



## Microloans, Horses, and Goats

Last month over 100 local farmers received microloans to expand their crops which will increase their financial security.

We touched base with one of last year’s recipients, Modou Sakho. He used his loan to buy a horse which increased his crop yield. The additional crops bolstered his family food rations and he sold the extra. With the additional funds he bought goats which he will be



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able to breed for meat as well as to generate income.

“Que Andando amoul morom. (Andando has no equal.)”

-Modou Sakho, Microloan Recipient

Microloans have been a boost to the economy of rural Senegal. Without access to credit, it is very difficult to make investments for the future. Over the last 12+ years over 1,200 loans have been distributed with a payback rate of over 98%!

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## New Garden Construction is Underway

Construction has started on three new gardens! For three months Senegal placed a ban on inter-regional travel to curb the spread of coronavirus. As of the end of June this ban was lifted, which means our team can restart garden construction that was halted in the spring.

The new gardens are being installed in Mbaylar and Batara Wolof (both about six miles from our hub in Keur Soce); and Mboyo Walo (in the northern region of Podor). Combined they will serve over 300 families and their larger communities will also benefit from access to fresh, local produce.

Communities with gardens have been much more resilient during the coronavirus due to a steady supply of fruits and vegetables. We are excited to partner with these communities to help strengthen them for the future.

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Delivery of construction material at the Mbaylar garden.



Masons pour the foundation of one of the watering basins. There are a total of five in each garden.



Excavating and framing the solar pump house. This structure will hold the solar panels and above ground water reservoir.

## From the Director

Earlier this spring, we asked you to join with us in mobilizing emergency aid, and you responded in an impressive way! In two rounds of distributions, we were able to deliver over 100,000 pounds of rice, thousands of packs of soap and supplies, and several thousand masks!!

These efforts helped over 2,000 families! The communities' responses have been those of deep gratitude, and expressing the profound appreciation for a partnership that is able to adapt quickly in challenging times.

Food security has long been an issue in Senegal. The large portion of those we work with get by on daily earnings derived from small market activities, to go with the occasional boost such as those during harvest times.

The emergency supplies you provided not only met emergent needs caused by the pandemic, but also will hold families over long enough to gain a foothold until the next harvest season. When life finally does get back to normal, we know that these communities will continue to be transformed. It's not too late to help with this effort—your gift today will strengthen families' resilience.

“Jéréjéf!” – Thank You!



Lewis Kiker, Executive Director



*In the northern region of Podor, delivering emergency supplies of rice, soap, and masks. Many communities have been cut off from supplies due to travel restrictions related to Covid-19.*



*Once the supplies reach the villages they are distributed to those most in need.*

## Senegal and Covid-19



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At the writing of this Senegal is reporting 9,681 cases of Covid-19 and 191 deaths, according to the World Health Organization. With a land mass similar to Oregon and nearly 16 million inhabitants they have been able to keep their numbers relatively low.

Inter-regional travel has been drastically restricted over the last several months, but is slowly starting to open up. International travel is restricted to only residents of Senegal.

We are closely monitoring the situation and working with local authorities to keep our staff and communities safe.

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# Meet Mandaw, Andando's Lead Garden Technician!

Continuing in our series, we would like to introduce to you to another member of our team who works on the ground in Senegal every day to build resilient, thriving communities. We think they are pretty amazing and are sure you will agree.

Mamadou Ba, Mandaw (pronounced Mon-dow) to his friends, has been working with Andando since 2012. Born and raised in Fas Toucouleur (a village three miles from our offices in Keur Soce), Mandaw is well-known and respected in the community.

Growing up, Mandaw learned horticulture and arboriculture from his father, who is a Master Farmer through the Peace Corps program. He worked with his father for 10 years before he joined Andando as our very first Garden Technician. He brought with him years of experience and knowledge of local and traditional methods of agriculture including grafting techniques, treatment and



*Mandaw joined the Andando team in 2012.*

prospecting of soil and plants, and natural methods of pest control.

Working directly with the women in the community gardens, Mandaw teaches skills such as how to construct a small nursery and germinate seeds, proper care and transplanting of seedlings, pest control and disease treatment, and how to make safe and effective fertilizer to boost crop production. Over the years the number of our community gardens has increased, and it became necessary to bring on additional Garden Technicians. Mandaw moved into the role of Lead Garden Technician,

training new staff and overseeing the entire community garden program.

"I am very happy to work to help my compatriots. As a Senegalese, I must do my best through my knowledge to support them in the field. I really want the Senegalese to know about the importance of organic vegetables. When the person does not know the basis of his economy, he has no knowledge of himself."

The oldest of eight, Mandaw lives with his relatives on a family-owned piece of land. He and his wife, Souadou, welcomed their first child, Abdou, last year.

When he is not working Mandaw enjoys listening to music and will often be the first to get up and start dancing. Your support enables Mandaw to help his fellow citizens. Thank you for investing in their future!

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*Checking on the seedling nursery, Mandaw teaches those new to gardening how to propagate and rotate crops.*



*Teaching sustainable garden techniques gives participants the knowledge to become self-reliant.*



*Mandaw with his wife, Souadou, and daughter, Abdou.*



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