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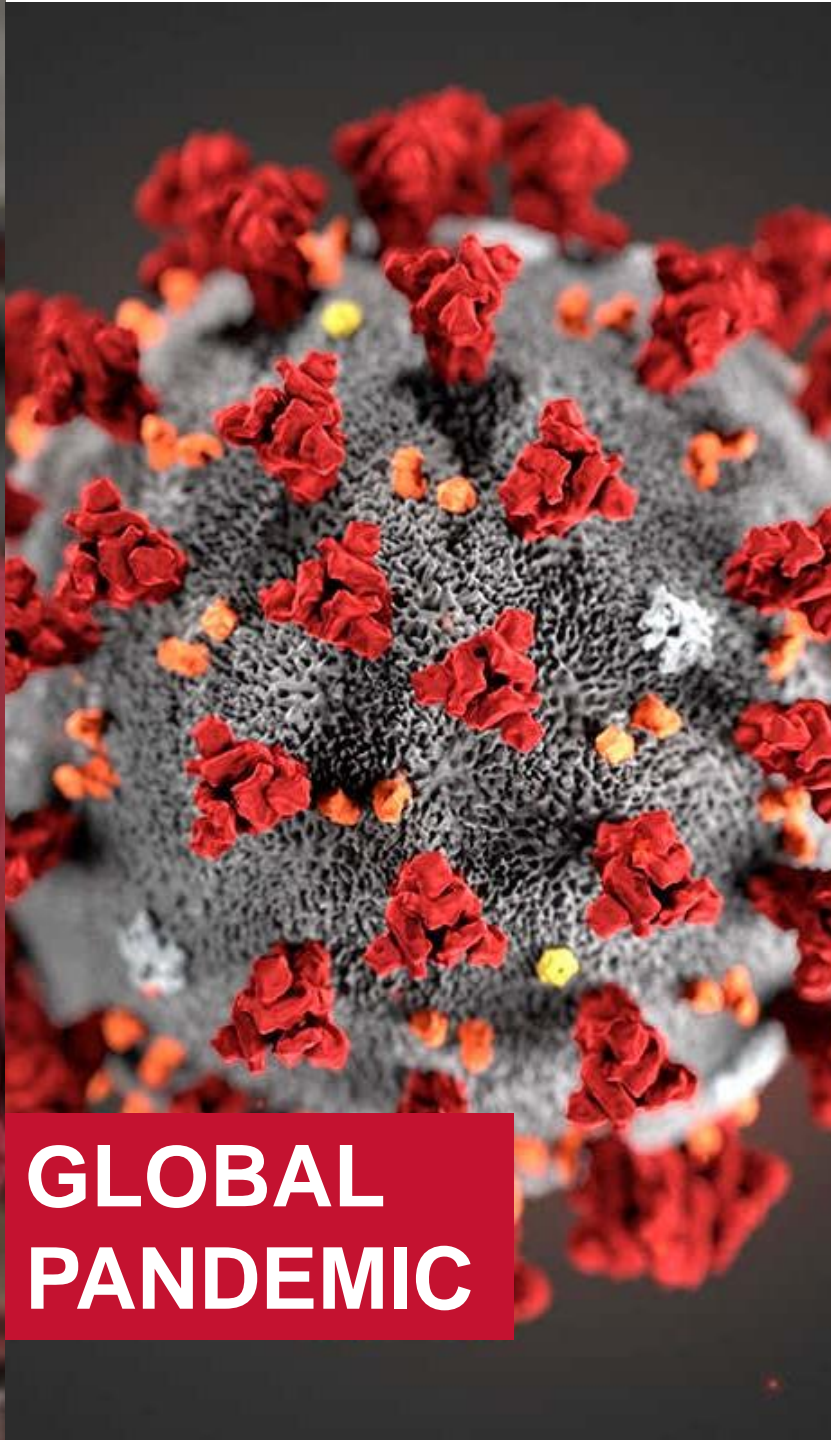


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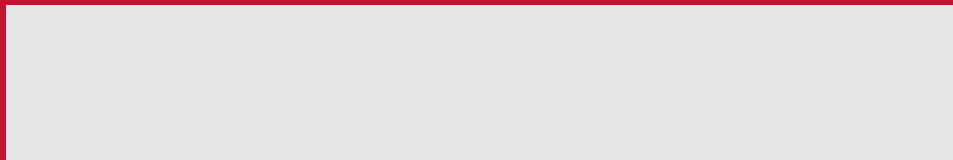


**GLOBAL
PANDEMIC**



**CLIMATE
CHANGE**

The Challenge






Meet Tara Matthews

A 29 year old, black woman with a small 4-acre market garden who has never taken farmer training.






“Banks don’t take young farmers seriously, especially when they don’t fit the stereotype of what a farmer is meant to look like.”

PAIN POINTS:

-  Racism/Discrimination
-  Lack of awareness of farmer resources
-  Difficulty securing affordable agricultural land

NEEDS:

-  Access to grants and loans
-  Support to navigate the farmland purchase process
-  A forum to connect with diverse farmers in her region

Barriers to Entry



LAND



KNOWLEDGE



CAPITAL



LABOUR

The Answer?



A NEW ENTRANT POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 1. Increase accessibility** of programs and services.
- 2. Lower barriers to capital** to stimulate growth.
- 3. Protect land to increase affordability** for new entrants.
- 4. Transfer knowledge** to build capacity.
- 5. Improve farmer work** to retain and attract skilled labour.
- 6. Invest in local sustainable food systems** to revitalize rural economies.



THANK YOU

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