





security and help diversify the economy. Our goal should be to emerge from this crisis as more sustainable and resilient communities, able to withstand future crises.

9. As you are well aware, the main challenge we face in our response is the lack of resources. Food security must per force take the priority, but there are numerous other widespread socio-economic implications taking a severe toll on our fiscal budgets. At a granular and systemic level, we need the support of the international community and financial institutions in order to respond and recover, without falling even deeper into debt and compromising our sustainable development.

AOSIS looks forward to working closely with the FAO in addressing the food security related issues in SIDS, and also with the OHRLLS in addressing the broader but interrelated economic and financial implications of COVID-19.

Thank you.