



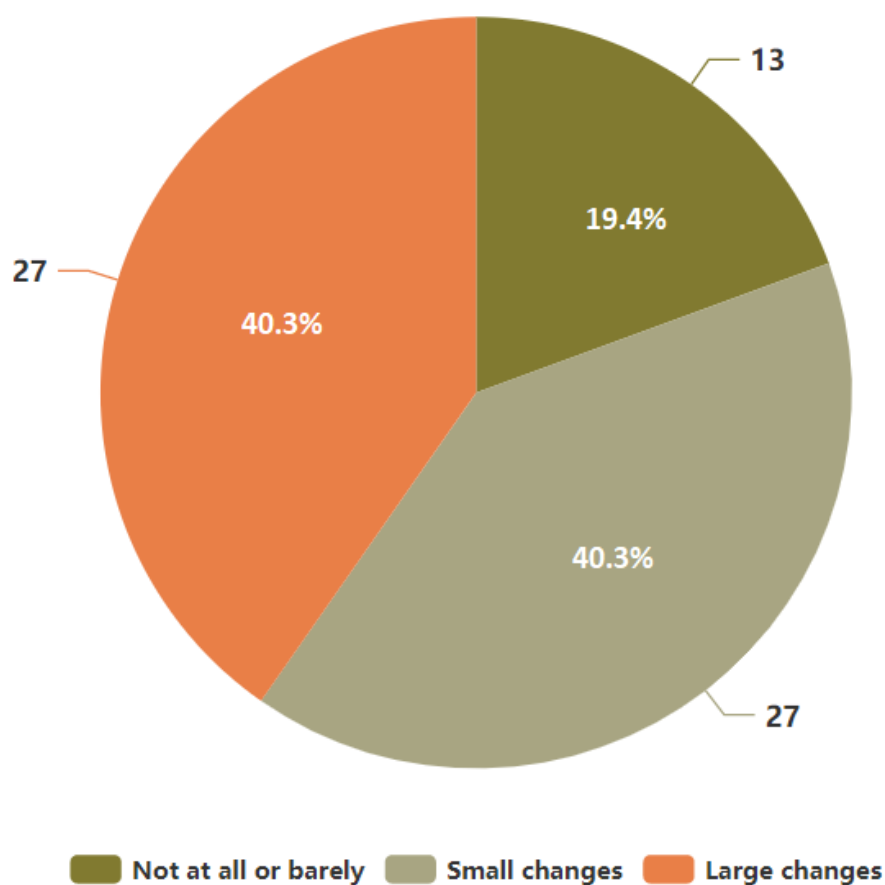
SIANI Mentimeter summary and results

At the SIANI Annual Meeting, over 60 people participated in a Mentimeter session, providing different kinds of interesting insights. Mentimeter is an online interactive software designed to be used during events for real-time audience engagement.

We asked the event participants: "How has COVID-19 affected food systems in your context?" and "How can you and your organization contribute to more inclusive and sustainable food systems?" The responses collected with Mentimeter offer interesting learnings about their experience and perspectives.

By discussing food systems, we can underline the importance of nutrition in our food, the health concerns surrounding them and the importance of agrarian communities in today's modern society. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted everyone, hitting food systems and agriculture hard. This document presents how the participants in our Annual Meeting perceive the effects of the pandemic and how their organizations can contribute to food systems' transformation.

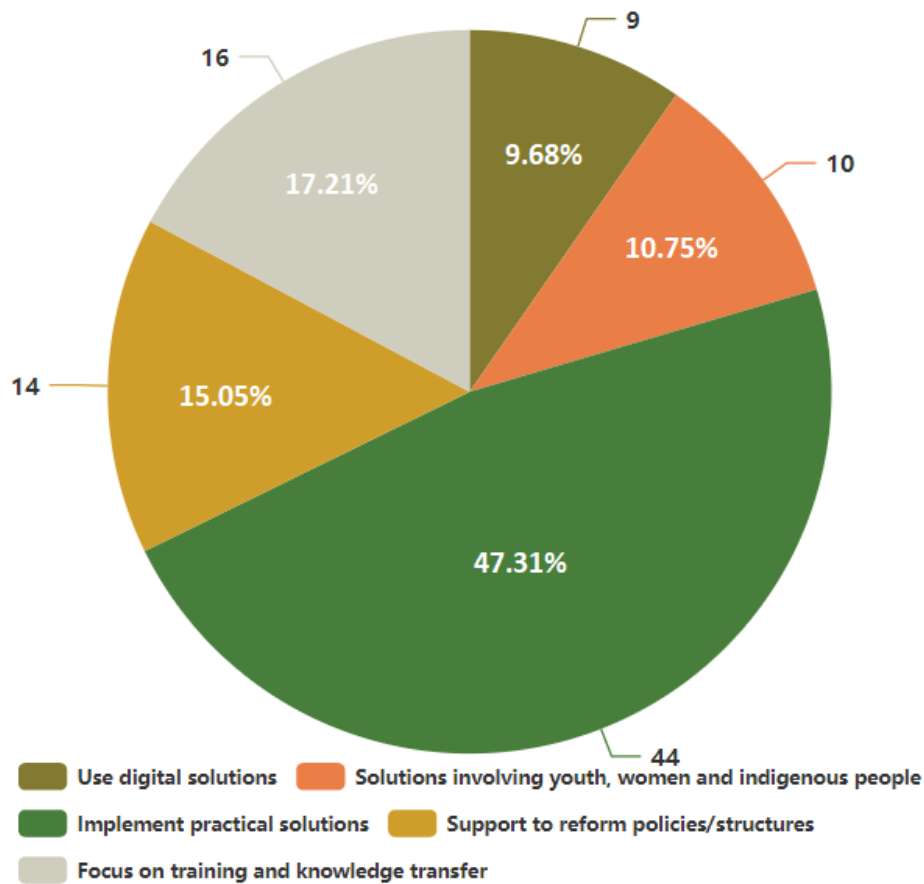
How has COVID-19 affected food systems in your context?



Some examples of how Covid-19 has affected food systems:

- "Ordering more in from a restaurant"
- "Some products not available"
- "More home cooking/More online shopping"
- "More home delivery - as sometimes there are long queues to the supermarket"
- "Poor government management of food distribution for children"
- "Closing the borders had a big impact. Now due to job loses we are expecting an increase in people relying on subsistence farming"
- "Farmers were less able to access markets due to curfew, but also closing of county borders. Input suppliers said they were less able to sell produce"
- "In Nigeria, the lockdown led to increase in price of food, and increased hunger and poverty in most vulnerable communities."

How can you and your organization contribute to more inclusive and sustainable food systems?



Examples of "Use digital solutions" are:

- "Social media becomes the positive intervention during the Covid-19 to connect communities to global arena."
- "The role of AI and Machine Learning in improving inclusiveness and sustainability in food systems"

Examples of "Solutions involving youth, women and indigenous people" are:

- "Empowerment for local and indigenous people"
- "Training rural women and youths"
- "We are piloting an activity that allows traumatized children and youth to improve their social and emotional skills while also learning about agriculture and horticulture through social and therapeutic horticulture"

Examples of *“Focus on training and knowledge transfer”* are:

- “Knowledge sharing and learning exchanges”
- “Continuous community education and engagement”
- “Provide space for discussions and dialogues to generate inclusive solutions”

Examples of *“Support to reform policies/structures”* are:

- “Connecting research to practise and deed back learnings to decision makers enabling inclusive and sustainable policies”
- “Translating science to policy and practise”
- “Promotion of fair-trade principles and the development of shorter farm-to-table agritrading systems”

Examples of *“Implement practical solutions”* are:

- “Community gardens”
- “Using gardens for psychosocial therapy in crises situation”

A special thanks to all participants for your active engagement and constant strive to improve the world around you. We thank you for this time and hope to see you soon again!

Best Wishes

The SIANI Team

