



31/08/2020

How has Covid-19 changed the life of small/individual operators and authorities?

Thierno Birahim AW – Managing Director of Dakar Urban Transport Council (CETUD)



Table of contents

- **Impacts of Covid in the business and finances**
- **Measures to improve the situation**
- **Operators' expectations from the Government**

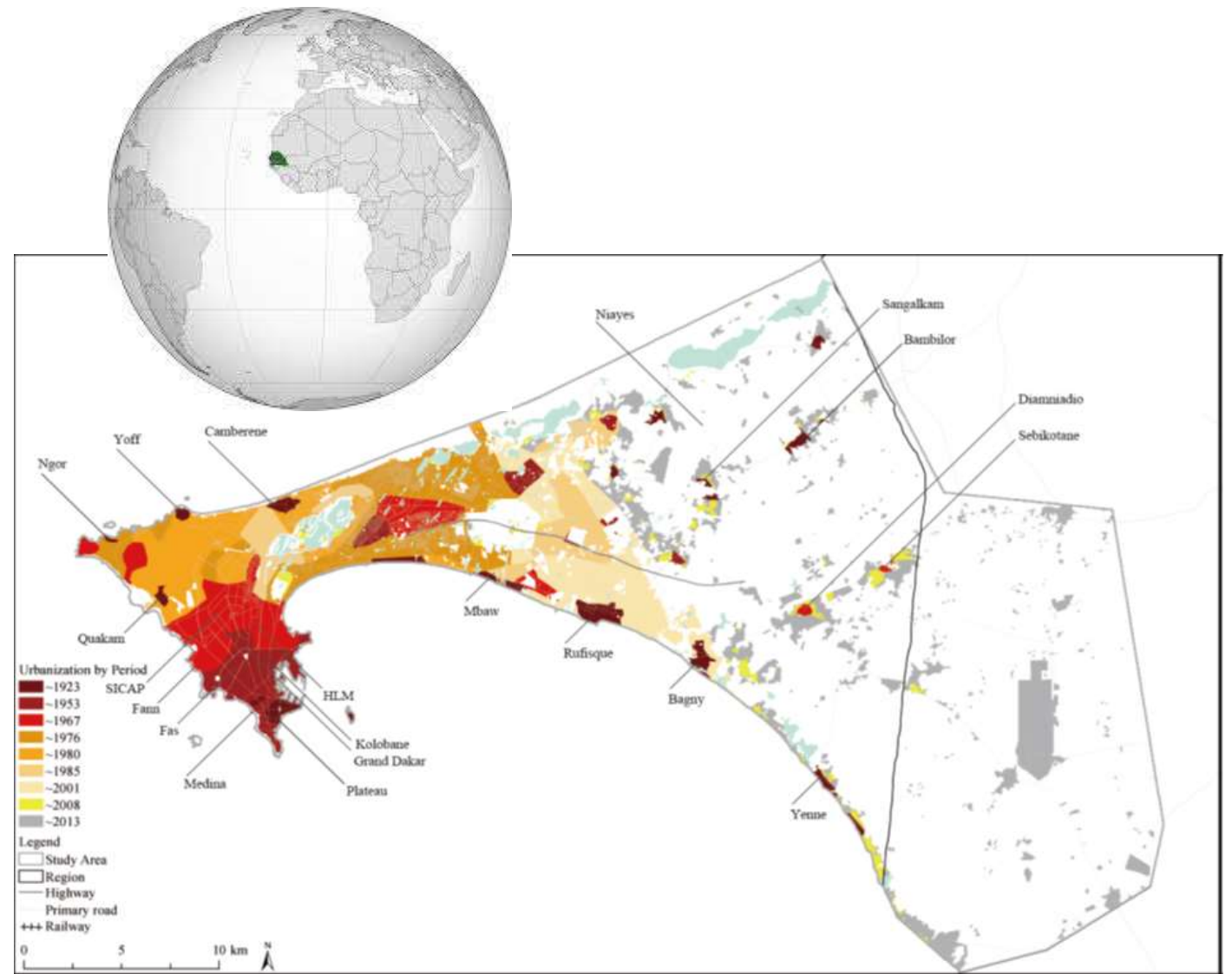


Impacts of Covid in the business and finances



➤ KEY FIGURES

- Dakar area : **550 km²**
- **23% of the population** living in only 0,3% of national territory;
- 2,6 M people in 2005 / **3,7 M in 2020 / 7M in 2040 ;**
- **50% of Senegal urban citizens live in Dakar ;**
- **70% of cars circulate in Dakar.**

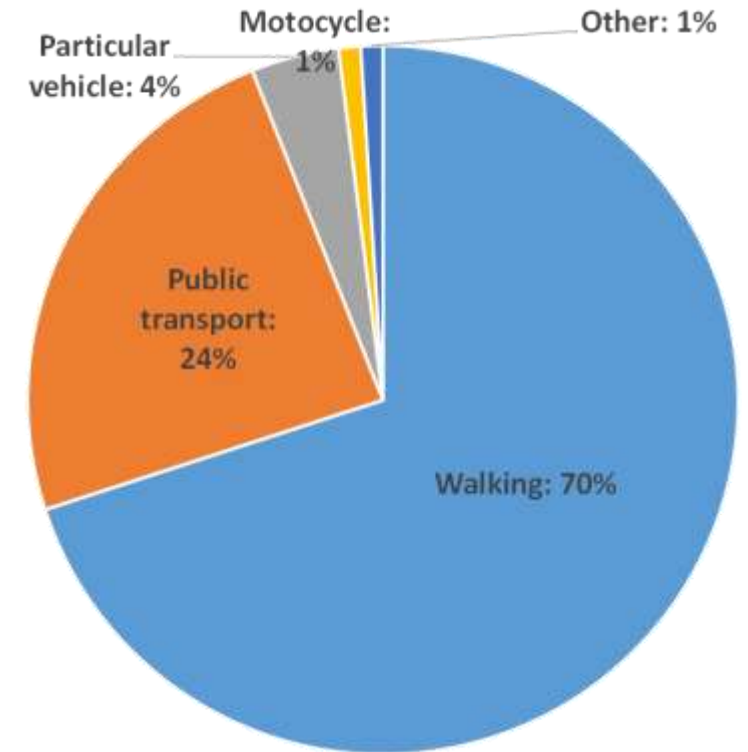


- **Land use : Urban sprawl and imbalance in the distribution of urban functions** between the West and the East of the agglomeration



LOW MOTORIZATION RATE AND IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT

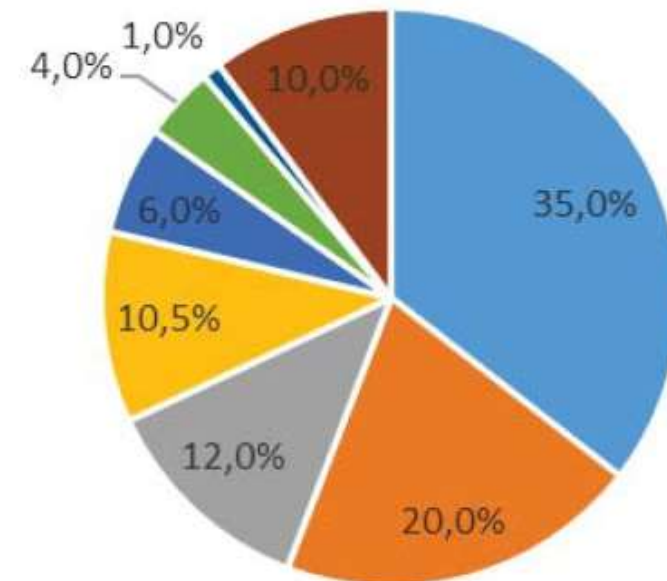
- 7,2 millions of trips / day
- Importance of walking : **70% of total trips**
- **80% of motorized trips** done through **public transit**



	Motorized vehicles	Particular vehicles
Number of vehicles per 1,000 households	256	169
Number of vehicles per 1,000 individuals	40	25

➤ FORMALIZING INFORMAL P.T.

- **Organized transportation : 60 % of public transit supply** done by public (Dakar Dem Dikk) and private (AFTU) societies ;
- **Non organized transportation : 40 % of public transit supply** done by « Ndiaga Ndiaye », « Cars Rapides » ;
- The operators from the private are fully dependent on the fare-box revenue to meet operational expenditure.



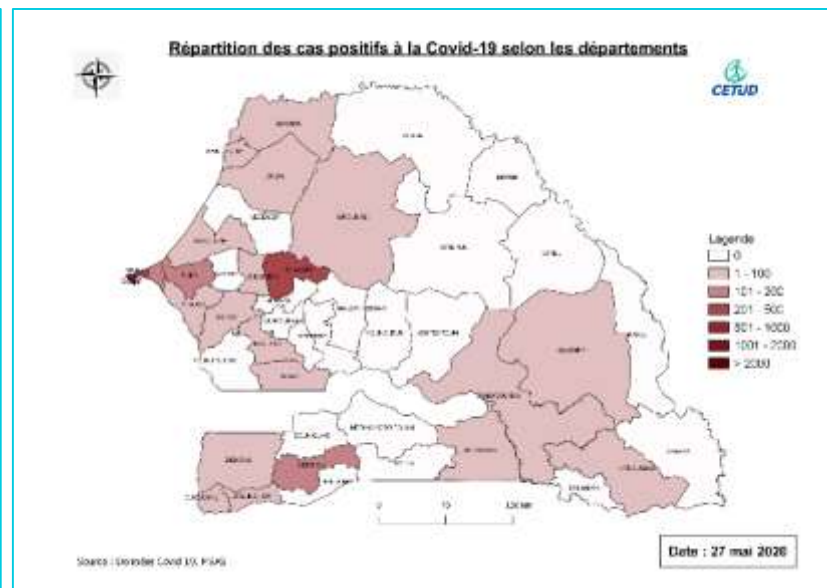
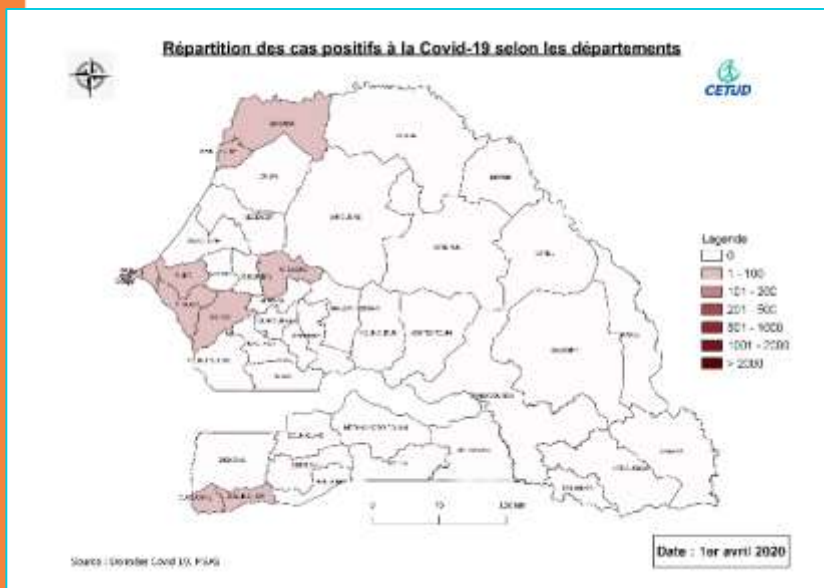
➤ COVID-19 IN SENEGAL (1/2)

- COVID-19 outbreak started in Wuhan at the end of 2019.
- Senegal registered its **first case on March 2nd, 2020**.
- The spread of the virus has **major impacts on the daily activities**.
- Contamination and death **rates in Senegal are below average rates of Africa and the World**.

	TESTS	CONFIRMED	PER MILLION	DECEASED	PER MILLION	ACTIVE	RECOVERED	PER MILLION
WORLD	433,555,321	24,951,778	3,211	842,102	108	6,846,557	17,122,160	2,204
ASIA	221,713,275	7,800,271	1,638	155,631	33	1,407,472	6,237,166	1,311
EUROPE	125,452,799	3,978,942	4,579	216,276	249	1,354,502	2,408,846	2,772
AFRICA	10,856,341	1,229,363	915	29,108	22	238,579	961,674	715
SENEGAL	143,852	13,456	800	282	17	3,941	9,233	549

➤ COVID-19 IN SENEGAL (2/2)

- The **Dakar area concentrates 72% of the Covid-19 cases** ;
- A **rapid expansion** of the outbreak revealed that the **urbanised areas in the western side of the country are the most impacted**.



➤ IMPACT OF COVID



- **March to June** : State of emergency, partial curfew and adaptation of work hours, closure of universities and schools.
- **June to now** : Continuous softening of the restrictions ; all passengers must be seated in urban buses with the obligatory wearing of a mask.



- **Constraint on the number of passengers** : Revenue drop for operators, difficulty to cover the operating cost
- **Insufficient public transport supply** during peak hours, Hard conditions of travel
- Decreasing of the growth rate to approximately 1.1% (Vs 6.8%)



- Air quality improvement, and in general the negative externalities of transport
- Modern ways of working deployed through digital tools



Measures to improve the situation



➤ OPERATIONAL ADJUSTMENT & SANITARY MEASURES IN TRANSPORT SECTOR



Ministry of Land Transport issued guidelines:

- Reduction of occupancy by half then seating made mandatory for all passengers ; number of passengers restricted for private vehicles and taxis.
- Mandatory mask wearing and Social distancing.
- Desinfection of public transport buses periodically and other infrastructures.
- Sales activities forbidden in bus stations.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial impacts mitigation plan : Creation of the “**Force Covid-19 Fund**” to build resilience for households and companies : \$2 billion (equivalent of 24% of Senegal’s 2020 budget).

\$15 million of the Force Covid-19 Fund are allocated to the public transportation operators.

80% have been distributed so far to the operator.

The formal operators have the ability to benefit from the other solutions offered by the Government.

Difficulty : additional resources required to further support the sector

Steering committee: to ensure that measures are being respected

Operators' expectations



➤ EXPECTATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Revival of the economic activities through the **PRES (Economic and Social Resilience Programme)** and the **PREN (Revival Plan of the National Economy)** in line with the PSE II (Emerging Senegal Plan) :

- ⇒ Fiscal, financial, social, sanitary and security measures ;
- ⇒ Acceleration of PSE projects and reforms.

Protection of people : both crew and passengers ;

Subsidies from the Government : additional financing needed ;

Major challenge: Find a sustainable solution and funding mechanism to cover the gap and allow the PT operator to keep operating.





THANK YOU!



aw_birahim



<https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-thierno-b-aw-500235a2/>



www.cetud.sn



thierno.aw@cetud.sn

