

# The Covid-19 Lockdown and Its Impact on the Agri-Food Supply Chain in India: Insights from Government Policy Perspective

## El bloqueo de Covid-19 y su impacto en la cadena de suministro agroalimentario en la India: perspectivas desde la perspectiva de las políticas gubernamentales

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### ABSTRACT

The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic is an unprecedented shock to the Indian economy. Agriculture being the backbone of the Indian economy has been severely affected by the shock waves of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. In this paper, we have documented the evidences of the Covid-19 impact on Indian agri-food supply chain viz., production, post-harvest handling & storage, processing & packaging, distribution and consumption. In addition, we have analyzed the policies announced by the government in mitigating the impact of the shock and revitalizing the Indian agriculture. Finally, we have put forward some policy recommendations for future consideration.

Key words: Agri-food supply chain, Agricultural marketing, Covid-19 pandemic, Lockdown, India.

### RESUMEN

El estallido de la pandemia Covid-19 es un shock sin precedentes para la economía india. La agricultura, que es la columna vertebral de la economía india, se ha visto gravemente afectada por las ondas de choque de la pandemia Covid-19 y el posterior cierre. En este documento, hemos documentado las evidencias del impacto de Covid-19 en la cadena de suministro agroalimentaria de la India, es decir, producción, manipulación y almacenamiento poscosecha, procesamiento y envasado, distribución y consumo. Además,