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Agenda Item 6: Operational matters

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Purpose: This document sets out an update on the impact of COVID-19, with focus on CGIAR’s people. It follows previous updates provided to the Board during 2020.

Requested action: This material is presented for information purposes; no action is requested of the System Board at this time.

Draft decision point (if relevant): N/A

CGIAR Risk Management Framework linkages: Risk Family 5: Poor execution undermines capability
Critical Success Factors:
 • Top talent is attracted to and retained by the CGIAR and Centers

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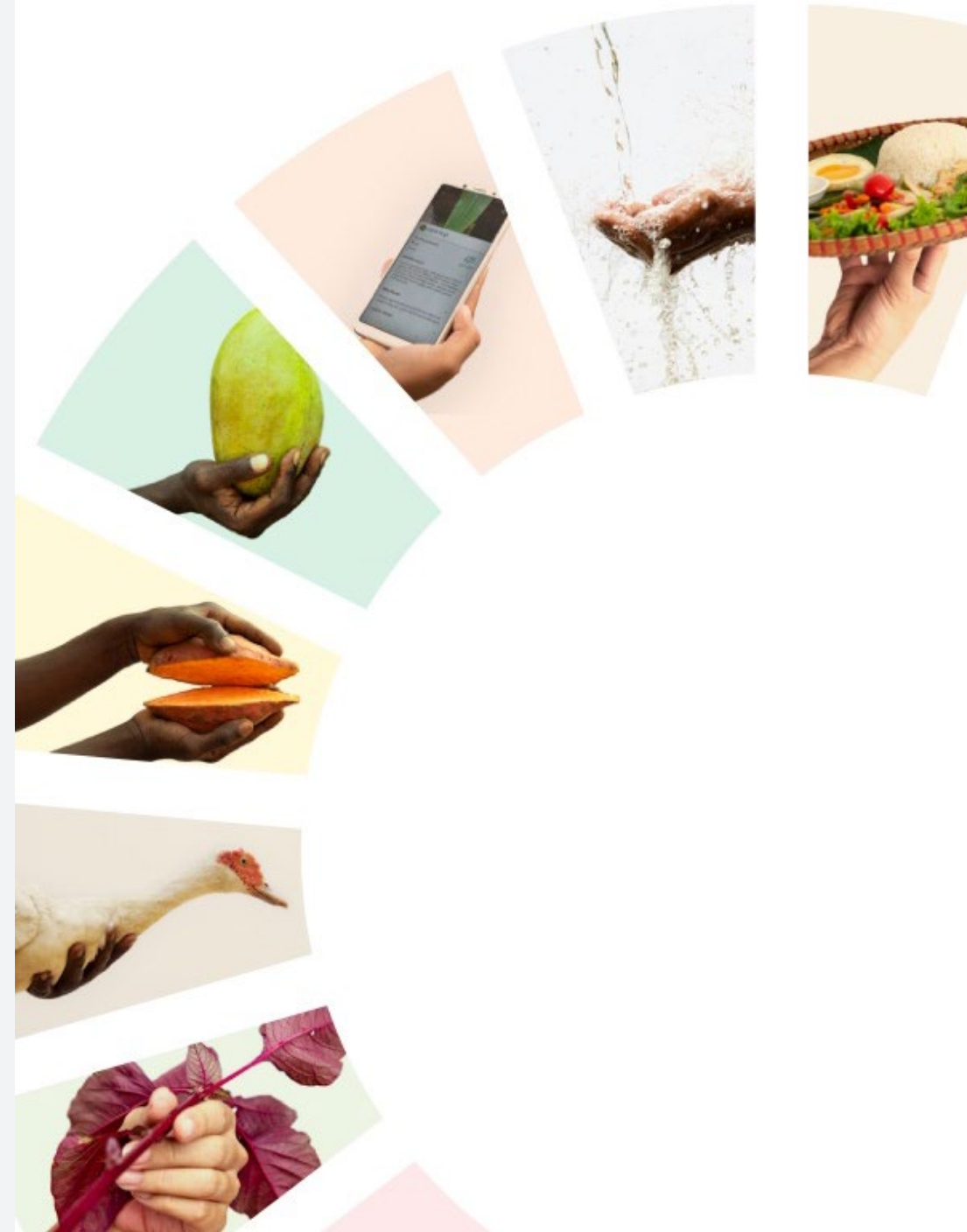
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**307 cases of staff testing positive reported globally (the great majority recovered)
5 staff have sadly lost their lives**



2nd wave having stronger impact than the 1st in most countries

Availability and access to vaccines a potential issue in several countries

Centers reimbursing staff cost of vaccines if not covered by insurance



Most staff again working from home due to 2nd wave, after a phased return to the physical workplace was taking place



“CGIAR Guide to planning for return to the physical workplace” developed and available to all entities



3 different channels for counselling services available to staff

IARC Employee Assistant Program

- 11 counselling cases (0.66% of IRS staff covered)
- 100% of requests were from women

GDI Program

- 80 staff (0,75% of CGIAR workforce) requested counselling services
- 89% of requests were from women

IARC extend program for local staff *

* Awaiting data from the Administrator

Top reasons for reaching out: stress in the workplace, low mood, COVID-related stress