

GLOBAL COVID-19 MEDICINAL PLANT PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for participating in this project to explore medicinal plants used in response to Covid-19, initiated by Asili Research Alliance. Asili Research Alliance is a non-profit organization researching medicinal plants in East Africa. Data from this survey will be compiled into an open-access, academic research publication to demonstrate the diversity of traditional medicines being used to treat Covid-19. Please let anyone who contributes information to this questionnaire know that it will be shared publicly.

Authorship

All contributions will be acknowledged in aggregate. Those contributing full information for their region of expertise will be listed as a co-author for their collaboration, unless they notify us otherwise. Please send all inquiries to project@asiliresearchalliance.org. We appreciate your responses and greatly look forward to the collaboration.

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QUESTIONS

Please answer these questions in as much detail as possible. **For each question please specify if the plant-based formula is used to prevent Covid-19 or treat Covid-19, or both.** Responses should be in paragraph form and returned to project@asiliresearchalliance.org.

1.

Describe the most commonly used plant-based remedies being used to prevent or treat COVID-19 in your region (specify region). Please list the plants in as much detail as you feel comfortable, including botanical name if available. Distinguish clearly between plants used for prevention and those used for treatment.

2. Is there a plant-based treatment or remedy being distributed or promoted at the national level?

3. How were the plant and/or plant combination therapies mentioned in the questions above used prior to COVID-19 in this region? Again please distinguish between prevention and treatment.

4. Why were the plants chosen to manage Covid-19?

5. For each plant that is used, please describe the treatment preparation and administration. You may detail: A) the plant part used (bark, stem, leaf, root); B) how it is prepared (powdered, whole plant or plant part, etc); C) how it is given (tea, decoction, tincture, capsule, plants mixed in with food, etc.).

6. What symptoms of COVID-19 are these plants treating?

7. How effective has the herbal formula(s) been in providing symptom relief? In your opinion, how significant is the use of plant-based treatments in controlling Covid-19 in your region?

8. How did you learn about this treatment?

9. Are different remedies being used by different groups of people or people of different ethnicities in your region?

10. Would you like to share anything else that you think is important for people to know about treating COVID-19 with plant-based medicine?

To be answered by person providing data:

Name:

Date:

Position and Affiliation:

Location:

Please provide information about the source of your data, i.e. interview, personal experience, public information. Please provide the names of any collaborators or interviewees.

Ethical Considerations

If consulting with a community or individual, the International Society of Ethnobiology Code of Ethics (<http://ethnobiology.net/code-of-ethics/>) must be followed. This includes obtaining consent, full disclosure of intent, required permissions being granted, respect for cultural norms and beliefs. Please refer to the website above for complete information.

Statement of Benefit Sharing

No organization or individual may utilize this information to create products for sale without first obtaining permission from the source of the information. Contact information can be requested through Asili Research Alliance. The organization or individual must also agree to provide benefit sharing to the source of the knowledge, to be determined by an agreement between the parties involved and following the international standards for permission and benefit sharing as defined in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Nagoya Protocol. The intent of this information gathering and publication is to facilitate the exchange of information among people and communities, which may help with managing the impact of COVID-19. Any organization, person or community is solely responsible for the potential positive or negative outcomes that may occur when and if any of these treatments with these traditional medicines may be utilized.