Webinar: Exploring the impact of COVID-19 on livelihoods in Africa – Effect on remittances

Moderator: Hennie Bester, Director at Cenfri and insight2impact (i2i) programme lead

Panelists:

- Leon Isaacs, CEO of DMA Global
- Nikki Kettles, Remittance expert and Executive Manager of Programmes at FinMark Trust
- Dr. Olayinka David-West, Academic Director at Lagos Business School
- Barry Cooper, Remittance expert and Cenfri Technical Director
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How important are remittances to Africa?
What proportion of capital flows to Africa were personal remittances in 2018?

- FDI (net inflows): $47bn
- ODA (net inflows): $55bn
- Personal remittances: $84bn

Source: World Bank, 2018
How much does Africa’s diaspora contribute to Africa’s GDP?

Source: World Bank, 2018

2018 personal remittances received (% of GDP)

Ethiopia
Tanzania
Cote d’Ivoire
Cameroon
Togo
Algeria
Sudan
Mauritania
Burundi
Botswana
Mauritius
Benin
Djibouti
Mozambique
Malawi
Rwanda
Burkina Faso
Madagascar
Niger
DRC
Uganda
Ghana
Morocco
Mali
Nigeria
Zimbabwe
Guinea-Bissau
Egypt
Senegal
Gambia, The
Liberia
Lesotho

Source: World Bank, 2018
How will remittance flows to Africa be affected by Covid-19?
Forex reserves sink to a 26-month low as Coronavirus hits Kenya’s economy hard

Diaspora remittances to Kenya to drop due to coronavirus

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Where do Africa’s diaspora work?

Number of African migrants by region excl. Africa (2018)

Source: World Bank, 2018
How much money does Africa’s diaspora send home?

- Value of remittance flows into Africa (2018):
  - $11 244 000 000
  - $18 645 000 000
  - $18 352 000 000
  - $9 500 000
  - $853 000 000

Source: World Bank, 2018
How will remittance flows within Africa be affected by Covid-19?
How much migration happens within Africa?

Source: World Bank, 2018

Number of African migrants by region incl. Africa (2018)
How much money moves within Africa from internal migration?

Source: World Bank, 2018

Value of remittance flows into and within Africa (2018)

- $11,244,000,000
- $18,645,000,000
- $18,352,000,000
- $9,500,000
- $12,763,000,000
- $853,000,000
What will the remittance recovery from Covid-19 look like?
What have previous remittance recovery periods for Africa looked like?

- **Oil slump**: 6% decrease in remittance flows over 2 years.
- **Global financial crisis**: 5% decrease in remittance flows over 1 year.

Source: World Bank, 2019
What responses are we already observing from the financial sector in Africa to mitigate the impact of Covid-19?

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Discussion: How else should the public and private sector be responding to support remittance flows?
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Thank you

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