How Does Gardening Impact Your Life?

We had the opportunity to check in with several of our Community Garden participants to see how the projects are going. Participants put into their own words the many ways the gardens positively impact their lives in some tangible and, even surprising, ways.

We knew that those working the gardens benefited both financially and nutritionally from the bounty of the gardens. But what we didn't know is that the quality of the produce surpassed that previously purchased, and the women noted this when talking about their home-cooked meals being very good!

Participants also shared with us that prior to working in the gardens they had to borrow money when medical or other needs arose. But now they have seen a shift where not only do they have financial security, they can also lend money to their neighbors in need. Whole communities benefit, not just those working in the gardens.

“We thank you without limits because we are really satisfied with this project.”

Self-reliance and determination also increased. “We are all determined, courageous and supportive of each other in taking this destiny into our own hands” says Khady, a garden participant.

Want to hear more from these women in their own words?

Check out our brand new video at Andando.org

Thank You the Dinner and Silent Auction was a Great Success!

Thank you to those who participated in the Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser. Your generous donations helped make it our most successful fundraiser to date. We not only reached our goal, we exceeded it! We raised more than $48,000 to support communities in Senegal.

Also honored at the event was Hub City Church for their significant contribution to the health and well-being of the people of Senegal.

We are already looking forward to next year; save the date for Thursday, October 24, 2019!
From the Director

You have made a huge difference this year, transforming communities half a world away. 2018 has been a big year for Andando and our partners with the introduction of new programs and the expansion of existing ones, our reach is now impacting more people than ever.

This year we launched programs in a new region for us, Podor, in the north of Senegal. We are excited for this opportunity to extend our proven model to a new area, with the potential to reach thousands of people over the next few years.

We also continued our programs in Keur Soce, and expanded our reach there, which now improves the lives of more than 25,000 people. By walking together with those we partner with, we strive to affirm dignity, build hope, and empower others on the path toward real, sustainable change.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of your investment. To do even more, we still 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 “Jéréjëf!” – Thank You!

Sincerely,

Lewis Kiker, Executive Director
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Give the Gift of Learning

Matching Grant Will Double Your Impact this Season

This holiday season we are excited to partner with One Day’s Wages to build three classrooms for the students at Fas Toucouleur Primary School.

100% of gifts made toward this project will be matched!

Fallou is 11 years old and like many of his fellow classmates, he is excited for new classrooms to be built at his school. Currently, Fallou attends class in a temporary shelter made from millet reeds and thatch.

Each year the shelter needs to be reconstructed because it is made unsafe and knocked down from wind and rain.

“It would be great to have new classrooms because we will do better in our studies. Also we will be protected against the wind, dust, and animals that wander inside the school under temporary shelters,” says Fallou.

The Fas Toucouleur Primary School in Senegal currently has 3 classrooms functional for 6 grades of students. The school uses 3 makeshift, temporary classrooms to accommodate all of the students. The temporary classrooms do not provide adequate shelter and can be hazardous. Many parents in the community do not feel it is worth it to send their children to a school in this condition, resulting in severely lagging enrollment rates.

Join us in creating a safe learning environment for students like Fallou to thrive in school, paving the way for a bright future.

Visit Andando.org to learn more and have your gift MATCHED.

With Your Investment Students will be Empowered

50% increase in test scores of students enrolled in Andando partner schools.

125 students will benefit from the schoolroom construction.

After completion of the classrooms and latrines we anticipate enrollment to double.
Build a School in Senegal

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Learn more on page 3

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