



COVID-19 : Latest news of the world by IFGR

Interview with Hamed Diane Semega, April 14th, 2020.
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(OMVS)



Hamed Diane Semega is High Commissioner for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS) and a member of IFGR. After having affected China, Europe and the United States, the coronavirus epidemic is gradually spreading in emerging countries.

The experience of developed countries has enabled African countries to put in place preventive measures. Regional solidarity is being established and the international community is observing the health evolution of the continent.

As Senegal has not been spared by this health crisis and its consequences on the economic level, IAGF gives the floor to Hamed Diane Semega in order to explain the different actions carried out at the national and regional levels to fight against Covid-19.

◆ Senegal

291 confirmed cases
178 people healed
2 deaths

◆ African continent

14,525 confirmed cases
2,570 people healed
788 deaths

First of all Mr. High Commissioner, how are you?

In the context of this pandemic, I am obviously concerned, as any leader of a national or international organization would be. We are going through a difficult and tragic moment in the history of the world. However, I remain optimistic.

How are you? How are your loved ones?

We are fine thank you.

What organisation has OMVS put in place to deal with the epidemic: continuity or cessation of work on building sites, temporary suspension of projects?

OMVS, like all international organizations, is adapting to the current situation. Following the measures taken by the senegalese government in the fight against the coronavirus, I decided to act very quickly by

setting up a teleworking arrangement to avoid any risk of contamination between colleagues. It has been working perfectly well for a month now.

Of course, there is a slowdown in our activities. However, I am trying to supervise the day-to-day business. The directors of the departments are also mobilized with the same goal in mind: to follow up on the most important files.