



December 2014

Andando's Year In Review

- **Over 200 micro loans** made to rural farmers and small business owners
- **Over 1000 people** benefitting from solar energy installations
- **25% boost in income** for those in the womens' garden projects
- **Comprehensive infrastructural and educational improvements** at schools resulting in a 50% increase in test scores
- **Two latrines built** to offer sanitary solutions that can prevent diseases
- **One school constructed** to be used by 200+ students
- **One rural health post constructed** for those with little access to healthcare
- **Hundreds of students** receiving a nutritious breakfast everyday at school
- **1,000+ people** received emergency food relief in Ebola-ravaged Sierra Leone



From the Director-

The past year has been one of enormous growth for Andando and - more importantly - for the communities we work in throughout Senegal.

Leveraging local skills and assets, we partner with villagers to deliver small-scale solutions that bring real change to the community. By walking together and building the capacity of those we work with, we aim for true development and sustained growth that dignifies and empowers.

2015 promises to be an even better year with more programs and initiatives benefitting hundreds more people in rural areas around Senegal. We will be constructing two more solar-powered pumps utilized by womens garden cooperatives, comprehensive school improvement initiatives at two different schools, continuing the training and equipping of villagers in new skills through our training center, and much more.

None of this could happen without the generosity of your investment, but to do even more, we need your help! *Please consider making a donation to Andando today and have the effects felt halfway across the globe.* Your contribution makes these programs possible, and the Senegalese send along a BIG "Jere Jef!" - Thank You!

Sincerely,

Lewis Kiker
Executive Director
Andando

Initiatives That Change Lives

These programs create real change in communities, just ask those who are impacted! Madame Diagne leads one of the garden cooperatives, where we have built solar-powered irrigation systems that enable the women to have three harvests a year, instead of just one. Beyond boosting nutritional options for their families, it is also a commercial enterprise that generates income for the women. Diagne says, "We are excited to have customers and now want to develop relationships with more people to keep business steady."



Diagne (2nd from right) with other members of the cooperatives



Ibrahimia Diagne (no relation, pictured at left) is a student at Keur Soce Primary School where we have done a massive rehabilitation of the crumbling school, including installing electricity, repairing chalkboards and desks, creating a classroom library for each student to use, and establishing a nutrition program to give every student a hearty meal. Teachers and staff have seen an increase in attendance and test scores, and a boost in overall morale of the students and the school. Ibrahimia says, "The school looks after the good fortune of the child. School helps me to work and to succeed to help my parents."

Ndiaya Diasse (at right) took advantage of Andando's micro loan program, and with a loan of just \$100 has grown her small fruit stand into a successful small business, with the profits helping to pay her children's school fees. She is pictured with her new baby, whom she has nicknamed 'Projet', after the community's name for Andando's garden project. Naming a child after someone is a great honor in Senegalese culture, and Diasse wanted to thank Andando for the support she received.



Looking Forward to 2015



We already have many initiatives underway for next year, and we hope to do even more. Two more solar-pumps will be installed in the coming months at two new garden cooperatives, giving hundreds more women and their families the opportunity to support themselves. Two additional schools will be rehabilitated and given enhanced educational opportunities and materials affecting over 700 eager students. We will be developing our training center further and conducting a series of classes to equip villages to help themselves in the areas of new agricultural techniques, small business training, health and sanitation, and basic reading and writing skills.

On top of building the capacity of those already in the program, we hope to expand our micro loan program to help even more people on the road to self-reliance. We hope to build another junior high school in the community of Dialmath, in the north of Senegal to serve students with little or no educational opportunities. In addition, we are constantly engaging people all over Senegal to identify new ways we can work together and ways to expand our programs.

These programs are making a real impact in Senegal and we are excited about the direction we are headed together. But to do even more, we need your help! *Please consider making a donation to Andando today.* We rely on the generosity of our supporters to keep these vital initiatives going. With the end of the year approaching quickly, we would also like to remind you that **Andando is a certified 501(c)(3) organization which means every dollar you give to The Andando Foundation is completely tax-deductible! Thank You!**