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The Impacts of Covid-19

Experience from the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme

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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”



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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

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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

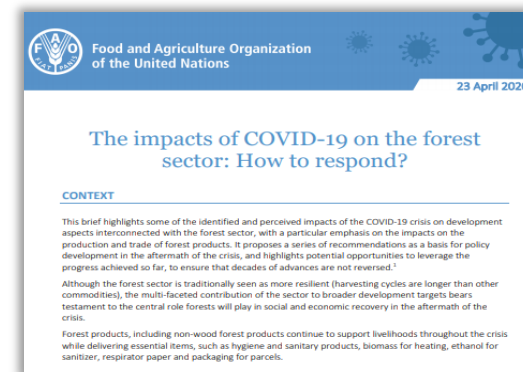
Q&A: The impacts of COVID-19 on the forest sector - how to respond?

Available [here](#)

The impacts of COVID-19 on the forest sector: How to respond?

Policy Brief, FAO, 2020

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Thank you for your attention

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