



A neighbourhood facilitator visiting a family to raise awareness on barrier gestures, Madagascar

GRET is mobilised in its fields of intervention to respond to the pandemic

While the Covid-19 epidemic is persisting in a majority of countries worldwide, GRET and its partners are adapting their activities to continue supporting the most vulnerable populations. Awareness-raising actions are being implemented to communicate information on preventive measures and provide hygiene items to populations with a view to reducing the risks of contagion.

From Myanmar to Madagascar, via Haiti and Africa, we take a look at the main activities carried out over the past weeks, thanks to the mobilisation of our teams and the support of our main financial partners.



RECEPTION OF HANDWASHING EQUIPMENT AND SOAPS FOR FOUR SCHOOLS IN FÉNÉRIVE EST, MADAGASCAR →



↑ TRAINING OF THE COVID-19 AWARENESS-RAISING TEAM WORKING IN MARKETS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

↑ MAKING MASKS IN THE CFIP SEWING WORKSHOP, MAURITANIA

In Haiti, as part of the Urbayiti programme funded by the [European Union](#), GRET is working to support the implementation of an improved waste management system in public markets. At the request of the municipality of Port-au-Prince, **handwashing points were installed** in areas where large assemblies take place, particularly in markets. **Activities to raise awareness on hygiene and waste management had initially been planned** in the project and GRET decided to **very quickly reorient part of these** in order to support local authorities to fight against the spread of Covid-19.

In Mauritania, the Ministry of Employment, Youth and Sport contacted the members of the Safire programme, funded by the [European Union](#), to **make several thousand masks** and handwashing kits. This was made possible thanks to the [Caritas Mauritania](#) Vocational training and professional integration centre (CFIP), which **mobilised and trained young people in vulnerable situations** to make these hygiene items, thereby enabling them to have an activity and income.



In Senegal, as part of the [European Union](#)-funded Commun project, in partnership with the National council for consultation and cooperation between rural people (CNCR), partnerships with three community radio stations were set up to organise **awareness-raising broadcasts** with health and local authority staff. An **animated video** on health recommendations, validated by the National service for education and information on health, was produced in several local languages and broadly distributed via WhatsApp and the community radios.

Click [here](#) to see all the actions conducted by GRET's projects in Senegal to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic (in French only).

← SCREENSHOTS OF THE ANIMATED VIDEO ON HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS, SENEGAL

In Burkina Faso, the AlloLaafia service, funded by [Agence française de développement](#) (AFD), [Fondation Bel](#) and [UNICEF](#), was adapted to respond to Covid-19. This service provides advice on maternal and child health to families in Ouagadougou and the Eastern regions via text messages. For several weeks now, these messages have been accompanied by **text messages on the fight against Covid-19**: its origins, overview of the situation, at-risk populations, barrier gestures and how to behave in the event of suspected contamination. Approximately fifty text messages, validated by the Burkina Faso Ministry of Health, were sent to 10,800 people.



↑ EXAMPLE OF A TEXT MESSAGE RECEIVED BY POPULATIONS, BURKINA FASO



← HANDWASHING STATIONS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE DISTRIBUTION AREA, MYANMAR

In Myanmar, together with partner civil society organisations, the team working on the [NRSC](#) project – funded by the [European Union](#) – organised **awareness-raising activities** via various channels (posters, awareness-raising campaign via text messages, audio-distribution using loudspeakers, a helpline set up to answer questions) and **distribution of basic hygiene kits and items** (disinfectants, gloves, thermometers, etc.). These activities were conducted in **close coordination** with local authorities, the United Nations and the Ministry of Health.



↑ AWARENESS-RAISING SESSION IN THE MAROPIA FOKONTANY, MADAGASCAR

In Niger, with the support of the [Monegasque cooperation](#), a **diagnosis to identify local needs** was conducted in partnership with the State, emergency partners and fortified food production unit managers. **10 disinfection facilities** were set up and **195 boxes of soap, 6,000 masks** and **22 boxes of hydroalcoholic gel** were distributed in five zones of intervention (Matamey, Tessaoua, Chadakori, Danja and Niamey).

In Madagascar, as part of a partnership with the Nutri'zaza social business – and in association with the GRET team working on the PFOA project – [Monaco cooperation](#), the Fanainga fund and [Fondation Artelia](#) funded **an operation to help urban households in the context of the Covid-19 crisis**. This operation enabled 20,000 vulnerable households to benefit from **fortified foods** such as the Koba Aina porridge to prevent malnutrition, **soaps** and **local awareness-raising actions** over a one-month period.



↑ RECEPTION OF HYGIENE ITEMS IN NIGER

A webinar for AFD water operators

This **webinar**, entitled "Covid19 and Water and sanitation services" was designed and implemented by [Suez Consulting](#) and GRET for **AFD** water operators. Led by the Water for all Chair at Agroparistech, it features six sessions in English and French, which will be held in June. GRET will be conducting the session on **standpipes** and contributing to those on **barrier gestures** and **invoicing**.

An animated video in Mali

In Mali, as part of the Imyeta project, funded by the [Norwegian cooperation agency](#) (Norad), an **animated video to raise awareness** was produced in Bambara with agreement from the Malian Ministry of Health. This video, screened in the project's partner workshops, makes it possible to **raise artisans' and apprentices' awareness on barrier gestures** and to raise awareness in **remote villages** by sharing information via messaging networks. The video was used by the Malian Ministry of Health, to which GRET transferred the rights. It will be translated into approximately ten languages. ●



↑ FACEBOOK POST WITH THE MALI VIDEO

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