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Covid-19 : Implications for Nouvelle Planète – September 2020

The global pandemic of Covid-19 has ongoing repercussions on *Nouvelle Planète* operations. Six months into the global crisis, the situation is as follows:

1) Project implementation carries on

All projects in our countries of intervention scheduled for 2020 are currently being implemented. Most of them will be completed on time and some will be delayed (around 3 months max.). They have not been modified, however sensitization and awareness-raising activities in link with the sanitary crisis have been added. An additional project has taken shape in Senegal to support inhabitants of two villages to cope with economic consequences of the crisis. Staff members of our coordination teams are in good health. We thank them for their seamless commitment and their inventiveness.

2) Solidarity camps for 2021 are in preparation

As of today, despite all uncertainties, we think that solidarity camps in 2021 are possible. We are tightly monitoring the situation in our countries of intervention, flight options, entry requirements and conditions when returning home. Uncertainties are prevailing and it is still difficult to look ahead. However, we are carefully planning possibilities of travel. Kick-off meetings for the youth camps are scheduled on Friday January 8th in Lausanne and on Saturday January 9th in Bern.

In addition to these uncertainties, whoever is interested in joining such an adventure might be reluctant, which is understandable. We are counting on participants who have lived through such an experience to help us promote these camps among young people. Do not hesitate to talk about it and ask for flyers.

Several groups are currently waiting to take off, from February onwards. Discussions will be held during the coming months to take decisions.

3) In Switzerland, *Nouvelle Planète* team is again working full-time

The entire staff is back to full-time work after having benefitted from partial unemployment in the last 5 months. We are also very grateful to see that financial support has not weakened during this period. A big thank you to all our faithful donors.

We would like to thank you for your support during these peculiar times and we are looking forward seeing you soon. Keep taking care of you and your families.



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