



# ANDANDO

## December 2015

## Andando's Year In Review

- Over 300 women in our garden programs, increasing nutrition and boosting income by 25%
- 50% increase in test scores in the schools we partner with
- Two schools constructed to be used by over 400 students
- Two rural health posts constructed for those with little access to healthcare
- Hundreds of students receiving a nutritious breakfast everyday at school
- Over 1500 people benefitting from solar energy installations



## From the Director-

YOU have made a huge difference this year, transforming communities half a world away.

We often see things happening around the world and ask ourselves, "but what can I do?". Well, you have answered that call and it has changed the lives of people like garden member Dieynaba Ba, Mr. Diop and his students, and microloan recipient Khadidiatou Ndiaye - hear what they have said on the other side.

By walking together with those we partner with, we aim to affirm dignity, build hope, and empower others on the path toward real, sustainable change. Focusing on the growth of the whole village - water, health, education, agriculture, and small business - together we are building thriving communities in Senegal.

2016 promises to be an even better year with more programs and initiatives benefitting hundreds more people in rural areas around Senegal.

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

The programs built by you create real change in communities, just ask those who are impacted! Dieynaba Ba (right) is a member of 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 also generates income for the women. Ba says, "This garden has allowed me to acquire a new spirit of entrepreneurship. I understand now that I can be more productive. This garden has increased my income and given me hope. Together, there is more awareness of the potential that sleeps in us."



At Keur Soce Franco-Arab School, you helped build new classrooms, repair crumbling ones, and distribute books to every student. The President of the PTA, Mr Diop, says, "The short term effects of these initiatives is that many more children will be able to go to school and illiteracy in the community will fall. In the medium-term, student success will increase, therefore increasing the potential of the community. In the very long term, the success in the lives of these children in the community is an asset for development of the whole area. Imagine the future leader of a large company or even a future president of the Republic could come from the community or from this school. We are very excited about this enormous potential for development of the area and all of Senegal."

Khadidiatou Ndiaye used her \$45 microloan from Andando to buy seed to grow rice in the town of Podor, in the north of Senegal. She planted the rice on her small farm and eventually harvested thirty 50-lb bags. She sold all the rice one bag at a time, as local people came to buy from her. Because it was locally grown and very good, she sold out quickly. In all, she made over \$300 - more money than she has ever made! Now that her loan is paid back, someone else in the community can borrow the money as the loans revolve in order to give everyone a chance. In thanking you and Andando, she remarked, "We want to escape from poverty. We will work hard. Our whole community will benefit."



## 2016 Andando Calendar



For \$10, this beautiful 12-month 2016 Calendar would look great on your wall! It measures 12"x17" and features great pictures and highlights of Andando's programs in Senegal. Order by email [info@andando.org](mailto:info@andando.org).

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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. To give today, just use the enclosed envelope, or go online at [www.andando.org/donate/](http://www.andando.org/donate/). With the end of the year approaching quickly, please remember 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!**