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Covid-19: Implications for *Nouvelle Planète* - January 2021

The situation created by Covid-19 has ongoing repercussions on *Nouvelle Planète* operations. The situation at the beginning of 2021 is as follows:

1) Project implementation carries on without too many problems.

The projects funded in 2020 are currently being finalized. We are pleased with the way they have been implemented despite constraints. Some delays have occurred, but our coordination teams are working hard to catch up. We expect to receive the final reports between January and May 2021. We have also noticed that the impact of the projects has multiplied as the people in our areas of intervention have suffered from restrictive government policies.

In 2021, we plan to support a similar number of projects. All project documents except one are ready. The year 2021 will be marked by the deployment of our environmental protection activities in parallel with the projects we normally carry out. We plan to reforest at least 30 ha in Africa by planting 60'000 trees and to protect at least 4 ha of forest in the Amazon.

2) Considerable uncertainty about solidarity camps in 2021

Regarding the evolution of the global pandemic, chances of being able to organize the summer's solidarity camps diminish. Although we maintain our optimism, we have taken the option to postpone the preparation period, which normally starts in January. We are continuously evaluating the situation and will make a final decision by the beginning of March at the latest.

The 5 planned trips with groups between January and June have all been cancelled.

We are more hopeful about the adult senior camps planned for the autumn. The start of the preparation is scheduled for 5 May 2021.

3) In Switzerland, the 2020 financial results are good, but the team is shrinking

The financial results for 2020 are encouraging. Thanks to exceptional donations, we end the year with a reserve. However, the decline in activities concerning the solidarity camps and the economic uncertainties have led us to review the work contract of our staff. After reducing the post of administrative and solidarity camps officer from 80 to 60 %, we made the difficult decision to part ways with Roman Twerenbold at the end of March 2021.

We thank you for your support during this special time and look forward to seeing you again. Please continue to take care of yourselves!

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