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## **Covid-19 : Implications for *Nouvelle Planète* - May 2021**

We are happy to report that the coronavirus situation in Switzerland has eased. However, the virus continues to disrupt some of our activities. The situation in May 2021 is as follows:

### **1) Cancellation of solidarity camps until the end of 2021**

We had postponed the start of the solidarity camps for adults/seniors by one month in the hope of being able to organise them. Unfortunately, the situation in our countries of operation and the situation regarding group trips are too uncertain for us to take the risk of organising the camps. The situation in certain countries like Madagascar makes us forget the hopes one can have when analysing the situation in Switzerland. Also, the conditions for intercontinental travel are still precarious and require many preparatory and costly steps, not to mention the challenges of group travel. We consider that under these conditions it is wise to wait until the situation settles down and to launch our solidarity camps with confidence in 2022. It is a difficult decision, because we miss this exchange as much as our partners on the ground.

### **2) This makes the implementation of projects even more important**

In our various countries, projects are implemented almost normally, except for Myanmar (for political reasons). Our coordination teams know how to juggle with the restrictions of the government to stem the spread of the coronavirus. Beneficiaries are more enthusiastic and grateful for the support than ever as they face increasing difficulties in dealing with the uncertainties and economic consequences.

### **3) In Switzerland, one year of observation**

Since April, our team has been reduced due to Roman's departure. Fortunately, the financial income allows us to ensure the sustainability of our actions. The continuing uncertainties force us to remain cautious, even though *Nouvelle Planète* has a solid base.

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

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