

PAFO certifies the commitment and responsibility of African farmers to continue feeding Africa

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In addition to the front lines of our "white" soldiers who provide medical and paramedical care to our fellow citizens, our farmers, the "green" soldiers of our Nations are on the front line to avoid food shortages and will ensure food security in this time of crisis.

The agricultural sector is a priority sector and the family farmers' production system and supply of food products is an absolute priority during this period. African farmers have always been and will always be engaged and responsible for the continuity of the food production chain from their farm level.

African farmers are aware of their responsibility and intend to accomplish their mission while fully respecting the protection framework put in place by Governments. We will continue participating in creating awareness on control measures using different media platforms, double our efforts in on-farm activities to produce more food, supply the available markets and feed Africa.

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