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FISHERIES IN
PROMOTING
RESILIENCE AND
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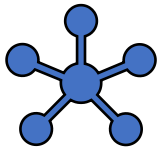
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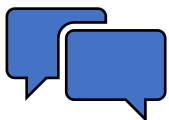
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DISCUSSION ON VALUE CHAIN INNOVATION AND ITS ROLE IN FACILITATING RESILIENCE IN THE SSF SECTOR

Moderated by Marco Costantini, WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative



Panelists:



- Claudia Benassi, Impresa Pesca Coldiretti, Italy



- Mohamed Naji, Teacher-Researcher, Hassan II Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine, Morocco

- Vahdet Ünal, Professor, Ege University Faculty of Fisheries, Turkey

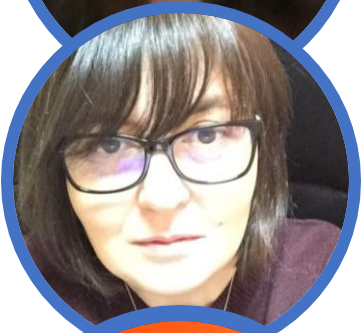


- Can Görgün, President, Akyaka Fishery Cooperative, Turkey



DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES AND THEIR ROLE IN REDUCING VULNERABILITIES TO SHOCKS AND PROMOTING LONG-TERM RESILIENCE FOR THE SSF SECTOR

Moderated by Anna Carlson, GFCM Secretariat



Panelists:

- Islem Ben Ayed, President, Association tunisienne pour le développement de la pêche artisanale (ATDEPA), Tunisia
- Nevena Todorova, EMFF Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Bulgaria
- Omar Benammour, Social Protection Officer, Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division, FAO



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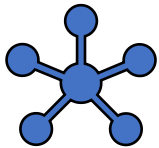


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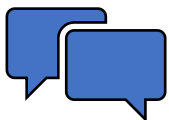
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FORUM EN LIGNE DE LA CGPM:

Renforcer la résilience de la pêche et de l'aquaculture pour l'après COVID-19

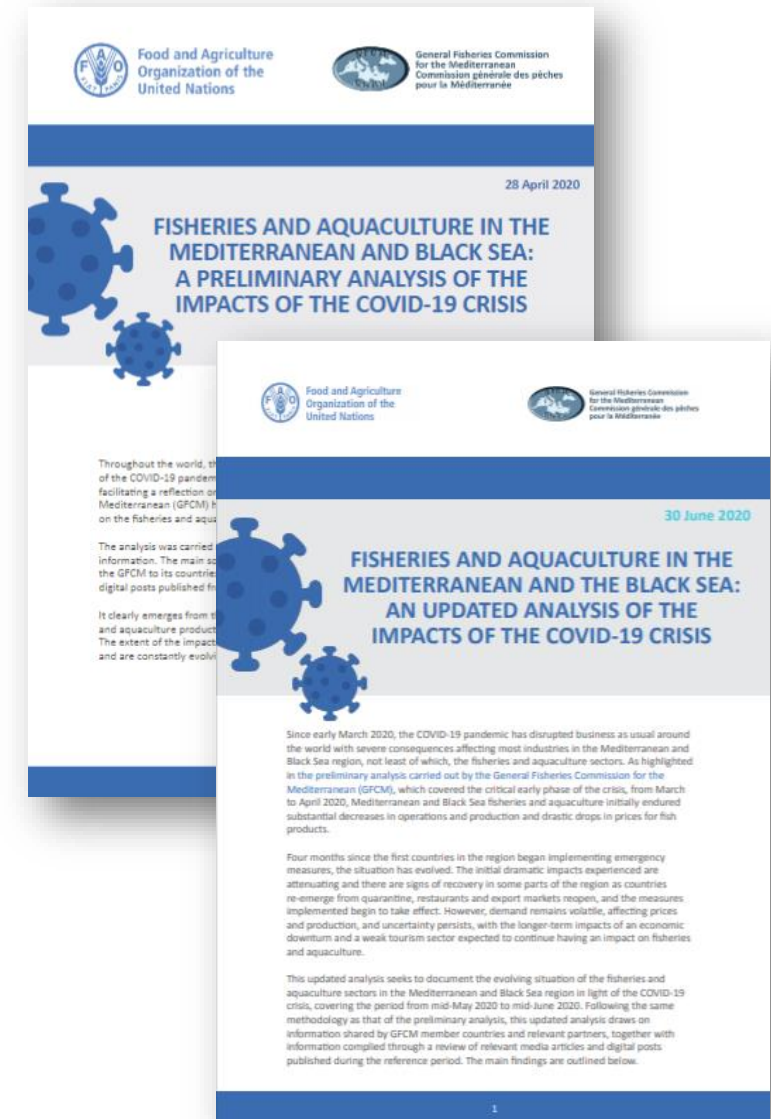
DIFFUSER L'INFORMATION

- Documenter l'évolution des impacts de la COVID-19 sur le secteur de la pêche et de l'aquaculture
- Partager l'information sur les réponses et les meilleures pratiques

RÉFLÉCHIR SUR L'AVENIR

- Encourager une réflexion sur les besoins stratégiques futurs pour l'après-2020

25 June 2020 15:00 CEST	1 July 2020 10:00 CEST	22 July 2020 15:00 CEST
The experience of international organizations response to the COVID-19 crisis	The experience of the aquaculture sector through best practices and mitigation measures facing the COVID-19 crisis	The experience of small-scale fisheries in promoting social resilience and market innovation in response to the COVID-19 crisis





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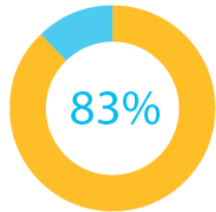
THE IMPACTS OF
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WHY FOCUS ON SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES?

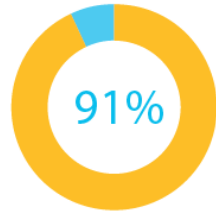


TOTAL SSF FLEET

70 300 vessels



83%



91%

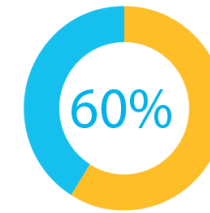
MEDITERRANEAN BLACK SEA

83% (MED) AND 91% (BLACK SEA) ARE CONSIDERED SMALL-SCALE VESSELS

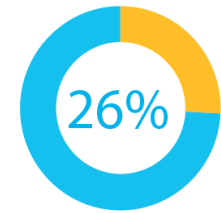


TOTAL ONBOARD JOBS IN SSF

150 000



60%



26%

EMPLOYMENT REVENUE

SMALL-SCALE VESSELS PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR 60% OF THE REGION'S FISHERS BUT GENERATE ONLY 26% OF TOTAL REVENUE



TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL REVENUE FROM SSF

US\$ 633 million



WORKERS ON SMALL-SCALE VESSELS ONLY EARN ABOUT 50% OF WHAT WORKERS ON TRAWLERS/PURSE SEINERS EARN

MARKET AND VALUE CHAIN IMPACTS

Impact

Contributing factors



- Up to 90% of **SSF vessels not operating** in the first weeks of the crisis, although most have **since returned**



- Initial **decrease in production** of more than 75% in most countries, although **pre-crisis production levels have since returned** in some countries



- An initial 20-70% **decline in prices**
- Certain species more acutely affected (e.g. shellfish, seabass and sea bream) due to **restaurant closures**

Physical restrictions

- Difficulty in complying with **social distancing** restrictions (particularly on board SSF)
- Border closures preventing the transport of product (**closure of export markets**)
- **Closure of fishmongers** and local markets

Major changes in demand:

- Closure of **Ho.Re.Ca sector**
- Changes in **consumer preferences** towards cheaper/canned products
- Temporary over-availability of fresh fish
- Limited international **tourism** during high-season

MARKET AND VALUE CHAIN IMPACTS

Market adaptations and value chain innovations implemented in response to COVID-19:

- Trend towards shortened value chains
 - Direct sales to consumers
 - Home deliveries
 - Digital innovations in supply chains (e-commerce via dedicated apps or websites)
- Coordination among cooperatives
 - Fish less, stabilize prices

Considerations:

- Oversight to ensure IUU fishing not encouraged
- Decent work protections

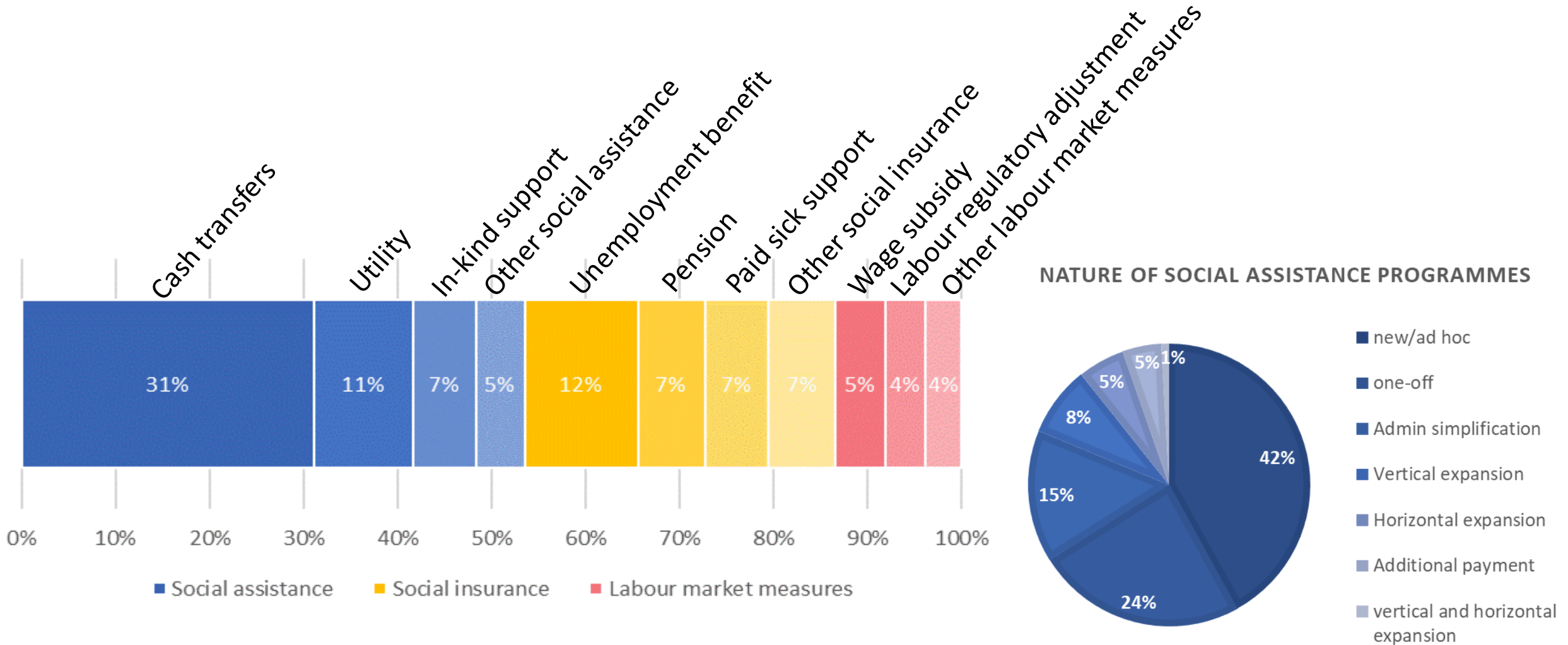


THE MITIGATING ROLE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION

Social protection is a set of interventions whose objective is to **reduce social and economic risk** and **vulnerability**, and to alleviate extreme poverty and deprivation.

Category	Types of interventions
Social assistance	Publically provided cash or in-kind transfers or public works programmes (e.g. unconditional or conditional cash transfers , school feeding programmes , food vouchers , etc.)
Social insurance	Contributory programmes covering designated contingencies affecting the welfare or income of households (e.g. health insurance , old age pensions , worker's compensation , maternity leave , etc.)
Labour market protection	Provides unemployment benefits, builds skills and trains workers (e.g. unemployment pay or wage subsidies , job training , etc.)

SOCIAL PROTECTION RESPONSES TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA REGION*



*From: Gentilini, U., Almenfi, M., Dale, P., Lopez, A.V., and Zafar, U. (2020) "Global Database on Social Protection and Jobs Responses to COVID-19". Living database, version 12 (July 10, 2020).

SOCIAL PROTECTION RESPONSES TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS: SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES SECTOR

Social protection and decent work measures implemented in response to COVID-19:

- Health and sanitary measures
- Conditional and unconditional **cash transfers** to fishers and their families to compensate for loss of income
- Policies to **reduce or defer payments**
- **Wage subsidies**
- **Training**

Building resilience in the longer-term:

- **Investment** in SSF and value chains
- Access to financial resources (**financial inclusion**)
- Strengthen **social insurance** programmes



KEY MESSAGES

- **COVID-19 represents an acute shock which tested the resilience of SSF:** underlined strengths and weaknesses
- How to equip the sector to be more resilient in the face of future shocks?
Key actions aligned with priorities already identified through key instruments
 - ✓ Reinforce **sustainable fisheries management**
 - ✓ Strengthening cooperatives and **engaging stakeholders** in decision-making
 - ✓ Facilitate **market innovations**
 - ✓ **Social protection** as a tool to address vulnerabilities and ensure capacity to respond to future shocks





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Thank you for your attention!

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- All presentations
- Key conclusions
- Other relevant resources

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