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**Peace
Corps**
SENEGAL

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Hello! Bonjour! Nakanga def! Ajarama! Nafio!

For 55 years, Peace Corps Volunteers have lived and worked alongside the people of Senegal, building capacity at community level, sharing the best of American culture and benefitting from the wonderful hospitality of the land of *teranga*. In each of Senegal's administrative regions, from capital cities to small villages, over 200 Volunteers undertake two years of service and bring new perspectives and enhanced technologies with them. And in some instances, magic occurs!

In small agricultural communities across the country, cultivators have struggled to increase output and conserve the soil. Peace Corps has trained and supported Master Farmers whose plots have become proving grounds for sustainable change that has spread to neighboring farms. Aspiring entrepreneurs have learned how to start businesses and where to go for support. The fight against malaria has been taken up by Volunteers across the country in an effort to push the line of heavy transmission further south until the deadly disease is one day eradicated. Girls in middle schools around the country who have struggled to balance the pressures of domestic responsibilities and studies, have had the opportunity to learn wonderful new skills. And in rural communities of fewer than 500, the only American that most villagers have met is a Peace Corps Volunteer.

On behalf of the Peace Corps, I want to thank you for your support to our Volunteers, many of whom are young and away from home for the first time – and all of whom come to view Senegal as their second home.

Cheryl Gregory Faye

Country Director, Peace Corps Senegal



LU YAGG DEGG LA! THAT WHICH ENDURES IS TRUE!

The United States Peace Corps is active in 60 countries worldwide, working with host countries to face the most pressing challenges of our time.

Peace Corps has worked hand-in-hand with the Government of Senegal, communities, and local counterparts since 1963 to help Senegal achieve critical development goals. Peace Corps Volunteers serve across the country, devoting two or more years of their lives to grassroots community development in this land of Teranga—Senegal’s rich culture of hospitality, warmth and sharing.

Peace Corps aims:

1. To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
3. To help promote a better understanding of Senegalese people on the part of Americans.

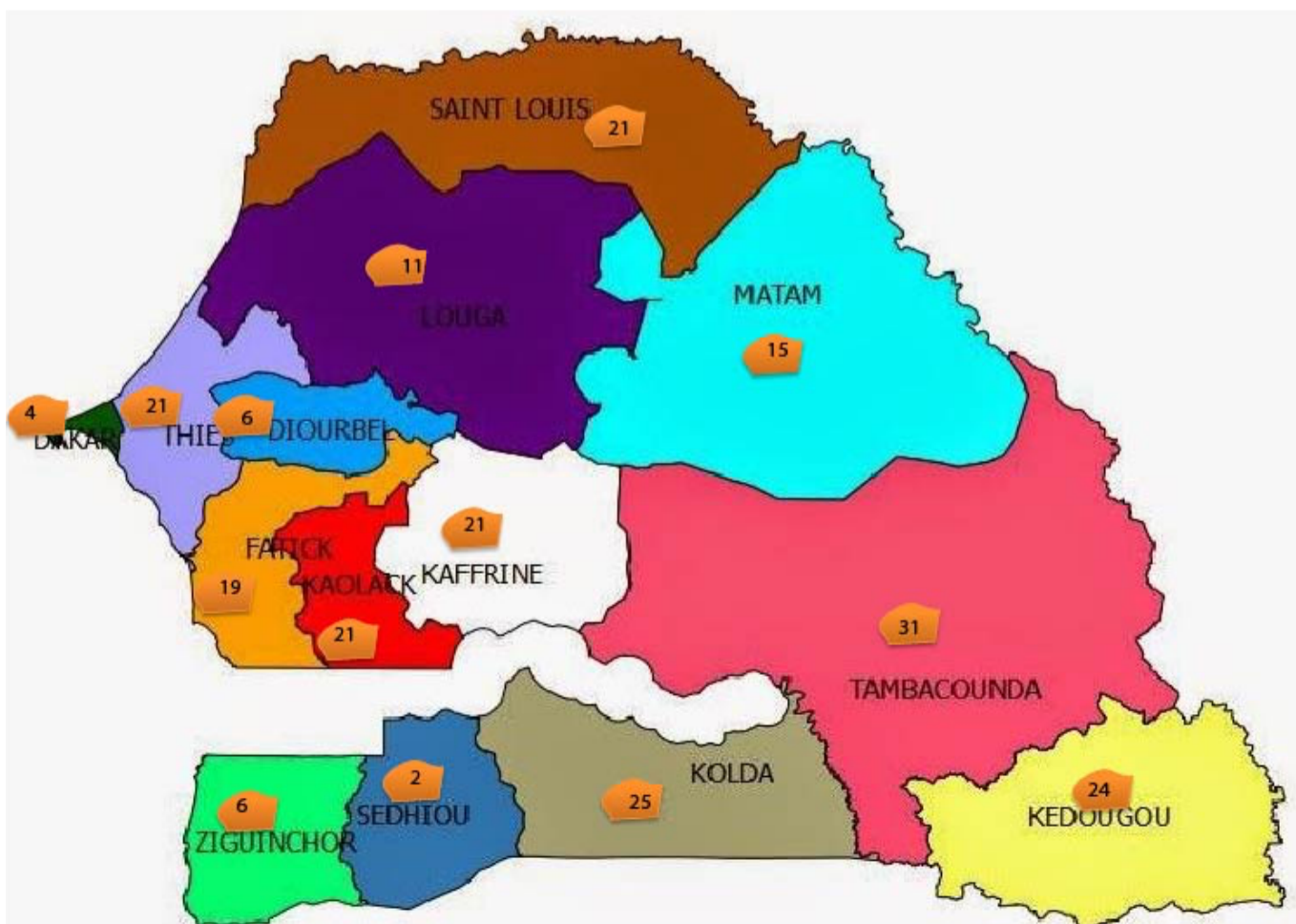
Volunteers are our Resources!

Peace Corps Volunteers are Americans between the ages of 19 and 90. They represent the rich diversity of the US itself, coming from all races, ethnicities, backgrounds and cultures that make up the USA. Serving for two years, Volunteers learn local languages, live with families, and share Senegalese culture. Volunteers work as facilitators, helping to build long-term capacity in their communities and serving as catalysts for collaborative development among our network of partners.

Over 200 dedicated Volunteers currently serve throughout Senegal, carrying out development projects in agriculture, agroforestry, health and community economic development. Working in the innovative Work Zone Model, Peace Corps Volunteers achieve impressive results in cross-sector initiatives including Food Security, Youth and Gender Development and Malaria Prevention.

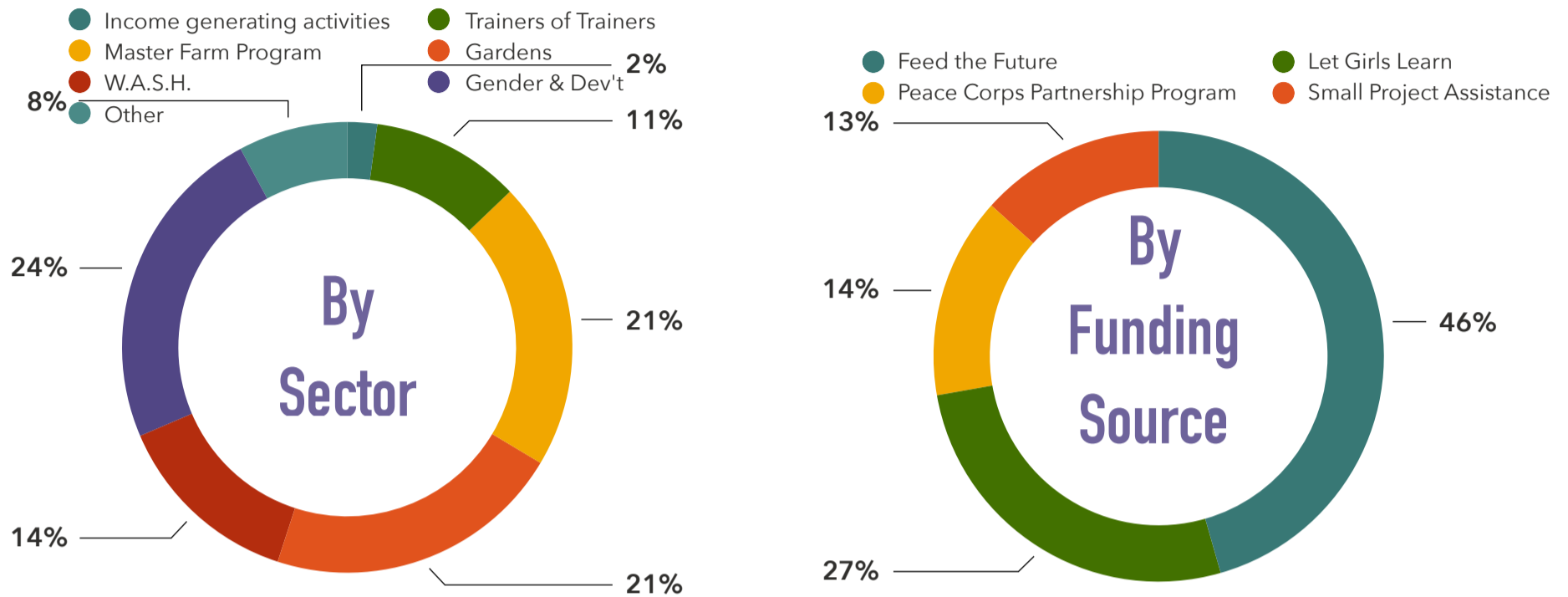
Number of
Volunteers serving in 2017:

227



AT A GLANCE: PEACE CORPS SENEGAL'S RESULTS

Small Grants



New agricultural technologies and practices / hectares impacted: 137



People reached with Food Security related training: 7,258



Number of trees planted: 124,000



People trained on nutrition: 3,300



Number of long lasting, insecticide-treated nets purchased or delivered: 6,453



Number of people trained in financial literacy: 1,228



Number of businesses assisted through training: 98



Number of girls able to continue their education thanks to Michelle Sylvester Scholarships: 1,008



Number of boys and girls attending leadership camps: 1,500

AGRICULTURE

Urban and Sustainable Agriculture Volunteers work to achieve the sector's two goals.

Goal 1: Rural Senegalese farmers will improve crop management skills.

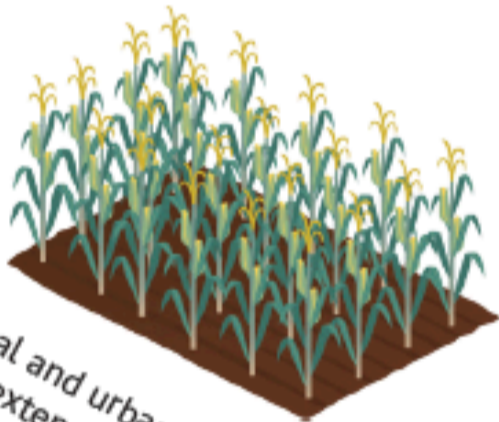
Goal 2: Senegalese community members will intensify fruit and vegetable production.

Volunteers work to improve agricultural productivity by sharing information and working with growers on (1) the extension of improved variety seed, (2) erosion control and improved water catchment, (3) improved field-crop management techniques, and (4) timely harvest. Volunteers teach seed selection and storage techniques and improved gardening technologies such as double digging, companion planting, use of organic pesticides, and mulching. Agriculture Volunteers also work with community members to extend fruit tree propagation techniques.



86 new gardens created

934 individuals trained in improved gardening practices and 682 farmers implementing those practices



Rural and urban agriculture volunteers' extension efforts led to 61 hectares with improved technologies



49 Volunteers supported short-term agricultural sector productivity or food security trainings with 2,925 individuals of whom 789 farmers and others have applied improved technologies or management practices



New crop varieties were adopted by 706 farmers



Total of 9,472 trees were planted with the assistance of Sustainable and Urban Agriculture Volunteers

AGROFORESTRY

Agroforestry volunteers come face-to-face with some of the most insidious causes of food insecurity in Senegal: devastating “slash and burn” agriculture, erratic rainfall patterns, overgrazing, soil crippled by mono-cropping, and the encroaching desert from the north.

To combat this, Volunteers encourage a land-use system that integrates trees, crops, and animals to promote higher productivity, greater economic returns, and more social benefits on a sustained basis.

Agroforestry Volunteers spread the use of six key technologies: live-fencing, wind breaks, fire breaks, alley cropping, woodlots, and contour planting.



680 pilot farmers trained on agroforestry technologies (live fence, wind break, ally cropping, etc.) to increase their access to food security



Agroforestry volunteers and their counterparts trained 338 villagers to develop and manage fruit tree orchards



For the 7th year, Peace Corps undertook mangrove reforestation in the Sokone area (Fatick region). Dozens of volunteers and more than 150 Senegalese counterparts replanted over three hectares of mangrove, which will provide habitat for countless species, clean the water and air, prevent erosion, and contribute nutrients to the fertile waters off the coast of Senegal



Improved cashew seeds, improved banana shoots and improved papaya seeds distributed to Peace Corps Volunteers, Master Farmers and their work partners

1,386 farmers trained on Moringa cultivation to increase availability of nutritious foods. Agroforestry Volunteers, their counterparts, and work partners supported their communities in producing, planting and protecting over 114,000 trees



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

With the purpose of "creating sustainable livelihoods in vibrant local economies" the Community Economic Development sector has three goals 1) to enhance business growth and job creation, 2) to increase the productivity and income of individuals participating in empowerment groups and producer associations, and 3) to help individuals to manage their own finances in order to increase their household economic security. The CED niches includes Agribusiness, Handicrafts, Ecotourism, and Waste Management.



536 micro, small & medium enterprises (including farmers) received business development services

1,228 people trained in financial literacy



420 youth trained in entrepreneurship



of whom



311 people gained understanding of sound entrepreneurial practices



2,757 people trained in business management, including income generation



11 new businesses created



192 people learned improved financial literacy skills



Volunteers and their partners helped organizations and individuals to complete 56 business plans

HEALTH

Our Health Volunteers work alongside service providers in government-run health posts and huts to improve the health status of their communities. By living in communities, volunteers understand the health problems intimately and foster ideas to encourage better health education and care-seeking behaviors. Three main intervention areas constitute the focus of Health Volunteers who strive to engender lasting behavior change: malaria, maternal and child health, and WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene).

1,348 individuals trained to build hand washing stations and correctly clean their hands with soap and water



15 Peace Corps Volunteers conducted baseline and sanitation surveys



220 community water and sanitation systems constructed, improved, or rehabilitated

750 women educated on exclusive breastfeeding



885 women learned how to make more nutritious meals



2,209 individuals educated on prevention of common childhood illnesses

542 people in households have access to clean, safe drinking water



3,300 people trained in child health and nutrition

CROSS SECTOR INITIATIVES



Stomp Out Malaria, a Peace Corps program that was conceived in Senegal, has become the model in 23 Peace Corps programs across Africa (see www.stompoutmalaria.org). Volunteers work with local health counterparts to educate communities about bed net use and assist with net distributions, work with counterparts to promote house-to-house testing and treatment of malaria and promote preventive treatment of malaria among pregnant women. Over 100 new Volunteers and staff from across the continent are trained to Stomp Out Malaria in their countries of service each year.

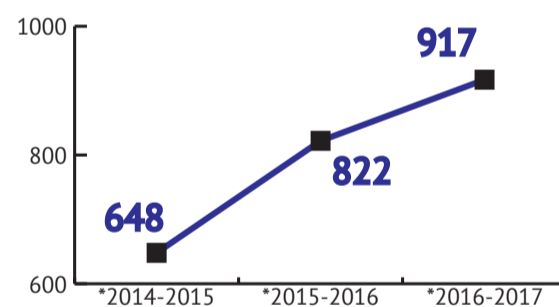
- 129 medical professionals and 360 community mobilizers were trained in malaria prevention in 2017
- 6,453 long lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLINs) were purchased or delivered
- 4,892 community members received behavior change/information, education, and communication messages, and outreach promoting malaria prevention and care seeking



SeneGAD, Peace Corps Senegal's Volunteer-led gender empowerment committee, has been active since the 1980s. Today, dedicated SeneGAD members support the entire Volunteer community to support gender and youth empowerment efforts across the country. We believe gender and youth empowerment must be a joint effort between men and women, boys and girls. Therefore, Peace Corps Senegal currently highlights men as partners in gender and youth development. Volunteers facilitate over a dozen dynamic youth camps each year, and are supporting an increasing number of camps that sustainably encourage gender and youth empowerment at the community level.

Michelle Sylvester Scholarship Program

The Michelle Sylvester Scholarship program, which began 20 years ago in memory of a Peace Corps Senegal Volunteer, aims to close the gender gap in education by supporting middle-school girls who show a combination of academic promise and financial need.



■ number of female scholarship recipients



In Senegal, the Peace Corps works in partnership with the U.S. Government's "Feed the Future" initiative. Feed the Future supports one of the priorities of the Government of Senegal, improving the food security and agricultural growth of the country. This initiative integrates strategies of bolstering agricultural production and improving the nutrition of households.

With its model of intervention within poorer communities, Peace Corps strives to improve the food security of households in Senegal by improving the production, promotion and consumption of good quality, local food products for children and adults.

In the framework of the Feed the Future partnership, the Peace Corps has created the Master Farm program. The objective of this program is to show how farmers can appropriately use agricultural technologies and agroforestry techniques to better support their families through increased access to cereals, legumes, fruit and vegetables, and enhanced income through the sale of their agricultural products.

PLANTING TREES ALONGSIDE WORK PARTNERS WITH DISABILITIES

By Anna, Sustainable Agriculture Agent 2016 - 2018

Volunteer Anna has a very motivated work partner named Souane Camara. From her first few months at site, he has been someone she can count on to provide stimulating conversation. When he was younger, he was in school, but contracted a disease that rendered him blind. Despite that, he is well-informed on many subjects. He's incredibly passionate about climate change, disability rights, sustainable development, and more.



Souane is committed to including people with disabilities in the fight against climate change and in community improvement overall. He sees planting trees as a key solution, as it is something many people can participate in, and it provides many benefits for the entire community. Recently he helped form a local association for people with disabilities. He wanted to do this because, while Senegalese communities tend to include and take care of people regardless of ability, life is especially challenging for people with disabilities, where much of the work is physical. He was frustrated by the economic hardships many disabled people face, and expressed concern that many people are illiterate and don't know about the government support available to them.



Souane's association came up with a plan for their first year, but was unable to secure funding. Together they are searching for partners to help sustain the organization financially and otherwise. In the meantime, Anna wrote several grants to make their projects possible. The first one was a community tree nursery. Souane invited people with disabilities from nearby areas, and they all came together to fill and seed 800 tree sacks with a variety of trees. They will outplant in public spaces (hospitals, schools, etc.) in a town that is severely deforested.



Currently, Souane and his family are maintaining the tree nursery and will continue to plant more trees. It is an opportunity to bring people with and without disabilities together for an activity that will make the village healthier and more beautiful.

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