opportunities;
  - Increased vulnerability, especially of IPLCs and women
Mitigating the impacts of Covid-19

- Strengthen and expand Independent Forest Monitoring
- Maintain strong civil society engagement
- Enable uptake of remote communication tools
- Facilitate e-commerce initiatives for legal timber international and domestic trade
Events

Experience from Forest Communities of Covid-19 Impacts
28 October 2020  11:00 – 12:00 (CET)

COVID-19 Forestry Week - Technical Session
COVID-19’s effects on deforestation and possible responses through strengthening legality and sustainability
Wednesday, 24 June 2020
Recording available here

Reference materials

Q&A: The impacts of COVID-19 on the forest sector - how to respond?
Available here

The impacts of COVID-19 on the forest sector: How to respond?
Policy Brief, FAO, 2020
Available here
Thank you for your attention

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