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ActionAid Senegal 2019 Annual Report

AAS: ActionAid International Senegal

APS: Alianza Por la Solidaridad

AJS: Senegalese Lawyers Association

APROVAG: Association des Producteurs de la Vallée du Fleuve Gambie

AFD: French development Agency

CAADP: Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme

CBO: Community Based Organisation

COSYDEP: Coalition des organisations en synergie pour la défense de l'éducation publique

CMR: Country Model Review

CNCR: National Farmers platform for Rural Cooperation and concertation

CNTS: National confederation of Senegalese work union

CRSA: Climate Resilience Sustainable Agriculture

CSO: Civil Society Organization

CSP: Country Strategy Paper

ELBAG: Economic Literacy Budget Accountability and Governance

EU: European Union

FGM: Female Genital Mutilation.

FODDE: Forum pour un Développement Durable et Endogone

GAC: Global Affairs Canada

GAFSP: Global Agriculture for Food Security Programme

GBV: Gender Base Violence

GEP: Education and Population Group

GP: Global Platform

GPE: Global partnership for Education

GRPS: Gender Responsive Public Services

HRBA: Human Right Base Approach

ILO: International labor organization

IOM: International Organization for Migration

ONGIS: Non-Gouvernemental international organisation base Senegal

PFONGUE: platform of European Non-governmental organization in Senegal

PSE: Senegal Emergency Plan

PRS: Promoting Right to School

PNIASAN: National Agriculture Investment plan for food security and Nutrition

MEL: Monitoring Evaluation and Learning

REMIDEV: Network of Civil society organization for migration and development in senegal

ROPROCAS: Network of female producer organization of Casamance

SDG: Sustainable Development Goal

SCOFI: Girl Education Association

SNEEG: National Strategy for Gender equality and Equity

SHEA: Sexual harassment Exploitation and Abuse

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Foreword from the Country Director

ActionAid Senegal is happy to share in this report some of the achievements and stories of change from 2019. The stories shared here explain how we are contributing at community, national and global level to shift visible, invisible, and hidden power. It also shows how we make impact on the lives of the communities we work with. These stories of change are the result of the implementation of different activities from our programme framework which is in line with our Country Strategic Paper three priorities (2018-2022) and ActionAid Internal global strategy. From an accountability perspective It was also important to show the speed at which we are making impact at different levels and how we are supporting communities, especially women and girls to shift power.



As a human rights based and social justice organization, working with vulnerable communities directly or indirectly we are proud to have helped more than 61,000 women and girls and their respective communities to better understand their rights and the means to claim them. We are happy to celebrate again this year our 10 women champions who were able to support 1,652 women and girls to fight violence in the various intervention areas. This has also led to reinforce the 2 regional women's platforms "Bamtaal Rewbe" in the regions of Tambacounda and Kedougou to raise women's voices in decision making process. Women economic empowerment has been possible through the investment in 150 AVEC (Village Savings and Credit Associations) to promote economy solidarity and access to financing.

ActionAid Senegal's priority of improving women farmers' rights through food sovereignty and climate justice is in progress. 2019 has seen 5,390 women and young people acquire new skills in agriculture and agroecological practices and access to market. This has contributed to build their resilience capacity in the context of climate change. Our efforts to build a network of young people is in progress. This has been made possible because we were able to introduce Promoting Rights in School (PRS) environment and teachers and communities own it to ensure that the right to education and access to public services is fulfilled at all level.

The report as you can see, gives clear understanding and progress on how we are tackling social and economic injustice at all levels. As part of our journey to achieve global justice ActionAid Senegal believes that the intersectionality of our work and the connection from local to national and global is key to building a strong country programme.

We wish to express our gratitude to the communities we work with, our local and national partners, donors, supporter institutions, and our very committed staff for their commitment to deliver the work to achieve our objective of social justice for women and girls.

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Introduction

This report is a summary of what has been implemented and achieved by ActionAid Senegal in 2019 in line with our country strategy paper (2018-2022) “social justice for women and girls- act now” and our operational plan. This 2019 report which is a part of our journey shows how ActionAid is working together with women, girls, men, boys, families, communities, and their organizations at local and national level to improve their lives and livelihood

Based on partnership policy which require synergies, mutual respect, complementarity mutualization of resources and forces from local to national and global, ActionAid Senegal give priorities to communities’ voices and collective empowerment of women. With the aim of fighting poverty and injustice, we worked with social movements including reflection action groups, women groups, watch dog committees Activista, extension services, traditional and religious leaders and CSO’s platform at the national level because we strongly believe that the Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) can help amplify the voices of more vulnerable people. This way of working resulted in a better coordination of our policy influencing work.

During our CSP II implementation period, we have been very active in changing false narratives, by deepening the analyses and giving a clear picture of the context locally, nationally and globally.

Because each context and situation require a specific strategy, specific messages for specific targets, propositions and resources especially when it comes to social and cultural norms. In addition, the stories generated are used as evidence to inform our advocacy work, our fundraising efforts as well as our monitoring and evaluation system. These stories are also considered as powerful tools to generate Knowledge, which can be used for sharing and learning within the federation and more particularly in various platforms. From fundraising perspectives those stories dictate our proposal development for fundraising and enhance our visibility. 3 projects have been secured in 2019, the implementation started in 2019. We have a number of proposals in the pipeline.

To test our theory of change, the identification of key players at all levels is very crucial, because of the added value that each actor can bring to the collective actions and make a difference. Since change is not linear, 2019 was not the end of our collective engagement to achieve social justice for women and girl it’s an additional step in a long process that requires us to be more innovative in term of anticipating the challenges with our partners, allies and other supporters. This will also require to be more agile, competitive and focused.

Who we are ?

ActionAid Senegal is part of the AA Federation and started working in Senegal in 2000, focusing on four out of the 14 regions of Senegal (Fatick, Tambacounda, Kedougou, and Kolda) covering five out of the 45 Departments (Foundiougne, Tambacounda, Bakel, Kedougou and Goudiry) in nine localities (Djilor, Niodior, Foundiougne, Dioussong, Koussanar, Missirah, Bala, Kedougou and Bakel) and active in 160 communities. ActionAid is a global justice federation working to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication.

In Senegal, ActionAid works to strengthen the capacity and agency of people living in poverty and exclusion, especially women and girls, to assert their rights.

ActionAid Senegal (AAS) has been operating in Senegal since 2001. Over the last decade, ActionAid has built a recognized niche for addressing inequalities of power with people living in poverty with specific focus on women’s rights and application of Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) and feminist analysis to development in Senegal.

Vision and Mission

A just, equitable and sustainable world in which every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity, freedom from poverty and all forms of oppression.

To achieve social justice, gender equality, and poverty eradication by working with people living in poverty and exclusion, their communities, people's organizations, activists, social movements and supporters.

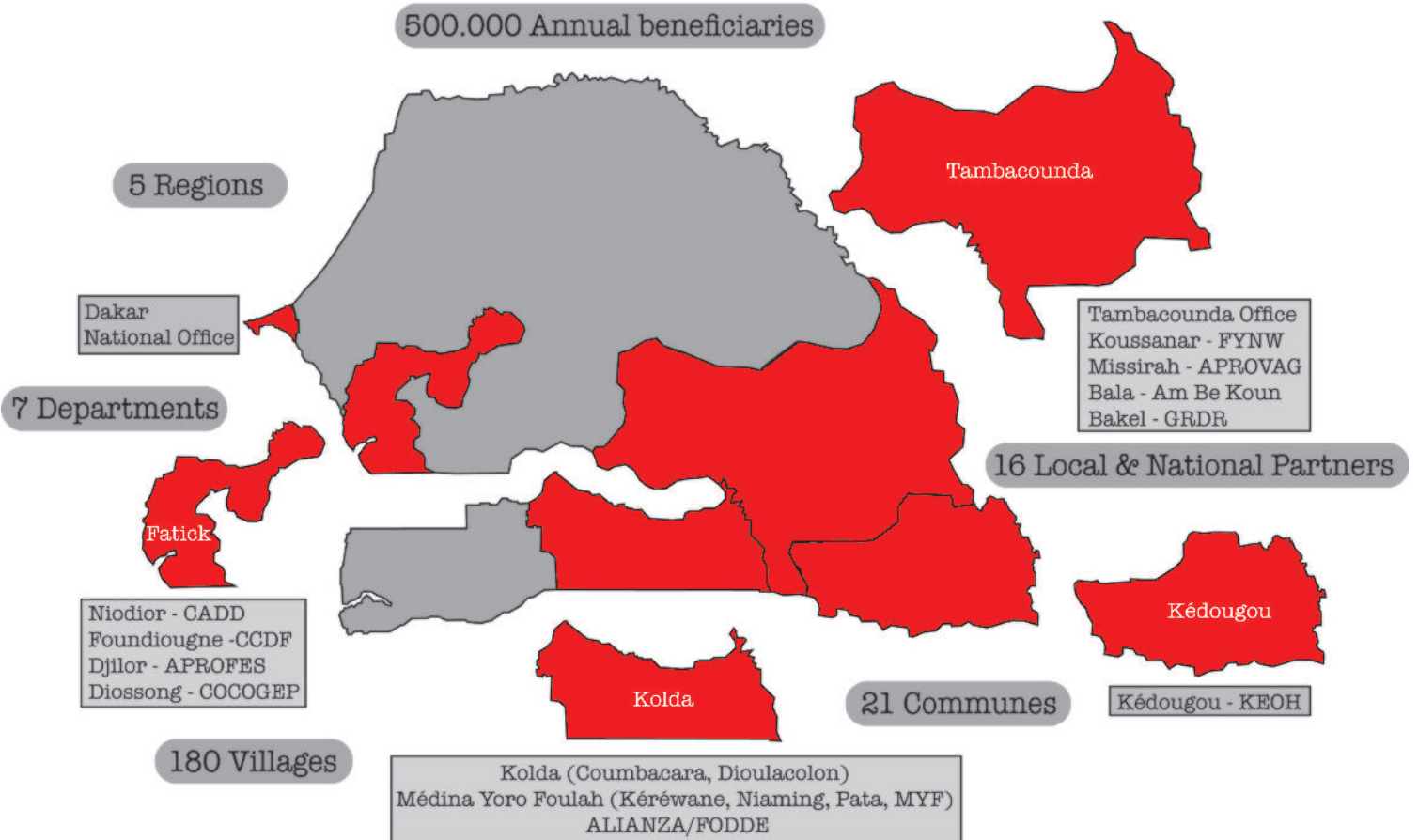
We work with communities, people's organisations, women's movements, farmers' movements, other social movements, groups and networks and other allies to overcome the structural causes and consequences of poverty and injustice. We connect the work we do at community level with broader efforts and struggles for justice at national and global levels to make the greatest contribution towards a just, equitable and sustainable world.



Areas of intervention

Actionaid Senegal operates in 4 regions: Kolda, Tambacounda, Kedougou (eastern zone), Fatick (central zone) because these regions are among the poorest in Senegal. The headquarters is in Dakar and a region office in Tambacounda.

Areas of intervention of ActionAid Senegal (LRP)



All the achievements mentioned below in these areas were possible as a result of strong partnership approach with local, national and international Civil society Organizations.



Country context

Senegal has a population over 16 million inhabitants. Senegal's 2016 macroeconomic performance was at its climax within a dozen years— with a growth rate of 6.6%. This rate makes Senegal the second fastest growing economy in West Africa and the fourth fastest in Sub-Saharan Africa. This is largely due to high production in the fishing and agricultural industries, although other sectors, such as the tourist and extractive industries have also increased their output. This economic growth follows the implementation of the phase II of Senegal Emergent Plan (PSE), The Plan to make Senegal an emergent country, which aims at fighting inequality and injustice by providing assistance to poor families, equal opportunities to disabled people, as well as universal healthcare. Additionally, Senegal imports 46% of its staple foods, which increases the potential for food and nutritional crises because of our dependence on the global market. In the poorest households, the proportion of agricultural employment remains very high; despite this active involvement in agriculture, poverty is still high at community level. The poverty rate is around 53% (Monitoring Survey in Senegal (ESPS-II) in 2015, this rate is not fixed since it can vary from year to year depending on the efficiency of social protection efforts which target poor families and communities and other programme which aimed to fight poverty. This rate decreased significantly in 2018 as result of government effort in term ensuring social protection to poor family (family grant). the universal health cover is also impacting positively in some district even though communities are continuing to face challenges to access to public services(health, education, water, transport, It's in this context of poverty, gender base violence and injustice which are exacerbated by the neoliberalism system and harmful practices, that this report is written.

Through the Plan Sénégal Émergent, the State of Senegal has drawn up the guidelines for harmonious development. Migrants are among the people reacting the fastest in the face of the opportunities offered by the territories, but also the most sensitive to challenges such as access to education, health and education to formal work.

Senegal is also a country with a very old and well-established migratory tradition. Senegalese internal and international migration has greatly intensified and diversified in the recent years. Senegal is a traditional host country for populations of diverse origins. This immigration remains dominated by neighbouring countries, notably Guinea (43%), Mali (10%), the Gambia (7%) and the Guinea-Bissau (6%)⁴ The distribution of these international immigrants in relation to their regions of settlement in Senegal shows a high concentration in Dakar (57%). Regardless of nationality, Dakar region hosts the bulk of immigrants settled in Senegal; the other most important host regions being Ziguinchor (6.7%) and Kolda (6.1%). International emigration is mainly characterized by supra-south flows that are essentially directed to the countries of the West African sub-region, and South-North flows oriented towards industrialized countries of Europe and North America.

The implementation of activities below gives us on opportunities to share some interesting stories of changes at communities and national levels. These are strongly contributed to the implementation of our Country Strategic Paper Priorities (2018-2022) which will be reviewed in 2020 focusing on 3 priorities in line with the SIF2 and the LTFFS.

Programme priorities

Priority 1: Increased recognition of the impact of negative gender norms on the rights of girls and women in three regions of Senegal

Priority 2: Ensure that communities address two social barriers that limit girls' access to education in three regions of Senegal.

Priority 3: Promote women's economic empowerment through the elimination of gender norms that limit their rights to sustainable management of natural resources



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Organizational priorities

- Strengthen our structures and systems
- Strengthen staff and partners capacity and deepen accountability
- Increase our solidarity with social movements including youth activist
- Improve our financial sustainability through aggressive fundraising and diversification of our sources of income
- Consolidate our engagement with Alianza and sahel delegation on migration
- Strengthen our communication and campaign work at all level

Progress on programmatic objectives

Priority 1: Increased recognition of the impact of negative gender norms on girls and women's rights in three regions of Senegal

Capacity building

In order to increase the presence of women in various spaces in their communities, ActionAid Senegal believes in empowerment through capacity building. This includes training on Law, climate resilient sustainable agricultural practices and leadership so that women can access to decision-making positions in their communities and become actors of participatory and sustainable social transformation. Knowledge building is an essential component of ActionAid's programmatic approach. The conviction is that in order to bring sustainable change for vulnerable communities and groups, they need to be helped assess their situation in their own context. In this approach, one of the fundamental foundations, according to ActionAid is, the understanding of fundamental rights inherent to each individual which gives them the power to claim a certain wellbeing and dignity.



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It is on this condition that communities will become vectors of sustainable change in their communities. In this process, women and girls remain the core targets in all ActionAid interventions. Thus, more than 61,000 women and girls and their respective communities have been trained on their rights and the means to claim them. 5,390 women have acquired new skills in agriculture, particularly in agro-ecological issues, to help them adapt agricultural practices to the context of climate change and mitigate its effects.

1,652 women and girls have been trained on dealing with violence in the various intervention areas. Every year, ActionAid organizes communication and community awareness campaigns on the issues of domestic violence, women's access to land and education, unpaid care work, These campaigns are supported by modelling that enables communities to initiate evidence-based advocacy actions.117 Religious leaders are also committed to the promotion of women's rights.



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Economic Empowerment

In order to build resilience and reduce the burden of food insecurity, education, as well as health expenditures, ActionAid Senegal works with women to strengthen their economic empowerment. This is done through processing units for local products, pottery making, soap making, petty trade, and vocational training for rural girls in cooking, sewing and catering. The promotion of agro-ecological practices, market access and financing for the diversification of means of subsistence have been a key input for women at LRP level.

Achievement under IP1

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As a result of those initiatives at LRP and national levels:

Adoption of a new law which criminalizing rap in Senegal in 2019

26
plots of land with a minimum of 2 hectares supported by 13 seed banks

AAS is part of the organization of the first African FGM summit in coalition with the ministry of women affairs and CSO June 2019

2
regional women's platforms "Bamtaal Rewbe" in the regions of Tambacounda and Kédougou

150
AVEC (Village Savings and Credit Associations) the system is set up to promote economic solidarity and access to financing

61,000
women and girls have been trained on governance, leadership and climate resilience sustainable agriculture

10
women champions who accompany the communities

One global campaign in Senegal / Women labor, decent work gender responsive public services



ActionAid Senegal and labor organization call for the implementation of ILO C 190 Launching.

Official campaign launched By ActionAid Senegal in “Place de la Nation” with the Senegalese Labor Union confederation (CNTS)

ActionAid Senegal in partnership with Senegalese labor union confederation (CNTS) launched the one global campaign on women worker decent work and violence against women in workplace. The campaign launch was held in the place de la Nation on May 1st 2019. It brought together workers from various trade union.

Working in different sectors including women informal workers. In that occasion some key messages were delivered by the ministry of labor and social Dialogue in relation with the institutions Mr. Samba Sy, the women labor representative, the secretary General of the labor union. Before that ActionAid Country Director, Zakaria Sambakhe used this opportunity to call for action and give more consideration to women workers to fight against all forms of violence in workplaces at rural or urban zone, he also talked about the implementation of social protection policies and to make it more inclusive and sustainable in order to reduce the social and economic inequality and promote redistribution of economic growth which can enable create decent work and protect human dignity. All trade union members agreed that the implementation of social protection policies as recommended by the ILO convention and Senegalese labor law can help reduce unpaid care paid work and promote women workers because all women are women workers.



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Actionaid also presented its commitment on invisible work of women and the failure to take this effort into account in the national GDP during the 50th anniversary of the CNTS with the ILO and Workers' International Organisation.

In addition, the messages from banners, poster showed if need being that there is converge of messages and struggles, which can be seen as an opportunity for the International labor migration was tackled during the forum, specifically women migration as an opportunity for development in their countries of destination as well as self-empowerment, but also facing enormous protection risk associated and lack of effective governance.

A multi-actor workshop on the protection of migrants and their families brought Senegalese civil society together to discuss the issue. This has made it possible to have the migration situation updated with the government, which has made innovative commitments to accompany migrants to their host countries. But the problem of ratification of the Conventions remains a challenge for human rights defenders.

the issue of migration is a complex, cross-cutting issue that challenges several other actors. it was important to involve in the reflection and action of other actors such as employers, CSOs, parliamentarians, specialized state structures, migrant associations, international NGOs, development partners, other trade unions, etc. Senegal has not yet ratified the ILO Conventions C97 and C143 and C189.

Beijing Conference 25 years later: what legacy in the context of ILO Convention 190 in Senegal?

As a prelude to the New York conference in March 2020 and in the framework of the promotion of ILO Convention 190, ActionAid organised a panel to make a critical analysis on the implementation of the 12 recommendations of the Beijing Platform for Action, 25 years later. The meeting was chair by the deputy Ministry of family and women affairs, Family and Child Protection who coordinated the production of the Beijing review report for the State of Senegal. The meeting brought together about sixty actors of various kinds.

- ➡ State institutions: Ministry of Labour - Ministry of Justice - Ministry of Women - National Assembly - Economic, Social and Environmental Council, Ministry of Labour.
- ➡ Civil Society: Network of NGO Platforms West Africa - Asbef - Enda Lead - Raddho- Network Siggil Jigeen-Mouvement Dafa Doy-Activista -Fawe- Repsfe-co- LRP (Invisible Giants) Representatives - Conafe
- ➡ Technical and Financial Partners: UNDP, -International Crossroads - Italian Cooperation- Friedrich Ebert Foundation
- ➡ The Unions Labor - CNTS- Cosydep
- ➡ And the Press in its online press component - Audio Visual Press - Print Press



The 16 days represent moments of evaluation and critical reflection at the local and national levels on the progress made by communities against violence against women and to challenge authority at the national level. This event also allows and with sister organizations to take stock of the issue of the advancement of women. The interactive and sometimes stormy discussions explain the interest of these 16 days for human rights organizations. The issues, challenges and recommendations that emerged from these days will serve as a basis for work to prepare the upcoming review.

Priority 2: Ensure that communities address two social barriers that limit girls' access to education in three regions of Senegal

The promotion of women's leadership

Challenging gender norms is always ActionAid Senegal believes in the dignity and respect of every woman and girl. For this reason, all forms of violence against women and girls should be denounced. By training women as paralegals, setting up watch brigades and Gender and Development clubs, ActionAid Senegal equips women and girls with the necessary tools to respond to violence issues and work to create safer community spaces to strengthen and facilitate their access to decision-making spaces.

To recognize women's rights at the community level. Religious and customary leaders have been made aware and trained about negative social norms that hinder the promotion of women.

In this way, they encourage women to take an interest in legal and legal frameworks in order to better defend their rights.

Story of change 2: Promoting Right in School (PRS) development process in Senegal 2019

ActionAid Senegal and its 9 LRP embarked in a long process of promoting Right to school. The exercise started by five days training targeting, a group of approximately 40 school directors, inspectors, local leaders, communities, partners and ActionAid staff met to discuss the Promoting the Right to School (PRS) program. The global initiative revolves around delivering the 10 rights, which will synergistically work to achieve free and inclusive quality education. Given constraints on time, human resources, and finances, the Rights will be implemented 1 or 2 per year. The aim of the training was to acquaint the participants with the PRS, its processes and importance. It was also an opportunity, to launch the citizen report development process in Tambacounda, Kedougou, Fatick regions.

The findings of the study were shared during the national workshop in Tambacounda where the action plans were adopted by different actors including the state actors.

- ➔ The LRP reports were reviewed by community school governance structure reflection action circles as well as departmental reports.
- ➔ The regional reports for the three regions (Fatick, Tambacounda and Kédougou) have also been reviewed during consolidation workshops by various stakeholders including education extension services, teachers' unions and civil society organisations.
- ➔ ActionAid also supported the setup of communities' structures such as girls' clubs, watchdog committees ahead of the development of school's improvement plans.
- ➔ ActionAid also supported the review of citizen report on SDG 4 with the national platform of CSO for monitoring SDG in Senegal.
- ➔ ActionAid participated to the General Assembly of the National Education Coalition and following that, ActionAid is now member of the board of this organization



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Story of change 3: Women and Young people leading Change

Women of Foundiougne demand and obtain decentralization of budget planning

Women from the LRP of Foundiougne in the center region of the Senegal use to not understand the budget cycle. Indeed, the communities complained that the commune's budget was not participatory and transparent. In order to enable them understand the structure of the budget and its impact on their daily lives, the women requested training in budget monitoring. Women were therefore trained in budget monitoring and the use of the ELBAG tool. In that regard 55 women from the five reflection Action circles of the LRP were selected by communities to follow a cycle of three sessions of training on governance, budget monitoring and advocacy for change started in 2018. as a result, selected women were councilors, young girls and boys, President of Reflection Action circles and leads of governance and accountability committees.

The trained women acquired skills in local governance body, local Budget Voting Process, the role of municipality, the contribution of the community. After the training cycle, women became able to identify gaps in the procedures adopted by the municipal council as well as possible action that could be taken by communities to claim their rights.

In 2019, following trainings, the reflection action circles initiated various consultations including advocacy actions led by the women councilors and targeting the city council to demand the decentralized and participatory budget planning process. As a result of this advocacy, women obtained the neighborhood delegates and counsellors facilitate each neighborhood contribution to budget planning by organizing preparatory sessions before the budget vote. The existence of action reflection circles facilitated the implementation of this participatory process under the leadership of their trained peers.

This led, for example, to the allocation of funds to cover the funding gap for the completion of the new high school in the community of Foundiougne that has been on hold for four years. Women are now able to monitor the respect of legal procedures for the vote of the local budget as foreseen by the municipality council without any support. they also stand for accountability mechanism.



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Achievement under Priority 2

26,1000 women trained in leadership

80 governance forums, mostly run by women, have been set up: action think tanks, girls' clubs, paralegals

2 regional women's platforms "Bamtaal Rewbe" in the regions of Tambacounda and Kédougou

10 women champions who accompany the communities

Priority 3: Promote Women's economic empowerment through the elimination of social norms that limit their rights to sustainable management of natural resources

Story of change 4: Strengthen resilient livelihoods and secure climate justice

F. C. is a peasant from Kéréwane, a village in the Department of Medina Yoro Foulah in Kolda Region (located in south of Senegal). As president of the group Duro Khoto, and with the support of Alianza por la Solidaridad and the local partner FODDE, she has been trained on leadership, agroecology practices such as : soil conservation, water management by using solar energy to pump water,, compost making as a result she got knowledge and skills which enable her to lead 407 women producers in enhancing the production of a 5ha community garden in her community.

This example of constant-hard-working and tenacious woman leader joined in December 2019 the Network of female producers' organisations of Casamance (ROPROCAS).

She was elected during the last General Assembly as member of the committee in charge of managing the ecological shop recently established in the district of Pata by ROPROCAS network. Additionally, this determined 48-year-old Soninké woman, mother of 7 children (5 of whom are girls), participates in the public sphere as Department Counselor at Medina Yoro Foula. Not only is Fatoumata the perfect embodiment of leadership but she's also a firm believer of the benefits of organic production and agroecology. Therefore, she values her role in ROPROCAS so that she can advocate to

- I.** Promote agroecological practices and sustainable food systems,
- II.** Strengthen organizational and institutional capacities,
- III.** Develop the entrepreneurial spirit of women,
- IV.** Protect and promote women's rights.



In her own words:

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What we get as income from the garden is unfathomable. For the first time, we eat healthy and we are able to save up for our own needs. When you have a problem, you use your savings to solve it. Especially if it concerns health. Because health is something that cannot wait. And our production is healthy because we no longer use pesticides, so we are sure of what we eat. Indeed, we have been trained to produce our agro-ecological fertilizers and our compost."

Besides Fatoumata, another woman, from the neighbouring village of Niaming, states: *"Before I only grew peanuts, I had no activity during the dry season. We benefit from an increase of income. The advantage is that we have many horticultural products: sweet aubergines, bitter aubergines, tomatoes ... A part of the harvest we keep it for our self-consumption, while we sell the other part. In this way, we don't need to go to the market anymore and buy vegetables. We just come here and take what we need to make a good healthy meal. This year we have more hope than last year"*

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These stories are tangible proofs of the leading role women are playing in the organic production. They also demonstrate how well-organized women are in building their resilience capacity by promoting healthy and environmentally friendly ways of production. Finally, such stories show how female engagement can on the one hand lead to women's economic empowerment; on the other hand, improve entire families' health and food security as well as prevent climate change negative impact. Hope is a must not to give up, and to keep fighting for social justice. Now, these women have much more hope than last year.

Entire interview

<https://youtu.be/RVknH-EzBN0>



Story of change 5: Using territorial market to promote Agroecology and prevent climate change impact

Organization of trade fair from 12 to 16 October 2019 and the international rural women day

Like each year ActionAid Senegal celebrate the international rural women day and world food day. This year the international rural women and the world food days coincided with the trade fair in Foundiougne LRP. The event brought together 200 participants mainly, civil society organizations, communities-based organizations the authorities, producers' organization, women associations, extension services, LRP partners, Activista, children club to celebrate women farmers. The emphasis was put on women empowerment through access to market and behaviors change in the context of climate change. The trade fair gives opportunities to women farmers to demonstrate their skills on processing, packaging and marketing. It was also an occasion to collectively call for action in order to prevent negative impact of climate change in the Fatick region where the 12 Island are facing the sea level rising, salt intrusion, costal erosion, deforestation etc.

As indicated by the prefect of Foundiougne as well as the representative of the ministry of agricultural and rural equipment if nothing is done, the food insecurity will increase and the access to resources for women will be compromised. As recommendation to practical adaptation, women farmers propose to return to the agriculture rotation system, alternative financing (saving group), to promote peasant seeds, crop rotation, soil enrichment using compost for an organic biological agriculture. Organic agriculture for which stakeholders would see the state reduce or stop the subsidy on chemical fertilizers. They also call the government of Senegal to use early seed varieties. They also propose the promotion of technics such as micro-gardens to address the issue of access. Also, a global response and large-scale side impact by creating awareness groups, village committees of struggle, the exploitation of weather information by the community and rural radios.



Celebration of the global action week on climate change

ActionAid Senegal organized in collaboration with Activista, CSO and 9 LRP partners different series of awareness raising activities between 20 – 27 September 2019 in Tambacounda and Fatick targeting vulnerable communities to strengthen their resilience capacities through adaptation measures to transform lives of people. The adaption measures are: three planting, compost making to reduce dependency to chemical fertilizer, soil conservation, water harvesting access to market, etc. it was also an occasion to call and authorities to fulfil their commitment to adopt local adaptation plan which can help mobilize enough resources to prevent the negative effects of climate change.

. In this same occasion Activista and children club from central LRP planted 500 trees and organize a cleaning day in different primary school to contribute to charcoal storage and prevent the negative impacts of climate change. A press conference with different journalist have been organize in Dakar national office. The objectives of the media conference were to call world leaders to respect their commitment to reduce global warming below 1.5 degree, but also to mobilize significant resources to finance national and local adaptation plan. It was also a solidarity actions with vulnerable people who are victims of capitalism system.



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Achievement under Priority 3

5,390

women have acquired new skills in agriculture, particularly agro-ecological and access to market

25

disaster management committees set up in the 3 regions where ActionAid operates in Senegal

policy

and advocacy at national level during the 2019 Presidential election, resulted in the adoption of agroecological transition as part of the 5top priorities of the government the coming 5 years

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Integrated gardens worth more than XOF 15 million each

Our new journey with sahel delegation on Migration and development

ActionAid Senegal is an active member of sahel delegation also contributing to the migration task force to articulate with our work on women rights, governance, climate justice, food sovereignty, youth. the Sahel Delegation staff is based in Dakar office, to coordinate the work done by different members. ActionAid Senegal is contributing to a comprehensive response around migration as an informed decision, addressing the structural drivers of large movements of people in the region protecting those in need, creating the conditions that allow communities to live in peace and prosperity and favouring information around risk and rights.

ActionAid Senegal contribute to the development of a positive narrative around migration optimizing the overall benefits of migration, while addressing its risks and challenges for individuals and communities in countries of origin, transit and destination. This engagement was also strengthen with REMIDEV where we are building some consensus to influence decision markers around migration and development with women right and social justice perspectives. Because ActionAid believes that mobility is a right as well as development. People and their rights represent the core of our debate, therefore those element contribute to a narrative in which, together with the risks, rights and the opportunities of migrations are equally shared locally in the LRP, nationally, Regionally and internationally.

Learning

One important lesson we can learn from our engagement in 2019 is the power of collective actions with women champions from the LRP to influence decisions at local and national levels and fight violence against women and girls. Our women champions are considered as very experienced actors who have been trained by ActionAid on leadership, women right, feminist leadership, agroecological practices, processing, etc. These women leaders were able to create connection within themselves dictated by their willingness to change positively their lives and contribute to improve others vulnerable women's living condition. they are always in the front of our advocacy work at local level with a lot of energy. But our failure and missed opportunity is the lack of strong connection with national level women organizations and networks. we may use that as an entry point for our fundraising work in 2020 so this will be one of the challenges, we will be focusing going forward for the Country programme.



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Organizational Shift I

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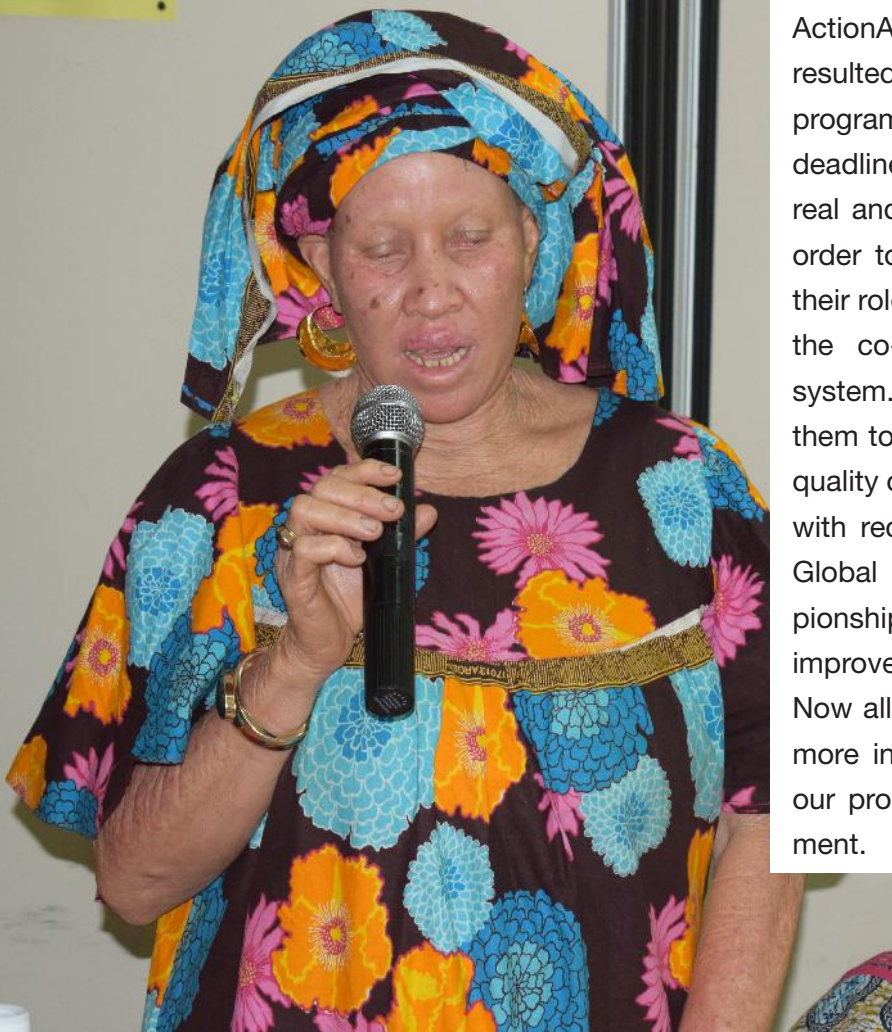
How the Federation is Changing Internally

Organizational Shift II

Continuing building the culture of learning and quality Monitoring and Evaluation that generates knowledge, evidence-based alternatives and communicates impactder including a brief introduction here on the importance of the organizational shifts as articulated in our CSP and how they contribute to the mission work

In 2019, the country programme strengthened its country programme in terms of quality by increasing partners' awareness of their responsibility in achieving the objectives of the 2018-2022 CSP. This decision was based on the observation that some partners did not see themselves as full and complete players and co-responsible for achieving the CSP objectives. They saw themselves as more service providers only responsible for implementing planned activities for the year. This lack of understanding of ActionAid programmatic and partnership model resulted in, among other, in non-compliance with programmatic guidelines, failure to meet reporting deadlines, and of course the difficulty in identifying real and lasting changes brought by our actions. In order to create a change in partners perception of their role, we undertook to train them and to continue the co-creation of our M&E and accountability system. Offering this co-creation space has allowed them to understand the responsibility inherent to the quality of our intervention. We accompanied activities with recycling sessions on the HRBA and the new Global MEL framework. we also promoted championship among partners on various thematic to improve their commitment to support communities. Now all reports are shared on time and partners are more involved in the program leading to improving our programme quality and community's empowerment.

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Country Model Review ActionAid Senegal Progress Report

In 2019, following the General Assembly, Senegal undertook its Change planning and readiness assessment. From the Country Model Review (CMR) exercise, Senegal appears as light presence with potential to grow to become center of excellence for fundraising. The report highlights strength and challenges to be addressed by the Country Programme and the teams has planned to start implementing recommendations from this last assessment in 2020. With that clear on how to be more focus, relevant and make the impact we need to fight inequality, social injustice, Actionaid Senegal is continuing the reflection to make this present fit for purpose in the coming years.

As part of the CMR, the CP was also engaged in the implementation of the merging plan with Alianza. In that context many activities have been implemented.

- ➡ Merging Planning meeting that brought together leadership teams
- ➡ Exchange visit between country teams for learning purpose
- ➡ Initiation of joint SMT meeting
- ➡ Political meetings for the monitoring of the merging plan
- ➡ Joint fundraising

The participation in Sahel Delegation that works on the nexus Migration and Development has been very important in this regard and has especially fostered networking at regional level (West Africa)

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Milestone merging between ActionAid Senegal and Alianza

Our Fundraising efforts to implement our strategy


Meeting with the new coordinator of Alianza Blanca Mingo


The process of merging between ActionAid Senegal with Alianza in Senegal is in good track. ActionAid Senegal played a key role in the recruitment of the new Alianza Senegal coordinator. Indeed, ActionAid Senegal CD was member of the recruitment panel which resulted in the recruitment of the new coordinator. In addition, a face to face meeting was organised in Dakar office to follow up about the progress made for the merging and discuss about the 2020 planning. We also discuss about the possible fundraising opportunities simultaneously with the merging to enable a good tracking of the commitment taken during the country model review for the next 3 year. ActionAid Senegal is closely following the legal status not only for the merging but also for internationalization process and others. In that particular with regard to that, we have consulted the ministry of interior and public security to get clear information in order to have the status of national NGO. This process will continue in 2020 and beyond.

Engaging on Fundraising to improve support to poor and excluded communities

Fortunately, due to its strategic geographical position in Africa and in the world, Senegal is an “international” hub with a wide range of bi-lateral, multi-national, international, corporate, public/private business-oriented enterprises. Indeed, we find in Dakar the regional offices of various United Nations organizations such as the UNHCR, UN Women or IOM, we have the Delegation of the European Union and the various European cooperation’s (Germany, Italy, Spain). This is an opportunity for ActionAid Senegal to integrate regional and different other platforms in line with our work. We are part of the tax justice platform in Senegal and now an active member of the network of civil society organizations working on migration issues (REMIDEV). Sponsorship links are on the decline and the need to meet our collective commitment to the communities we work with has enhanced our appetite to grow institutional funding portfolio. To be efficient, ActionAid Senegal is implementing its fundraising strategy that has been approved and that informs the CP’s engagement in fundraising.

The radical shift we took in 2019 is to work with in consortiums as per the priorities outlined in our CSP but also to put in place fundraising unit which is composed of Business development officer and the 2 child sponsorship officers. In the year 2019, we have been able to secure the projects outlined below.

 The DAM CAM Project: this project is funded by Global Affaires Canada. It is also located in the region of Kedougou and focuses on sexual and reproductive rights of teenagers in the fight against early pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The DAM CAM project will run for five years.

 The GASFP project: The Global Agriculture & Food Security Program is a three-year project implemented in the region of Tambacounda in the eastern part of Senegal. The project will cover two LRPs, Kousanar and Missirah involving two local producers’ organizations; the project that falls under our priority Three, overall goal is to strengthen rural women's livelihoods for sustainable economic development in Tambacounda region



Global platform project on youth engagement

This pilot project aimed at mobilizing young people through advocacy and campaign for system change and improving civic participation. We use capacity building art, music, theater for change, FORUM SYD PROJECT.

In addition to this, ActionAid continues to expand its network by being a core member of the regional protection group with UNHCR, the GBV regional cluster by UNFPA and part of CREC (Communication, Risks and Community Engagement). In parallel, ActionAid Senegal is part of the platform of European NGOs (PFONGUE) and is vice president of the platform of International NGOs (ONGIS) in Senegal, which facilitate joined actions in the country as Civil Society having similar programmes and interests.

These groups not only strengthen our work in Senegal but also have impact on the scope of our programmes.

Indeed, ActionAid Senegal with the Sahel Delegation is part of the following spaces :

- a) Emergency, preparedness and Response TWG
- b) Protection TWG
- c) IASC WCA group

We have also identified 4 to 5 potential institutional donors and those are first of all the European Union, with which ActionAid has a particular interest on. EU is one the biggest donor in Senegal and the opportunity is to build strong relationship with them through the Representation in Dakar and AAUK links to Brussels.

We have particular attention to Netherlands Embassy that has the same point of view as ActionAid on the theory of migration. We are dealing with the migration issue in the same way and have been fortunate enough to get in touch with the newly installed Embassy Security and Migration Department. Based on our discussions, a concept note was submitted in April.

Since February, Senegal is looking for to integrating the GBV working group by UNFPA what we finally did. We are now a core member of the working group looking to take advantage of different opportunities that will appear for the region. With the installation of the Sahel Delegation in Dakar led by AA Italy we are strengthening our relationships with Italian Cooperation with which we are increasingly close: participation in periodic meetings of Italian NGOs, integration into their mailing list for updating projects in progress and future calls for projects, as well as information meetings on funding opportunities.

In regard to the mandate of the Sahel Delegation, IOM is a key partner in our work in Senegal for Migration, child labour, human trafficking, reintegration, response to humanitarian issues triggering migration. We are actually using our youth platform to strengthen the relationships.

ActionAid Senegal will continue to diversify its source of funding through diversification of its portfolio of donors. This fundraising effort will contribute to strengthen our financial sustainability as well as staff motivation and mostly to shift our membership status. The same effort will continue in 2020 to meet our fundraising target which is 50/50 by 2020. Right now, the CP effort is around 28% (Institutional) and 72%(IG).





Social Media Engagement

To strengthen our visibility and share our experiences as part of our accountability, the Country Programme is reviewing its communication strategy. So our presence on social media enables supporters and followers to have access to useful documentation and also to be well informed about our work and continue supporting ActionAid Senegal programme. Since social media is a powerful tool, it will help increase our visibility and boost our fundraising efforts.

We have currently more than 2500 followers on our different platforms.

ActionAid Senegal use Facebook, twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn WhatsApp (Building groups with partners) to share information, reports, stories, videos and events. This innovative way of communication received a very good feedback from fans and 1838 followers on Facebook in 2019.

Organizational Development

ActionAid Senegal organized several trainings in 2019, which enabled both Senior management and junior staff to improve their understanding of key policies such as: safeguarding policies, Human Resources, anti-fraud and whistle blowing policy, etc. to live it as a core value of the Organization development . The organization OF 2019 of the staff retreat in Mbour, was an occasion to discuss the challenges the Organization is facing and to reinforce the team spirit. These initiatives have contributed to put in place strong mechanisms which will help build a dynamic team that lives our values and principles.

In addition, AAS have established a functional SMT composed of the CD and department chiefs who have the responsibility to continue building the organization structure and system as well as to improve the work environment. This effort will be continuing in 2020 to have a strong organization which is ready to embark for the CMR, the Membership development process. The compliance with different policies such as: safeguarding policy (SHEA), Assurance policy, feminist leadership top 10 basis, will continue being our organizational priorities.



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Finance performance

The objectives of an internal control system are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets are protected against unauthorized or fraudulent use and that transactions are executed in accordance with its instructions and properly recorded to enable accounts to be kept on the basis of acceptable accounting principles.

However, due to the inherent limitations of any internal control system, deviations resulting from misunderstanding of instructions, errors of judgment, negligence or other human factors can occur and go unnoticed.

Control procedures, whose effectiveness depends on the adequacy of the degree of separation of conflicting tasks can be circumvented by acts of complicity. A projection, over time, of the assessment of the internal control system may be subject to inadequate procedures; this inadequacy may be caused by changes or because the degree of reliability has deteriorated.

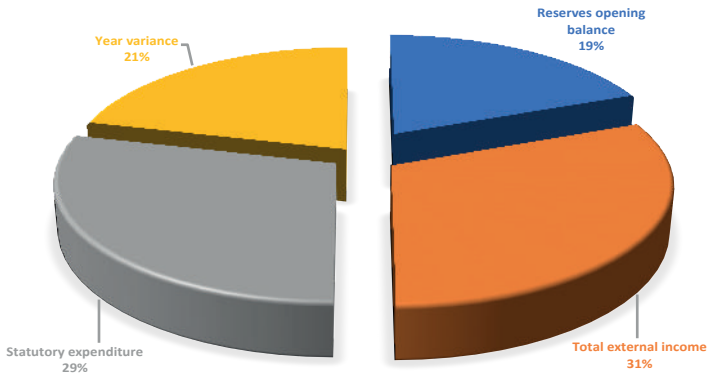
We have reviewed and assessed the internal control system for the sole purpose of determining the nature and extent of our audit procedures in order to express an opinion on the financial statements of Action Aid Senegal for the period from January 1st to December 31st , 2019.

Thus, the execution of our work as part of the review of the internal control system is based on the following procedures.

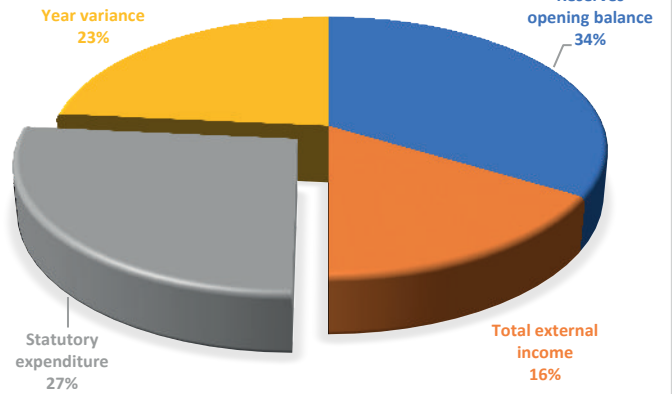
Going forward ActionAid Senegal will use its presence at different platforms (land and natural resources, agroecology, women right, education coalition, Non state actor's coalition, CAADP, as an opportunity to amplify its fundraising efforts in order to improve our financial sustainability. This will also be including our participation to the migration task force and merging with Alianza. ActionAid Senegal will also improve the quality of the programme and improve the document and communication to better penetrate donor environment.

2019 Financial graphics

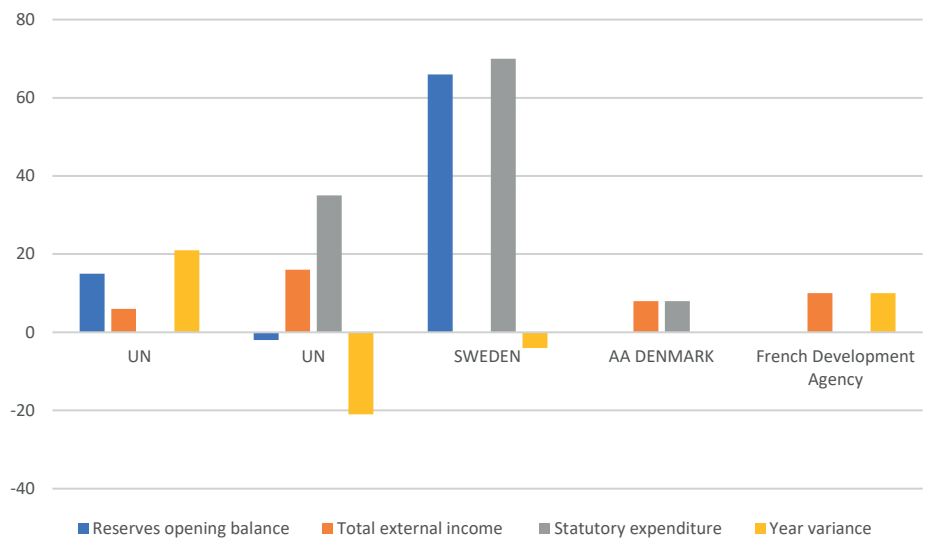
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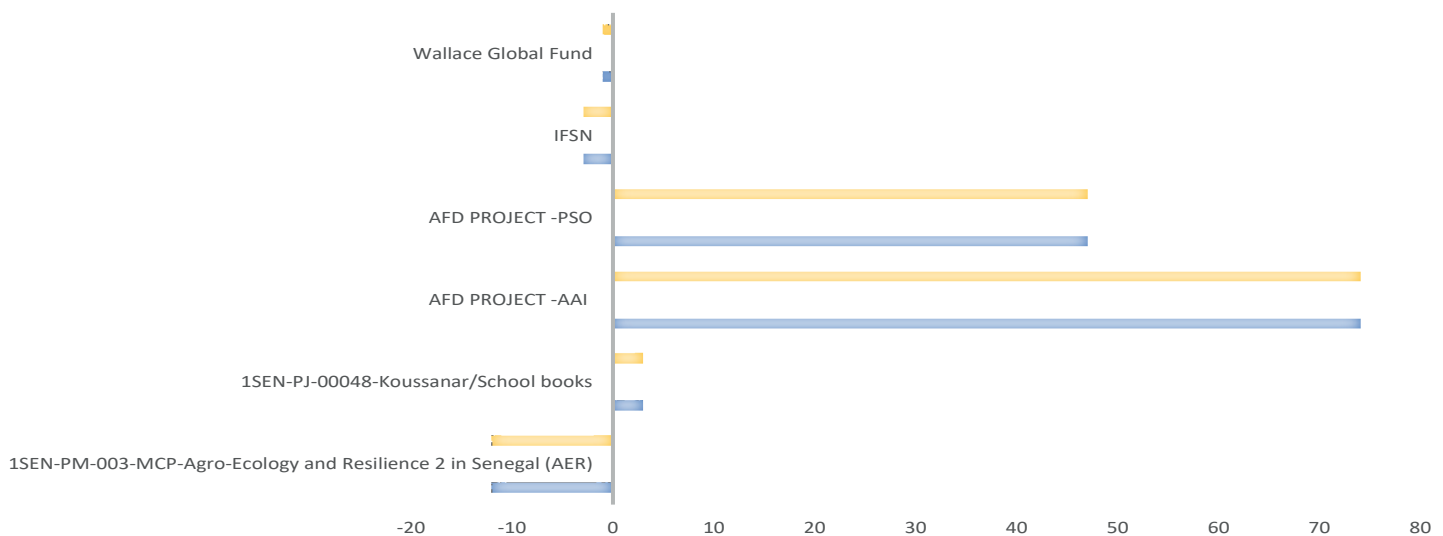


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FUNDS RESTRICTED BY DONOR CONTRACTS - PARTNERSHIP AND PHILANTHROPY

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