

# Annual Report 2018



# History

## *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 government, local organizations and communities 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:

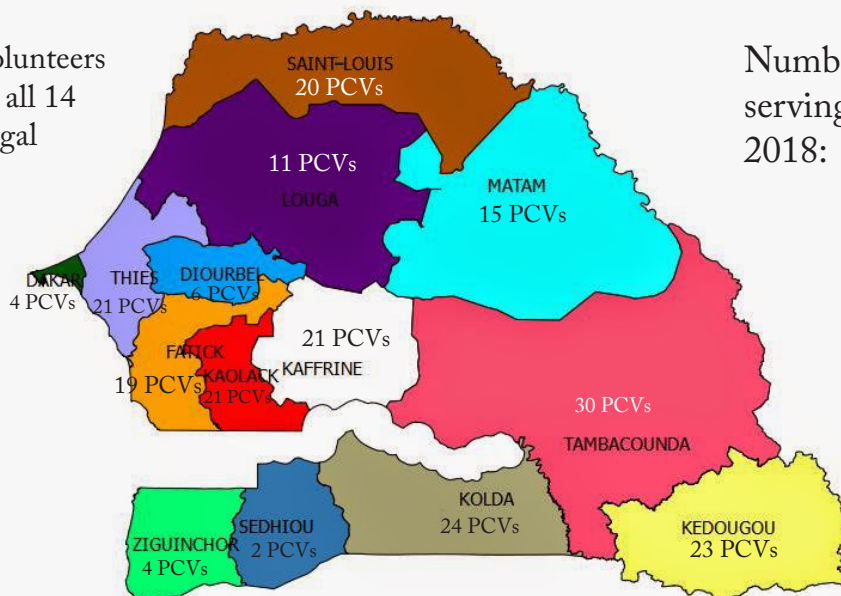
1. To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
3. To help promote a better understanding of Senegalese people on the part of Americans.

### Volunteers are our Resources!

Peace Corps Volunteers are Americans between the ages of 19 and 90. They represent the rich diversity of the US, coming from all races, ethnicities, backgrounds and cultures. Serving for two years, Volunteers learn local languages, live with families, and share in 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, implementing development projects in agriculture, agroforestry, health and community economic development. Working in the innovative Work-Zone Model, Volunteers achieve impressive results in cross-sector initiatives including food security, youth and gender development and malaria prevention.

In 2018, our Volunteers were present in all 14 regions of Senegal



Number of Volunteers serving in Senegal in 2018:

# 231

PCVs = Peace Corps Volunteers



# At a Glance

## Peace Corps Senegal's 2018 Results

Number of boys and girls attending youth leadership camps

More than  
**200**

**2,880**

Number of long lasting insecticide treated nets purchased or delivered

**2,726**

People reached by Food Security related training

**296**

Number of women trained in entrepreneurship

**67**

Number of business plans written

**1,084**

People trained on nutrition

More than  
**900**

Number of girls able to attend school thanks to Michele Sylvester Scholarship

**72,778**

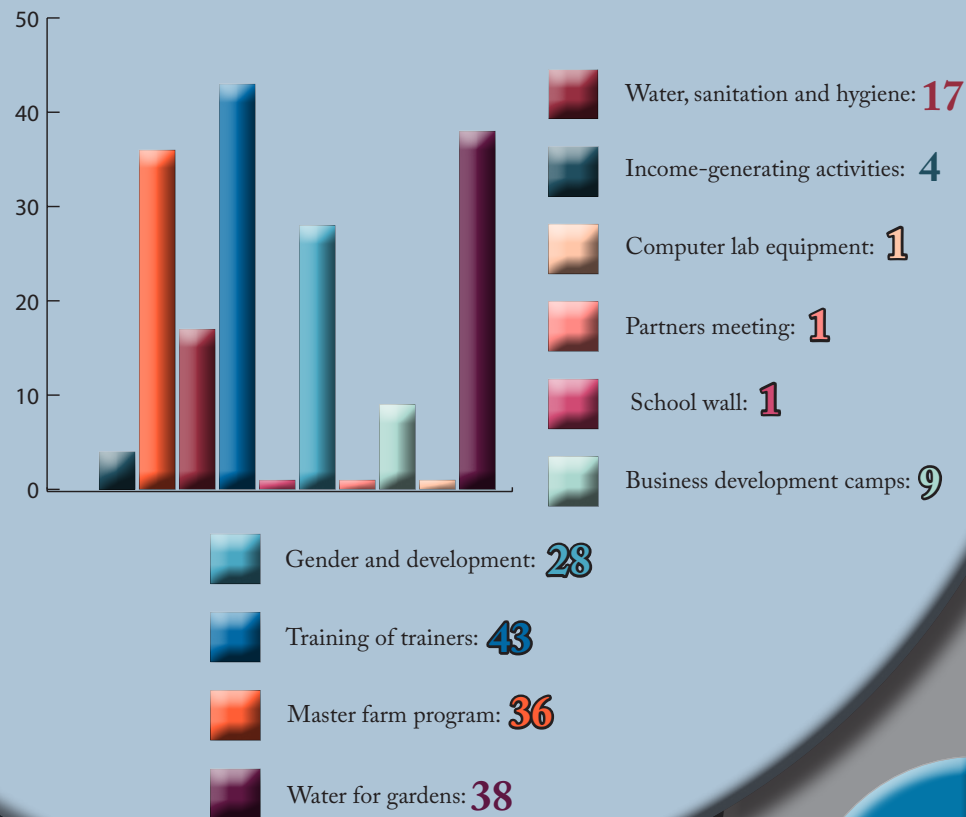
Number of trees planted

**149**

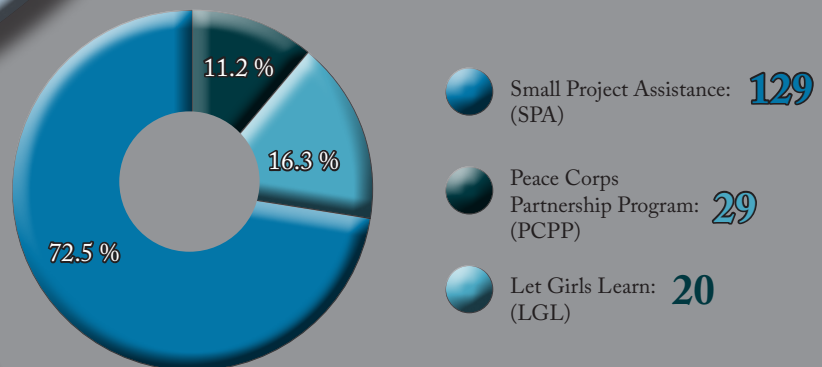
Number of farmers who have applied new technologies or management practices as a result of USG assistance



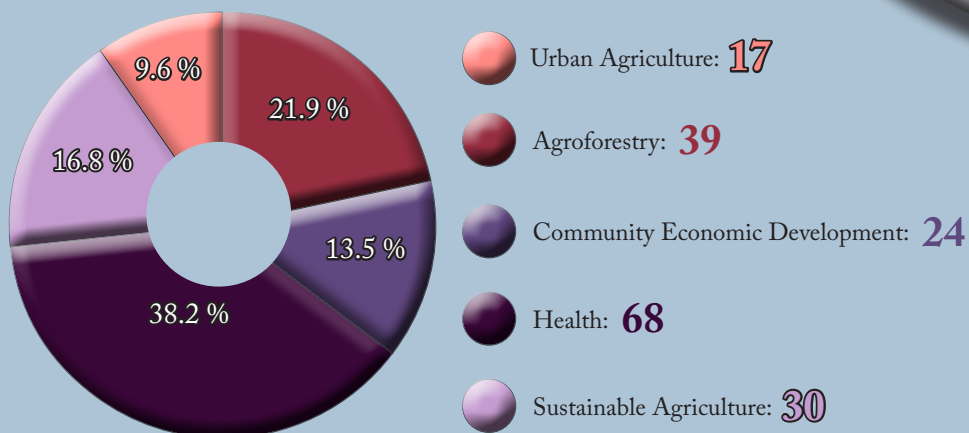
# Small Grants



## By Funding Source



## By Sector





# AGRICULTURE

Urban and Sustainable Agriculture Volunteers work to improve crop management skills amongst rural Senegalese farmers and intensify fruit and vegetable production within communities. Volunteers assist small-holder farmers, including men, women and youth, in improving their food security through the transfer of new agriculture-related knowledge, skills and attitudes. Agriculture Volunteers assist small-holder farmers in adopting several aspects of agricultural production: improved staple crops and vegetable varieties as well as cultivation practices; improved seed selection and storage techniques; and improved farm management.

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

Farmers who cultivated one or more new crops:

**596**

Individuals trained on improved gardening practices:

**1,688**

(of which 1,172 were women)

Growers who implemented one or more new or improved garden practice:

**1,065**

Hectares under improved technologies or management practices with Volunteers' assistance:

**31**

Farmers who applied improved technologies or management practices with Volunteer assistance:

**527**

(of which 262 were women)

Community or school gardens created with the assistance of Volunteers:

**18**

Number of trees planted by 672 individuals with the assistance of Volunteers:

**16,377**

Individuals who received Peace Corps supported short-term agricultural sector productivity or food security training:

**2,281**

Volunteers assisted 48 producer's organizations, women's groups and community-based organizations (CBOs) totaling **1,318** members, of which **931** were women.



# Agroforestry

Agroforestry Volunteers work on building capacity and promoting the planting of trees, which improve agricultural production, generate income and improve access to fruits and nutritious legumes. The work of Agroforestry Volunteers is closely aligned with the Senegalese Government's priorities and the activities of the Ministère de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable, especially the Directorate of Water, Forest, Wildlife and Soils conservation.

Agroforestry Volunteers utilize the 55 Peace Corps sponsored master farms across Senegal to extend improved agroforestry techniques to farmers and provide broader access to high-quality mango and citrus species. In addition, Volunteers promote minor fruit trees that thrive in favorable environmental conditions Volunteers work to achieve.

For its 8th edition, 35 Volunteers, 40 local work partners and employees of the *Eaux et Forêts* planted mangrove propagules in the Sokone-Toubacouta area in 2018.

Agroforestry Volunteers were actively involved in a country-wide Cashew Initiative in 2018. More than 300 kilos of improved cashew seeds were distributed to Volunteers and their work partners. Moreover, the Agroforestry team facilitated the first cashew training in Tambacounda. For two days, 22 Volunteers were trained on best practices—seeds selection, field preparation, nurseries, out planting, weeding, harvesting and processing—along the cashew value chain. Trained Volunteers then disseminated these best practices to other Volunteers and work partners in their regions.

Number of Master Farms:

55

Continuing: 41

New: 14

Farmers trained by  
Volunteers and partners:

715

Farmers trained in  
orchard management:

866

Number of orchards  
established:

110

Pilot farmers assisted or  
trained in establishing  
or improving on-farm  
demonstration sites:

69

People trained in  
moringa cultivation:

863

Individuals who planted  
trees after working with  
Volunteers and partners:

1,073

Number of trees planted  
with the assistance of  
Volunteers and partners:

72,778

Number of moringa  
trees planted in com-  
pounds and gardens:

6,666



# Community Economic Development

Community Economic Development (CED) Volunteers are committed to enhancing the entrepreneurial potential of women and youth in Senegal. Volunteers employ a variety of strategies to accomplish their goals including participatory community analysis, training, coaching and mentoring.

The CED program implemented a new, seven-year project framework in 2018, which focuses on increasing the entrepreneurial potential and capacity to implement and manage micro and small enterprises for women and youth. The program has two niches, which the government has identified as a priority: waste management and agribusiness.

The CED programming team has implemented a twelve-module program called the Entrepreneurship Training Program. In addition to teaching the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, Volunteers host intensive business development camps, organize business events, and provide business-development services like entrepreneurs' clubs and business-plan assistance.

The CED programming team continues to identify and nurture partnerships with a number of local and national organizations, including La Délégation pour l'Entreprenariat Rapide, Agence de Développement et d'Encadrement des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises, Association National pour la Promotion d'Emploi des Jeunes, Chambre des Métiers, Chambre de Commerce, Sama Entreprise, and many more.

Women trained in entrepreneurship:

296

Business plans written:

67

Youth trained in entrepreneurship:

426

New businesses started:

45

Women trained in food processing:

553

Entrepreneurship trainings held:

15

Business development camps:

11



# Health

**H**ealth Volunteers work alongside local service providers in government-run health posts and huts to improve community health. Because they live within the communities in which they work, Volunteers intimately understand local health challenges and foster ideas to encourage better education and treatment-seeking behaviors.

Health Volunteers focus on three main areas of need in which they strive to engender lasting behavior change: malaria prevention, maternal and child health, and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene).

The Health program implemented a new, seven-year project framework in 2018, which emphasizes capacity building amongst local health workers to promote behavior change within their communities.

Individuals trained to build hand-washing stations and correctly clean their hands with soap and water:

**540**

Volunteers who conducted baseline and sanitation surveys:

**13**

Women trained on exclusive breastfeeding:

**131**

Women trained on cooking nutritious meals:

**94**

Individuals educated on prevention of childhood illnesses:

**1,251**

People trained in child health and nutrition education:

**1,636**

Community water and sanitation systems constructed, improved or rehabilitated:

**144**

People in households who have access to clean, safe drinking water as a result of Volunteer projects:

**243**



# Cross Sectoral Initiatives

## SeneGAD and Michele Sylvester Scholarship

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. 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 encourage gender and youth empowerment at the community level.

The Michele Sylvester Scholarship program (MSS), 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. Over 100 Volunteers in 11 of the 14 regions of Senegal helped to empower middle school students in their local communities, resulting in over 900 young women receiving financial assistance for the 2017-2018 academic year. As part of the MSS program, Volunteers are required to do one activity within their respective sector project frameworks with their nine scholarship recipients.

Peace Corps Senegal hosted six gender workshops for 43 Volunteers and their community work partners and interested community members in Thies, Ourossogui, Kaolack, Tambacounda, Kolda and Kédougou. These gender workshops aspire to improve equity among men and women in Senegalese communities and promote equitable gender norms in agriculture, health, economic development, and daily life. The workshops covered topics including gender concepts, the gender landscape in Senegal, and how to facilitate conversations at the community level. At the conclusion of each workshop, Volunteers and work partners created an action plan that they are now implementing within their communities.

Number of MSS recipients:

More than  
**900**

Number of gender workshops:

**6**

Number of MSS activities:

**35**

Number of Volunteers participating in MSS:

More than  
**100**

Number of participants of gender workshops:

**43** Volunteers  
**43** Work Partners

## Malaria Work

Number of malaria month activities:

**210**

Number of Volunteers leading malaria activities:

**80**

Number of Volunteers sharing malaria work on social media:

**135**

Number of malaria murals:

**25**





## Camp and Club Activities

Number of regional girls' camps held:

**8**

Number of camp participants:  
More than

**200**

Number of clubs created or held:

**76**

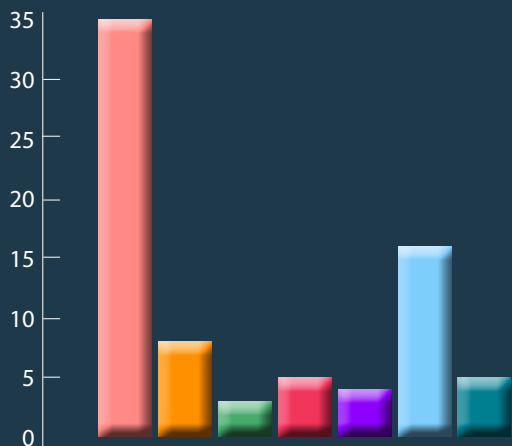
Number of Volunteers working with clubs:

**53**

Number of club participants:

More than  
**700**

Club Type



## Access English

The English Access Micro-Scholarship Program (Access) provides a foundation of English-language skills to bright, financially disadvantaged students, primarily aged 13 to 20, in their home countries. Access programs give participants English skills that may lead to better jobs and educational prospects. Participants also gain the ability to compete for and participate in future exchanges and study in the United States. Since its inception in 2004, approximately 150,000 students in more than 80 countries have participated in the Access Program.

In 2018, 23 Volunteers from all sectors spent a week with students in 11 sites across Senegal, where they played games, shared American culture, and encouraged students to practice their English speaking, listening, and writing skills.

Number of Volunteers who participated in Access English:

**23**

Number of students who participated in Access English:

**320**

Number of Access English sites:

**11**



# Success Story

## Transforming Mangoes Into Food Security

Senegal is a country of bountiful harvest, particularly during mango season. However, mangoes are a surplus product in the Mboro area during rainy season, leaving many people at the market with more mangoes than they can sell or eat. For Volunteer Sarah, this presented an opportunity to instruct her community in transforming and preserving mangoes for greater food security.



On July 23, 2018, Volunteers Sarah, Brian, Kateri, Yi, Elaine, and Master Farmer Cheikh Senghor facilitated a mango food transformation training for a group of local community members in Mboro to combat food insecurity and waste. The training occurred outside a female community member's home located near Mboro's main market.

During the training, 34 host country nationals, including eight men and 26 women, were trained on how to transform mangoes into a dried fruit product and a jam that can be jarred and sold for profit. They also learned

how to make and use a solar drier to dehydrate fruit and vegetables such as thin slices of mango to be packaged and sold. Community Economic Development Volunteers described how to strategically market and price the mango products to sell for profit.

Participants enjoyed sampling the mango jam and learning about different ways to make the harvest last longer by food transformation. The women especially liked learning how they can sell transformed mango products at the market to increase their household financial security.

As a result of the training, the community of Mboro now has a better way to make mango season last all year long. For Sarah, she hopes that this training will help farmers and sellers in the marketplace reduce the waste from mango harvest.





# Thanks to Our Partners



**USAID**

**ChildFund**  
International



**CRS**  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



**PATH**  
A catalyst for global health

**ADEPME**  
agence de développement et d'encadrement  
des petites et moyennes entreprises

**ANPEJ**  
AGENCE NATIONALE POUR LA  
PROMOTION DE L'EMPLOI DES JEUNES



- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Health and Social Action
- Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development
- Ministry of the Youth, Employment, and the Promotion of Civic Values

- Communities
- Community-Based Organizations
- Local Partners
- Municipalities

To find out more about the work of our volunteers and their work partners, visit:

[www.peacecorps.gov/stories/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/stories/)

In case of emergency, please contact Peace Corps:

tel: 77 332 6711  
77 332 4949  
fixed: 33 859 7575



@PeaceCorpsSenegal



PeaceCorpsSenegal



[www.facebook.com/PeaceCorpsSenegal/](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceCorpsSenegal/)