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## About the pandemic

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## **1 How is the pandemic affecting your life and that of those around you?**

The corona-virus has changed how we work, play and learn: Schools are closing, sports leagues have been canceled, and many people have been asked to work from home. On March 16, the Moroccan government released new guidelines to slow the spread of the corona virus, including closing schools and avoiding groups of more than 10 people, discretionary travel, bars, restaurants and food courts. To say that this virus has completely changed my day to day living would just be an understatement, the whole month of March was going to be booked as well. Like many other students involved in their school programs, I was severely affected by the closing of schools due to the growing pandemic. I started to take online lessons through zoom and moodle used to maintain connection between teachers and students and to assure the interactivity of the courses, but problems linked to the instability of the wifi connecting were always a struggle especially during the online exams where we had a specific time to send our answers and any delay related to the internet would stress me out. The coronavirus is having a pretty significant impact on me; I am missing my friends a lot right now, and my old daily routine.

## **2 How has the pandemic changed our relationships?**

The coronavirus outbreak is dramatically changing our lives, including our relationships with other people in our communities, our families, our homes and our workplaces. Suddenly our close friends and family are no longer part of our everyday lives. I've heard people say they've connected with people they hadn't spoken to for years as a result of the pandemic. But for others, it may feel overwhelming or difficult to maintain those relationships on top of everything else going on in their lives. As a result our life is affected in two different ways, one side was negative and it was reflected in the increase of violence against women, visiting families and friends was also stopped, another side was positive; parents had the chance to spend more time with their children.

### **3 How do you think COVID-19 will affect society?**

Actually, we are facing a global health crisis unlike any in the 75-year history of the United Nations one that is killing people, spreading human suffering, and upending people's lives. But this is much more than a health crisis. It is a human, economic and social crisis. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which has been characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), is attacking societies at their core. Its outbreak affects all segments of the population and is particularly detrimental to members of those social groups in the most vulnerable situations, continues to affect populations, including people living in poverty situations, older persons, persons with disabilities, youth, and indigenous peoples. In other words, we have seen the significant economic impact of the coronavirus on financial markets and vulnerable industries such as manufacturing, tourism, hospitality and travel. Travel and tourism account for 10% of the global GDP and 50 million jobs are at risk worldwide. Global tourism, travel and hospitality companies closing down affects SMEs globally, this, in turn, affects many people, typically the least well-paid. Finally, humanity is facing a global crisis, perhaps the greatest crisis of our generation. I hope that the storm will pass, humanity will survive and most of us will continue to live by giving more importance as a government to the field of national health and security.