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Food aid

The Covid-19 pandemic has dramatically disrupted the food system and increased the need for food aid. During the Covid-19 epidemic in Morocco, the restrictions impacted both food providers as well as family meals, diet and food security. Surveys have shown that many people and especially young people have adopted unhealthy eating habits, with the stress of confinement affecting their diet and health.

Several solidary and concrete actions have been successfully carried out at UEMF to fight hunger at national and local level:

- In mid-March and upon the announcement of the fund dedicated to the management and the fight against Covid-19, the members of the staff of the UEMF (presidential team, deans, directors, professors and administrative and support staff) participated with all or part of their monthly salary. The amount paid to this fund exceeds one million dirhams.
- The UEMF is a citizen University which carries mutual aid, solidarity and assistance in its DNA. The UEMF quickly came to the aid of needy people during the health crisis, especially during the holy fasting month of Ramadan. 1000 complete baskets containing several foodstuffs and provisions were offered to the needy in the region of Fez with the help of the local authorities
- The UEMF has provided multiple assistance to foreign students stranded in its university residences. In addition to multiple disinfection of residences, foreign students received help and kindness from the University: packed lunches, food, hydro-alcoholic gel, psychological support and various other types of assistance.

Training and learning

The UEMF through its School of Engineers in Biomedical and Biotechnology BiomedTech <https://www.ueuromed.org/etablissement/ecole-euromed-dingenieurs-biomedtech/filieres> organizes initial and continuing training modules on access knowledge about food security. These modules allow the acquisition of knowledge, skills in this area and access to technology in food security.

At the R&D level, a large regional innovation hub called Agritech <https://www.ueuromed.org/structure-innovation/agritech> , is being developed and will aim to contribute to the emergence of insufficiently exploited potential, of the Fès-Meknes region in its traditional activities (in particular agri-food) and the development of territorial growth relays that create wealth and jobs, in particular through the intersection of research, innovation and entrepreneurial development in the the aforementioned sectors, taken individually or in synergy.

Fight against waste

The UEMF encourages subcontractors to control the quality of food and avoid any waste. The energy exploitation of organic waste for the production of bioenergy (biogas, liquid bio-carbides) and compost is being tested in student projects.

Support for women's cooperatives

Students often organize forums and fairs for women members of cooperatives to exhibit local agri-food products. The UEMF thus encourages organic production and promotes fair trade. The UEMF thus gives priority to the purchase of products from local and sustainable sources. Eating organic has become a flagship trend in society, to the point of wanting to convert several agricultural areas into organic farming. An ambition on which the Moroccan government's Green Plan is based. Thousands of jobs could be created by 2030.