

SMALL FARMS INTERNATIONAL PROJECT-SENEGAL



Ensemble, faisons germer
de petites fermes
agroécologiques et autonomes

OBSERVATION



A LESS AGRICULTURE-SUITABLE CLIMATE AND RURAL EXODUS ARE AFFECTING THE TERRITORY

In Senegal, 60 to 65% of the population live off agriculture. Family farming represents 95% of all farms. Yet, small farmers are facing difficulties in accessing production factors (seeds, inputs, financing and training) and local agricultural products suffer from lack of valorisation. Rural agricultural economy is continuously impoverishing and worsened by climate change, desertification and fertility loss in soils caused by the use of chemical inputs. Among many consequences is an important rural exodus, that intensifies urban poverty. Food insecurity affects approximately 20% of Senegal households, especially those in a rural environment.

PURPOSE



DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE, SUITABLE AND AUTONOMOUS AGRICULTURE AND PROMOTE RURAL WORLD

Experiment suitable agroecological models that meet with food sovereignty, local employment, environment protection and solidarity. More specifically, the project aims to :

- Create a collective dynamic to experiment and promote agroecology in the Sahelian area;
- Recreate economical, sociable and ecological solidarity;
- Experiment and absorb suitable, bearable and reproducible agricultural models.

TESTIMONY

«Traditional farming appears to be very adapted to climate change, especially millet, sorghum, corn or also black-eyed pea crops. To fight desertification, diversification of seeds varieties is necessary, along with the return to practical crop testing. There is not any unique miracle model, this is illusion».

Berta,
Little farms Senegal project manager for the villageois
Villageois de Ndem organization



OUR MISSIONS BETWEEN 2018 AND 2020

AGROÉCOLOGIE · SEEDS · AUTONOMY

WHERE ? City of Mbacké Kadior, Louga department, Sénégal

AGROECOLOGY

CREATE A COLECTIVE DYNAMIC OF EXPERIMENTATION AND PROMOTION OF AGROECOLOGY IN SAHELIAN TERRITORY

WHAT ?

- Create an agroecology training farm;
- Train 200 farmers to agroecology (market gardening, cattle farming, fish farming, seeds, agroforestry and food processing) including 13 people that will become trainers themselves.



FOR WHAT ?

- Collectively experiment, identify and share agroecological ways of producing that are appropriate to the Sahelian territory. Insure autonomous production of healthy, high-quality, environment and biodiversity-friendly food for the greatest number of people.



SEEDS

DIVERSIFYING AGRICULTURE TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE AND DESERTIFICATION

WHAT ?

- Create a farmer seeds house.
- Train farmers to reproducing and preserving farmer seeds;
- Organisation de visites d'échanges locales, régionales et internationales.

FOR WHAT ?

- Protect crop diversity and share associated expertise



AUTONOMY

RECREATE AN ECONOMICAL, SOCIABLE AND ECOLOGICAL SOLIDARITY BETWEEN FARMERS AND CITIZENS

WHAT ?

- Raise awareness among 750 students and 1200 people in local villages;
- Facilitate a network of people promoting farming agroecology in Senegal;
- Organise exchange between farmers on a local, regional and international scale.

FOR WHAT ?

- Ensure global understanding and solidarity around agroecology, resources protection, food sovereignty and local consumption;
- Exchange experiences and skills with other farms locally in Senegal and West Africa, or internationally with Indian and French farmers (from the Little Farms project).

LOCAL PARTNER

Villageois de Ndem NGO



For 40 years, SOL Alternatives Agroécologiques et Solidaires has been supporting long-term initiatives created by and for local organisations in India, France and Senegal. The association aims at contributing to the satisfaction of the farmers' essential needs and the valorisation of their role in society. SOL's action plan rests on two aspects : accessing to farming agroecology and protecting natural resources and biodiversity.

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