

# YEAR IN REVIEW

Looking back, this year has been a year like none other. From all of us at Andando, and our partner communities, thank you to our generous family of donors who remained committed to supporting families in rural Senegal amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

We started the year with a transportation lock-down in Senegal. This greatly impacted our partner communities. Not only did it stall our construction plans for schools, health post, and gardens, but it also isolated thousands of families from basic supplies such as rice, milk, soap, and cooking oil. But our staff and donors adapted and we shifted our emphasis to providing relief supplies to our rural communities.





Over 100,000 pounds of food staples such as rice was distributed to rural communities, cut off from basic supply chains. Our health posts served as central distribution stations as medical professionals distributed thousands of packs of soap and face masks while also educating their communities to keep them safe.

All told over 2,000 families benefited from the relief distribution. Emergency supplies not only met the immediate need, but also held families over long enough until their next harvest season.

Our microloan program continued to function with a distribution of over 100 loans to local farmers. One farmer used their loan to buy a horse so that they could cultivate a larger plot this year. With the additional crops he bolstered his family food rations and sold the extra. He then used the funds to start a goat breeding business providing meat and a consistent stream of income for his family.







As the year progressed, transportation restrictions eased and one of our founders, Fiona, was able to make our first country visit since the start of the pandemic. In addition to meeting with existing and potential new partners, Fiona along with Boubou, our Country Director, met President Macky Sall when he visited a government-financed project near our base in Keur Soce.

Once travel was fully opened our contractors were able to restart construction efforts. Five new gardens were completed, bringing our total to 26 gardens. Gardens continue to be a critical part of food security for villages; during the pandemic communities with gardens were much more resilient because they had a reliable self-sufficient means of producing food.

In education, three schools received new classrooms and we started work on the long-anticipated Keur Soce High School! The construction of a high school in the region has long been a part of our hope for the community. Soon students will no longer have to travel long distances to continue their education, or be forced to give up their studies all together.

"This is a great initiative for the future of sustainable education for the students of today and tomorrow in the municipality of Keur Soce. They no longer have to abandon their studies for lack of host families in distant high schools"

— Camara (Andando Keur Soce Program Manager)

These successes highlight a truly exceptional year for Andando. Despite the unexpected nature of the pandemic our partner communities and staff rose to the occasion and demonstrated exceptional resilience. Thank you for continuing to support Andando in our mission to walk with the people of rural Senegal towards a better future.



### **OUR IMPACT THIS YEAR**





#### - Agriculture -

5 new gardens constructed (26 total)
500 additional women participating in the program (2,596 total)
280,836 lbs. of organic produce grown
\$68,650 profit generated

#### - Health -

1 new health post constructed (12 total) 8,205 healthcare visits provided 252 babies born in quality facilities with trained staff





#### - Financial Independence -

200 zero-interest loans provided to farmers and entrepreneurs (1,800 total) 100% of loans were repaid on time in full! (98% all-time repayment rate)

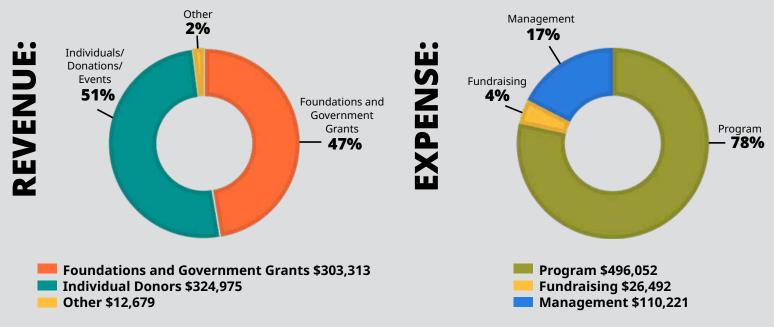
#### - Education -

2 new classrooms constructed (47 total) and 3 new latrines 2,850 students enrolled at partner schools



### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July 2020 thru June 2021



Total Income: \$640,967

Total Expense: \$632,765















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