The parliamentarian elections in Senegal will take place on Sunday July 31st, 2022. On this occasion, Senegalese citizens will go to the polls to elect 165 parliamentarians: 150 living in Senegal and 15 parliamentarians from the Diaspora. These elections are of a paramount importance as they involve electing the representatives of every citizen of the country who will yet have the heavy responsibility of controlling the actions of the government and voting laws during the 14th legislature. It is therefore crucial to elect members of parliament who can validly represent and defend the interests of every Senegalese citizen. The eight coalitions of political parties competing for these 165 seats in our National Assembly must therefore cultivate peace, tolerance, and transparency in the voting process.

ActionAid Senegal recalls that these parliamentarian elections should be moments to celebrate democracy and freedom of expression in respect of the law and adversity. ActionAid Senegal therefore invites all Senegalese voters, particularly those living in rural areas, to come out in large numbers on Sunday July 31st, 2022, to vote peacefully and choose the right candidates who will work in the Parliament to improve their well-being.

The parliamentarian elections in Senegal are taking place in a context of multidimensional crises. The parliamentarian elections in Senegal are taking place in a context of food and climate crises reinforced by the war between Ukraine and Russia with implications on the prices of basic commodities. Indeed, the Ukrainian crisis came on top of pre-existing crises that were aggravated by COVID 19. These different crises have therefore negatively affected the cost of living, mainly due to the increase in the price of fuel and basic foodstuffs. This situation particularly affects the most vulnerable households in our country. In the agricultural sector, the climate and Ukrainian crises have shown the vulnerability of our economy. A paradigm shift is therefore needed to promote food sovereignty and improve the living conditions of the Senegalese. ActionAid recognises the efforts of the Senegalese government in this difficult context to reduce inequalities, protect women and girls' rights and improve public services.

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