

A Study on the Impact of Covid-19 on the Life of Angolans

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Abstract: The Year 2020 began with the great change in the lives of all human beings with the arrival of Covid-19 which created a huge impact on the world. This change has had a negative impact on all economies in which the import and export process has stopped, thus leaving no commercial exchange between countries and causing problems in social life. The covid-19 pandemic has affected any part of the world including Africa where it remains a major challenge for the government to fight this virus that changed everyone's lives specifically in "Angola" where the first contact with virus was in March 2022. The objective of this project is to understand how the situation of the pandemic has changed the social life of Angola, increasing the social problems that Angola has been facing in recent times due to the low price of crude oil, with the onset of the pandemic poverty has increased causing considerable suffering in the lives of all Angolans.

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1. Introduction

Covid-19 is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus creating various symptoms such as headaches, lack of appetite, breathing problems, the first cases were detected in China in December 2019 with unknown cause, and covid -19 and a highly transmissible disease began to appear all over the world. As we know due to covid-19 what was normal became strange, we learned that we must always be close and in contact with each other. level of contamination, the economy stopped i.e. airports, ports, railways all stopped their operation to prevent the greater good of any nation that is life. Covid-19 changed the day-to-day life of all Angolans who are a people who live always celebrating and hugging for many years, with covid-19 everything became different, especially for the social life of the people in which our system or E-commerce in Angola does not work this has harmed a lot of people in which hunger in Angola has increased significantly. Angola is a country that already has malaria or malaria as the main cause of disease in which the symptoms are similar to covid-19. Which hampered government efforts to maintain or reduce the spread of the virus?

2. Literature Review

For the study of this Project we use empirical literature to

understand better the impact of covid-19 in Angola society creating bad results. The impact of covid-19 kills the hope of Angolans for the social change so it is necessary to work hard to change this scenario. The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted the adoption of legislative measures with a profound impact on companies in different sectors and society in general.

The implications are wide and complex, and we are committed to focusing on our knowledge and experience to help navigate the new legal issues that arise, developing and making available useful information in this regard." The country will experience the fifth year of a consecutive recession with absolutely dramatic consequences for unemployment and poverty. We are here in a kind of vicious circle of austerity, which is having consequences for all activity in Angola. The situation is dramatic, with an overall unemployment rate of 32% and an unemployment rate for young people aged 15 to 24 at 58.5%; with a 2018-2019 poverty rate of 41%, which should now be much higher. It's a dramatic situation. "Alves da Rocha" The COVID-19 pandemic and the shock of falling oil prices have exerted strong pressure on Angola since the second review of the country's economy under the Expanded Financing Program (EFF) in December 2019.

3. Research Methodology

Table 1
Research Methodology

Data Collection Primary and Secondary data	Qualitative Research Method
Structured Approach Questionnaire	Questionnaire (1 Section & 10 question)
Contact Method	Online Interview
Random Sample From Angola Population	Simple-Random Sample (Based on interviews)

1) Impact of covid-19 on Social Aspects

1. *Increased poverty and hunger:* With the arrival of covid-19 it complicated the life of Angolans, since Angola imports almost everything for consumption and with the situation of covid-19 it has generated an increase in hunger and poverty in Angola causing many deaths, ie hunger has killed and continues to kill more than covid-19.
2. *Unemployment Rate Increase:* Due to the pandemic,

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physical contact has become a big problem and because of this situation many companies with unprepared measures and the real situation in Angola regarding the internet does not make it easier since the internet system does not yet cover all areas so this influenced companies being forced to lay off many workers.

3. *The lack of hospitals:* The reality in Angola shows that the health system is not prepared to respond to major pandemics due to the lack of hospitals and the lack of doctors and laboratories, which makes it difficult to respond to certain diseases, we were lucky that covid-19 did not reach Angolans strongly and the Government reacted quickly by not allowing the entry of flights, declared general confinement and this helped for the virus not to reach all provinces quickly.
4. *Access to basic services:* As we know today, the world lives off E-commerce, that is, business and everything online and this is not the reality of Angola, in which everything is done offline, in all aspects such as health, education, food, transport, etc. *Example:* Public transport is a big problem in Angola which makes it very difficult, and few people use the internet because access is limited and very expensive. This image explains how and to take public transport in Luanda during that covid-19 season in which we must avoid physical contact.
5. *Isolation between families:* The Angolan people and a people who are always celebrating and happy with the pandemic situation caused great problems in which it was difficult to make the Angolan people understand the situation we are living in, a situation that needs the participation of all for well-being of all.
6. *Lack of resources for classes:* This was a big problem since Angola's largest population is young and the difficulty of accessing the internet made it difficult and the government's little investment in the education sector harmed students of all ages, even university students which created a frustration for part of students and teachers

The graph above shows how the current situation of covid-19 in Angola is, in which we can say that it is a good and controlled situation, according to the message of the President of the Republic "João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço" in which the number of recovered is satisfactory and this creates a hope of its January 2022 we will not have more active cases and deaths because the objective is to vaccinate 60% of the population that is in Luanda "capital".



Fig. 1. Public transport in Luanda

Table 2
Covid-19 Angola Situation

Covid-19 Angola Situation 10-23-2021	
Status	Numbers
recovered	52459
Actives	9621
deaths	1695
Total	63775

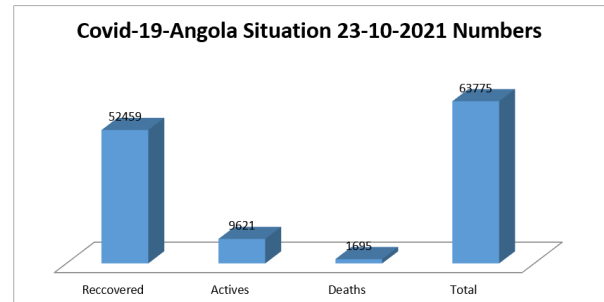


Fig. 2. Covid-19 Angola Situation

4. Results

- In the health sector we must recognize the great government effort on the covid-19 pandemic compared to other major pandemics such as yellow fever, malaria that affects it's today it causes more death than covid-19.
- In the education sector, we have many students out of education due to the arrival of covid-19, afraid of going back to schools and universities and with the exaggerated rise in tuition fees that schools and universities say and due to the stopped time because of the covid-19.
- In the agriculture sector it was already a big problem before covid-19 and with the arrival of covid-19 it harmed small farmers with the losses of many foods since Angola was in lockdown.
- In the economic sector, many companies ended up closing due to lack of production and personnel, which led to a significant increase in unemployment, creating an urgent concern for the Government.

5. Conclusion

The situation of covid-19 in Angola also served to show that it is necessary for the government to work more and invest more in the basic needs of citizens so that when there are global pandemics, the least disadvantaged people will not be left without support and will not be able to survive in many cases. The covid-19 pandemic negatively impacted the Angolan society, increasing the difficulties that the people already had as needy children living on the streets and it is difficult to imagine what the daily life of these children was like since the population was confined, and today society is without hope for a better future. With covid-19, the executive's effort will be needed to try to reduce the consequences caused by the pandemic and to give hope to society that together everything is possible to return to normal and be a united and happy

society.

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