



Impacts of COVID-19, interventions and proposed priority areas for WIOMSA work programme

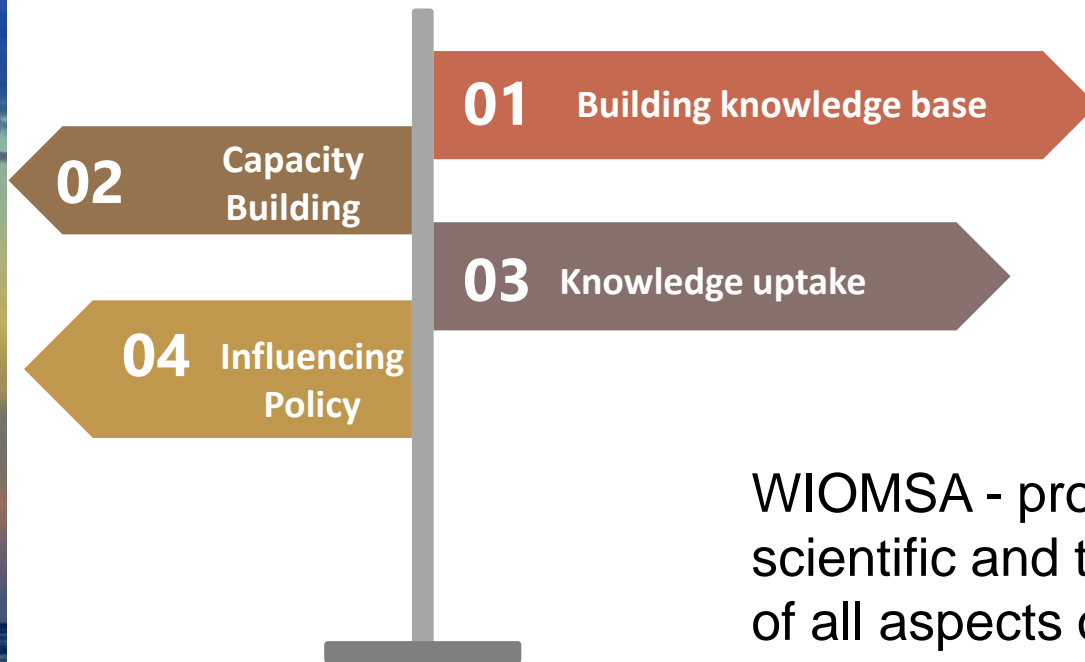


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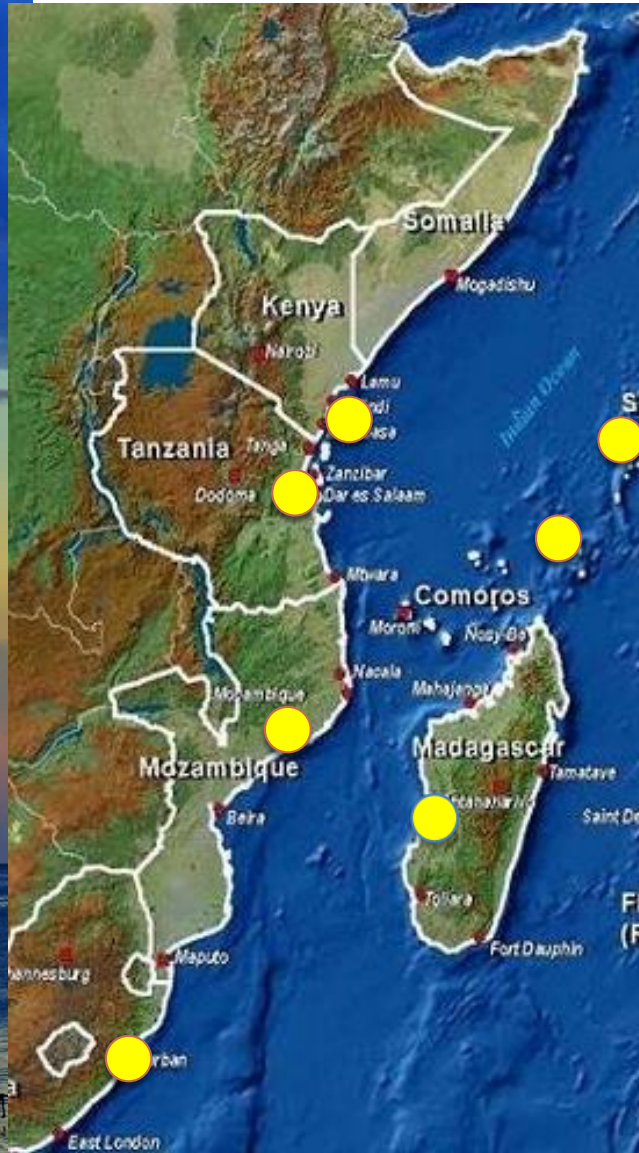
Nairobi Convention Partners Meeting

30 and 31 August 2021

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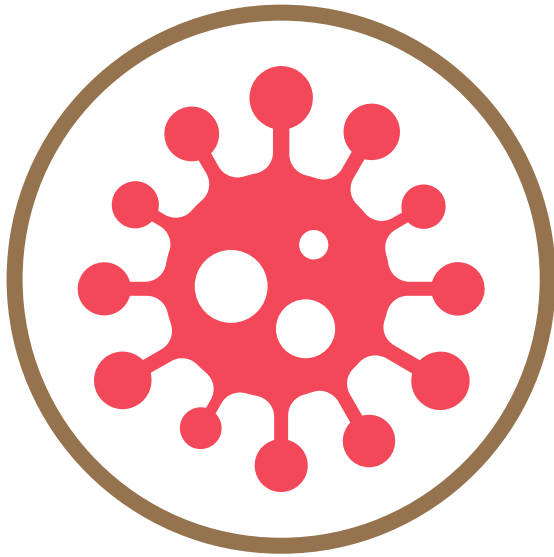
WIOMSA - promoting the educational, scientific and technological development of all aspects of marine sciences in the Western Indian Ocean region.



Building knowledge base and capacity

- 15 research projects supported across the region under MASMA programme and Cities and Coasts project
- 6 projects in marine litter monitoring
- 6 projects in Ocean Acidification
- 7 training programmes and workshops
- 55 ongoing MARG Projects

Covid- 19 - Impact Assessment

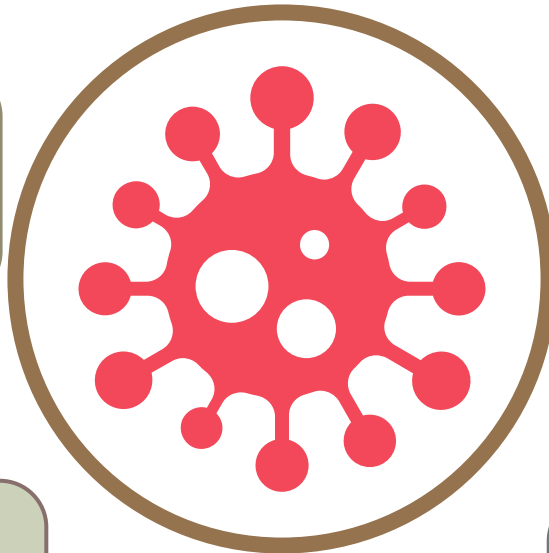


- To explore the impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on WIOMSA funded research programme, we having tracking impact since March 2021

Impact of Covid-19 of Research projects - Data collection

Surveys

Surveys completed by PIs



Progress reports

Bi-annual project progress reports

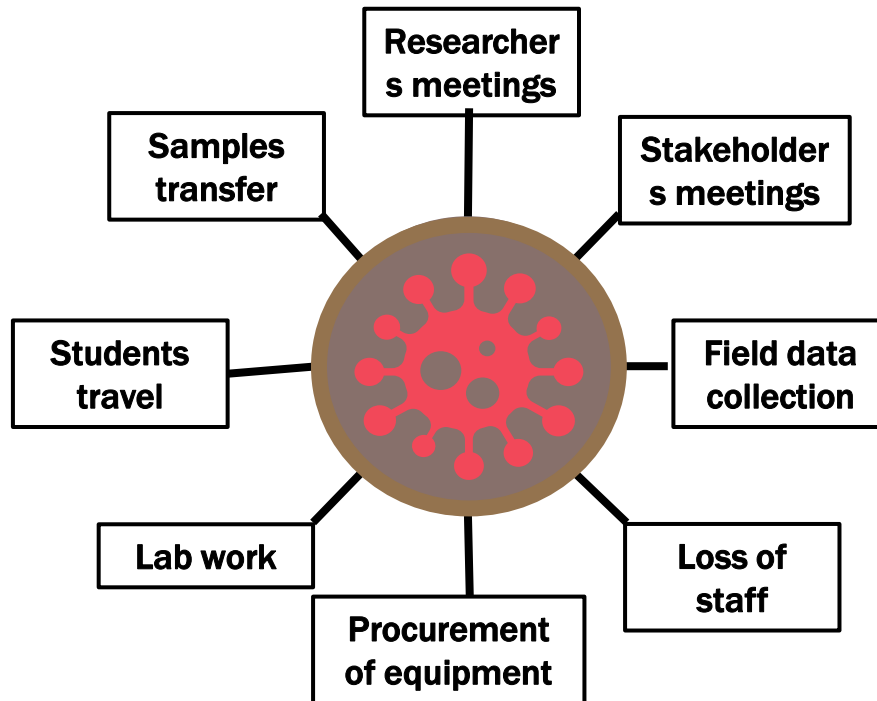
Financial Audit of projects

2020 project financial audit

Grantees Meeting

Presentation by grantees

Research components affected



Impact of Covid-19 of Research projects -

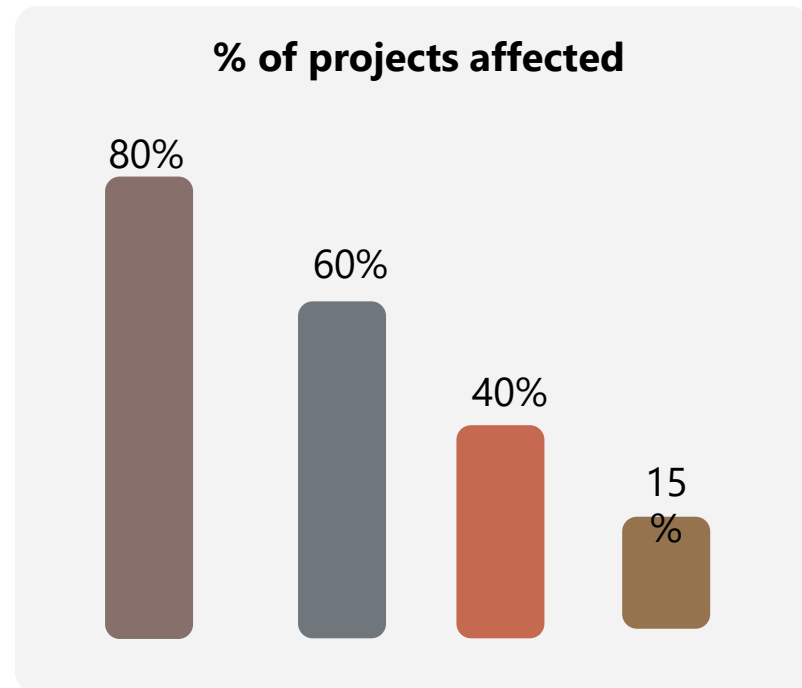
- The effect on research activities has not been equal.
- Some research projects were affected more than others, depending on the control measures on social contact and transmission that individual countries and institutions put in place
- projects that require interaction with stakeholders, field sampling, etc., have had to postpone these activities

Impact of Covid-19 of Research projects

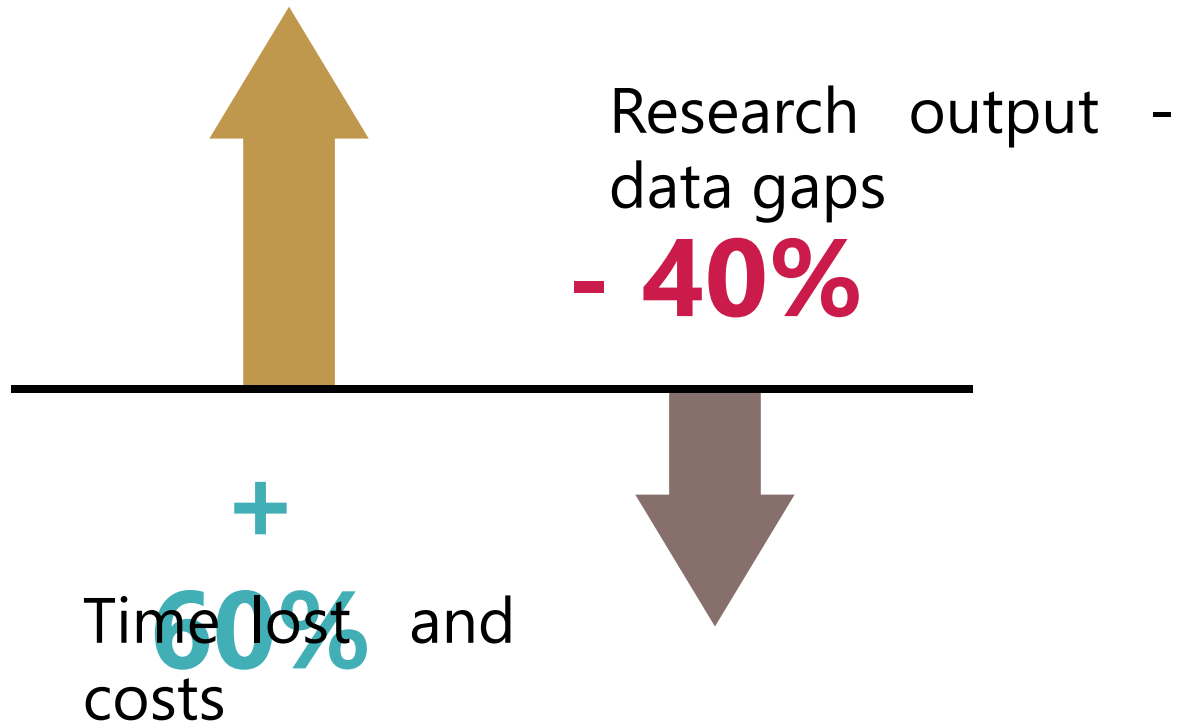
- closures of research institutions just a few weeks into the crisis.
- Disruptions of field data collection due to travel restrictions
- Workshops and meetings to analyze data suspended
- Research involving human respondents suspended due to social distance
- Procurement challenges
- Communication problems between researcher teams with poor delivery of tasks
- International travel by researchers and Students affected
- Sample transfer to other labs

Most vulnerable project components

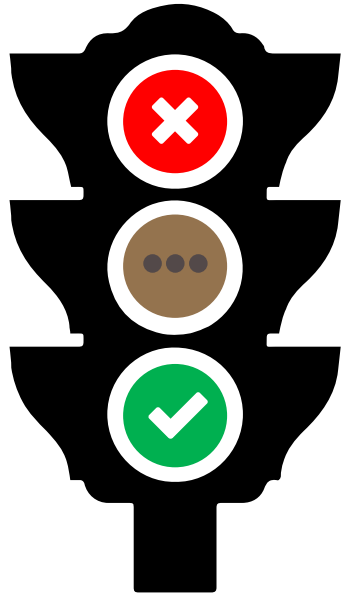
- Field data collection
- Meeting/ workshops
- Lab Analysis
- Purchase of equipment



Impact



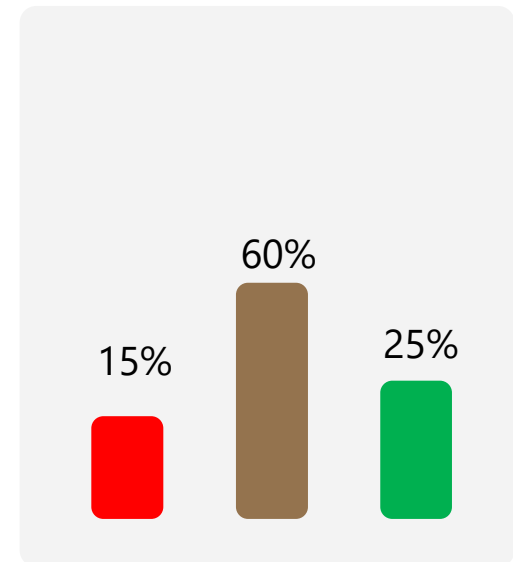
Current state of projects



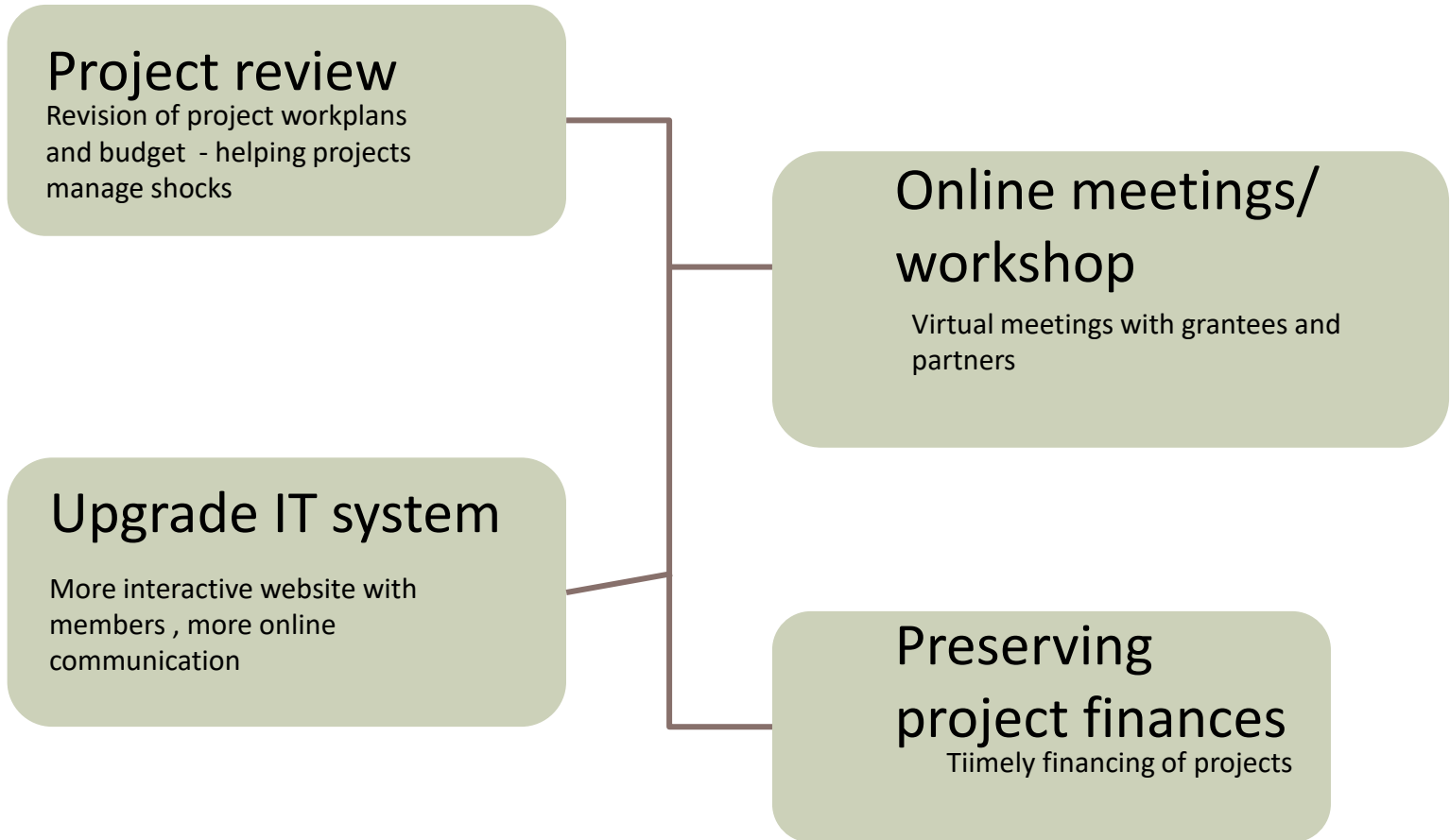
Still stalled

Showing progress

Have resumed



Covid 19 - Interventions





Thank you!