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“Know-how exchange and simple technological innovation are key for women and men to take ownership and successfully up-scale.”

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Salt and rice production: when ancestral know-how meets innovation

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UNIVERS-SEL empowered 1,500 women and 500 men with innovative salt and rice production technologies that preserve the mangroves and drastically reduce firewood consumption. Solar salt production and sustainable water management also improved working conditions, health and yields. Women gained new technical skills and management capacities. They established 2 producers’ associations where 200 members gained control and decision-making power over their value chain and markets. Training and monitoring activities have enabled women to play a leading role in stabilizing the local economy and protecting ecosystems. The project is recognized as a relevant community-based climate strategy.



UNIQUE VALUE

What’s special about this project

- ▶ North-South exchange of ancestral knowledge combined with innovative technologies have given birth to climate resilient and inclusive development modes. Solar salt drying reduces emissions and transforms working conditions. In the rice fields, water pipes and strengthened dikes provide protection from excessive sea water rise and stabilize harvests.
- ▶ The participatory approach based on knowledge transfer by 76 trained “Solar Salt Leaders” and men’s involvement building dikes for the rice fields proves a key success factor.



AWARD IMPACTS

- ▶ UNIVERS-SEL enlarged their network and established links with CTCN*. International recognition and mentoring enabled them to access additional funding and upscale their activities towards 500 more beneficiaries. New training targets literacy and accounting skills.
- ▶ Thanks to UNIVERS-SEL’s advocacy, this project is recognized by the EU as an inclusive community-based climate strategy.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES



2 salt producers’ associations created by 200 women in 4 villages



1,000 salt producers ♀ and 500 rice producers ♂ adopted new, climate resilient technologies



Food security improved for 30,000 people



Firewood consumption: 3 tons less firewood for each ton of salt produced



Community-based and ecosystem-based coastal management

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