## Cooperatives organize to face COVID-19 in Togo



To combat intra-community contamination, the Togolese Government has prohibited gatherings of people and limited access to public transport. Decisions which are certainly courageous, but which will slow down the activities of the informal sector which constitute on average 90% of the real economies in Africa, creating unemployment and poverty. This is already the case with the informal trade in which cooperatives operate.

Togolese cooperators are already crossing this zone of turbulence, with very critical post-COVID-19 shock waves.

It is to help cooperatives to cope with the impacts of COVID-19, that the

Cooperatives House of Togo - created in March 2020 by the association Actors for a solidarity economy in Togo (APES / WYSSE) and its partners - decides on April 02, 2020, to launch the activities of the **Health and Solidarity Cooperative** "Dikpendi / Minodoo" whose activities will impact, over the next 03 months, more than 4,500 cooperative workers in Togo.

The activities will be grouped into 03 components: Awareness / prevention - Post-COVID-19 socio-economic impacts - Partnerships and Cooperation.

As part of the Women and Youth for Social and Solidarity Economy (WYSSE) initiative, the Cooperatives House of Togo will support some African countries to set up protective shields for cooperatives against COVID-19. These are from Benin, Senegal, Mali and Burkina Faso.



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