

Country	Senegal						
Population	1,400,000						
Title of practice	School Feeding Pilot Project						
Subtitle							
Photos/videos	Please check the link to the Sharepoint folder provided. If you need access, please contact the MUFPP Secretariat.						
MUFPP Recommended Action	15. Reorient school feeding programmes and other institutional food service to provide food that is healthy, local and regionally sourced, seasonal and sustainably produced. – SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY						
Starting year	June 2025	Ending year (if any)				already submitted in the past	
Actors and stakeholders' involvement	Municipal departments	Other public institutions	NGOs CSOs	Research centres	Private sectors	International organizations	Other
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Budget	The project budget is €35,000, entirely funded by the AFRIFOODLINKS Consortium. The overall objective is to support member cities in implementing sustainable food policies for the well-being of the global population.						
Brief description	<p>Dakar is an expanding city with a significant young population facing difficulties in accessing quality food. In fact, only 1.7% of primary schools in Dakar have canteens. In this context, it is difficult to ensure varied and balanced meals for the most disadvantaged children. This problem is exacerbated by the continuous expansion of urbanized areas, which complicates matching supply from urban and peri-urban producers, despite efforts by the city council, which strengthened urban gardens. This situation impacts young people's ability to access fresh vegetables and other quality products, given their limited resources and time. They often have to settle for sandwiches and other low-quality foods, also due to a lack of affordable options in schools. This has a negative impact on both their health and their food education. This project aims to test a sustainable strategy on a small scale, combining the distribution of quality food at an affordable price, raising awareness about local quality food, and supporting small-scale production. To this end, the project will use Kennedy High School, a girls' school managed by the Dakar City Council, as a pilot site. The objective is to improve the nutritional quality of young people's diets through fruit and vegetable-based food supplements.</p>						
Innovation	<p>For several decades, the Dakar region has experienced rapid demographic growth due to its economic significance (accounting for 80% of the country's economy, covering 3% of the national territory). According to the National Agency of Statistics and Demography (ANSD), Dakar's population will reach five million inhabitants by 2030.</p> <p>This phenomenon simultaneously leads to detrimental consequences for urban development, including the transformation of cultivable land into concrete spaces.</p> <p>Consequences: decreased agricultural yields and higher prices for agricultural products, undernutrition, health and nutritional vulnerability, loss of biodiversity, ecosystem degradation, flooding problems, etc.</p> <p>To address these challenges, the City of Dakar, in partnership with the AFRIFOODLINKS consortium, has launched a school feeding program, an alternative food system and part of a broader effort towards social and economic equity.</p>						
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	<p><i>Economic: a cost-coverage plan (student contributions, community contributions, necessary expenses) will be put in place and a mechanism will be developed to go on with the activities in the second school year.</i></p> <p><i>Environmental: support to local producers who protect green spaces and can supply the city without needing long-distance transportation.</i></p> <p><i>Social: subsidized prices and quality food compared to what's available on the market.</i></p> <p><i>This model for distributing quality local products is expanding in Dakar schools, improving students' diets and creating opportunities for local producers.</i></p> <p><i>The project will provide valuable information on a potential school-based education model that focuses on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Valuing local resources and seasonal products.</i> <i>Inclusivity, thanks to a reduced financial contribution for a light and flexible snack model.</i> <i>Quality food for young girls.</i> <p><i>The project targets: approximately 2,000 female students at Kennedy High School in Dakar and aims to provide an economic boost for local product processing actors.</i></p> <p><i>It also seeks to promote the recycling or reuse of food containers to contribute to the fight against plastic waste.</i></p>
<p>Inclusion</p>	<p><i>For implementation and to ensure participatory and inclusive effectiveness, the Dakar City Council will play a coordinating role, as much as possible, and will partially contribute to this project with its budget. It will also seek to replicate this model in Phase 2 with school authorities.</i></p> <p><i>Dakar's producers will aim to regularly supply schools with fresh, quality products throughout the year. A supplier will be selected to organize the purchase and distribution of these products.</i></p> <p><i>Parents and students will be involved in the project's management committee, along with the school administration, to ensure the smooth running of activities and the financial management of contributions. The involvement of student clubs will be assessed to determine if they can contribute further on the financial plan.</i></p> <p><i>6. Consideration of gender in the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation phases (decision-making, needs, constraints, and division of labour between men and women).</i></p> <p><i>The choice of an all-girls' institution to focus impacts on female participation at school.</i></p> <p><i>Results: over 3,000 food kits were distributed during the trial phase (an average of 500 to 600 kcal per kit).</i></p>