

Fisherwomen rehabilitate the Saloum ecosystems and defend their rights

Project start: 2014, Award year: 2016

Using a gender transformative approach, Enda Graf Sahel supports 4,800 women fishers in the Saloum Delta to rehabilitate the mangrove ecosystem degraded by intensive industrial fishing and climate change. They implement reforestation, shellfish reseeding and organic gardening. Women's training in public speaking and advocacy has enabled them to integrate local fishing regulation committees and to establish restricted access in protected areas. A new consultation framework on resources management has enabled them to reduce the excessive delivery of fishing licenses. Enda has disseminated efficient stoves to transform sea products which cuts emissions from firewood by 75%.







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"Women don't want to start behaving like 'big boys'. They want to preserve their own ways and values."

Fatou Ndoye

UNIQUE VALUE

What's special about this project

- ► Enda conducted a series of research and trainings on gender that contributed to significantly reduce domestic violence and strengthen economic solidarity:
- Analysis of gender relationships in the fishery's industry economy and governance
- Participatory analysis of the labour division in the household, which led men to share some of women's burden of domestic care work
- Research led by young activists on masculinity in the local communities
- Standardized training modules on gender inequalities and women's leadership

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AWARD IMPACTS

- ➤ The grant was used to acquire 45 improved stoves and to create a revolving fund. Enda Graf's expertise in project proposal writing has been improved by the mentoring programme.
- The award has brought national and international recognition leading to a new collaboration with the Senegalese Ministry of Environment and Energy Center for a Technical Assistance Request to the CTCN*.
- * Climate Technology Centre and Network

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES



4,800 women fishers trained on public speaking, leadership and advocacy



6 economic interest groups for agriculture and fishery created



Organic gardening and food transformation improved nutrition and diversified the family's diet



75% reduction in firewood consumption through the dissemination of 200 improved stoves



180 women generated new income and 200 benefit from a new revolving fund system boosting energy transition



20 women leaders included in local fishery regulation bodies









