



## “Andando did what others couldn’t do during Covid-19”

It’s been over a year since the pandemic started, and thanks to our team on the ground in Senegal we were able to quickly identify and meet the emergent needs of the communities we serve.

While things may not be back to “normal” soon, we remain committed to walking alongside the people of Senegal just as we have for nearly 15 years.

We met with one of the city councilors in Keur Socé and he shared with us his thoughts on the last year:

*My name is Samba Mbaye, I would like to take the opportunity to testify about Andando and the acts of kindness they have done during the Covid-19 pandemic.*

*I testify knowingly, what Andando*

*did during the pandemic. I saw the devastation of the pandemic with my own eyes, therefore, I wish the virus would go away forever. Andando has done a lot for the community by providing emergency supplies such as rice, oil, soap, milk, sugar, and masks. Andando did this THIS year, they contribute to the development of the municipality and surrounding areas.*

“Andando is the only NGO that did what others couldn’t do during Covid -19 . ...they had the courage to come as a backup and to our bedside.”

-Samba Mbaye, City Councilor

*Beyond Covid relief they are building classrooms, installing gardens for the benefit of women and families, and providing*



Samba Mbaye - farmer, father, and city councilor in Keur Socé

*small loans for farmers. In short, Andando is doing everything possible to help the development sectors of our community.*

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*Working with local leadership to organize emergency distributions of food and sanitation supplies.*



*Once supplies reach rural villages, they are distributed among families, with special care given to those most in need.*



*Thousands of masks have been given out to garden participants so they can safely keep providing food for their families.*

## From the Director

Our work has continued to expand and impact more people despite the challenges of the past year. One new project that we are particularly excited about is the launch of the Keur Socé High School. Prior to this year, students who completed middle school were forced to travel and board up to 20km away, or abandon their studies altogether. Unfortunately, this was the case with far too many promising young students.

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, we are building classrooms that will be used to educate the future leaders of the area for generations to come. We have already seen an overwhelming response with well over 100 students signed up for the first incoming class. With the increased demand, we are already expanding the project to accommodate all those who want to learn.

“This is a great initiative for the future of sustainable education for the students of today and tomorrow in the municipality of Keur Socé. They no longer have to abandon their studies for lack of host families in distant high schools.”

-Mamadou Camara, Keur Socé Program Coordinator

We are thrilled to get this underway, and really excited for what this means for the future of the region. It’s not too late to help with this effort—your gift today will make a big difference.

“Jéréjêf!” – Thank You!



Lewis Kiker, Executive Director



*Students at the local middle school who will be among the first to attend the Keur Socé High School. This will reduce barriers to success for students from Keur Socé and surrounding villages.*



*Construction is underway on the building that will serve as freshmen classrooms in the Keur Socé High School. This collaboration is over a decade in the making and will educate future leaders for generations to come.*



*Umu Barry is the Head Nurse at the Keur Socé Clinic. She took time to share with us how her community has changed since the installation of a health post.*

## Health Posts in Action

We had the opportunity to visit with health workers and garden participants to see how the projects are going:

“Andando has helped us to build many health posts... also they give us some of the basic tools and medicines. We had another building that was for vaccinations, but we could not use it - but now we can because Andando renovated it.”

- Umu Barry, Head Nurse Keur Socé Health Clinic

HEAR MORE FROM UMU AND OTHER HEALTH WORKERS AND GARDEN PARTICIPANTS IN OUR NEWEST VIDEO AT [ANDANDO.ORG/VIDEOS](https://andando.org/videos)

# Meet Sall, Andando's Lead Garden Technician in Podor!

Continuing in our series, we would like to introduce to you to another member of our team who works on the ground in Senegal every day to build resilient, thriving communities. We think they are pretty amazing and are sure you will agree.

Souleyman Sall, who goes by Sall (pronounced Saul), joined the Andando team in 2016 as one of our Garden Technicians. He was born and raised in Koutango, a small village 36 kilometers (approx. 25 miles) south of Keur Socé.

The second youngest of six children -- four brothers and one sister-- Sall attended primary school in his home town. Sall's family valued education and, despite not having a middle or high school in their village, they made the necessary sacrifices for Sall to attend high school in Kaolack (over an hour away by car). A good student, Sall continued on to university where



*Sall joined the Andando team in 2016.*

he initially started studying Spanish, but eventually found his passion in agriculture. After graduating he worked with an organization teaching agriculture and animal husbandry, then in 2016 he joined the Andando team as one of our first Garden Technicians.

In 2018, when we expanded our programs into the northern region of Senegal, Sall was willing to relocate as he stepped into the role of Lead Garden Technician in Podor.

Sall works directly with the

women in the gardens as well as is responsible for bringing on new technicians and training them up.

"I enjoy teaching and informing the women about agricultural techniques and ways to combat problems. I work with them on general cooperative management and structure, and navigating the social dynamics of the group."

Sall and his wife, Amanatou, welcomed their first child, Ndeye Dialle Sall, last year on April 4th (also Senegal's Independence Day).

When he is not working Sall enjoys watching films and documentaries, especially anything from National Geographic. He cares deeply for his family and hopes to provide a good education and future for his children.

Your support enables Sall to help his fellow citizens. Thank you for investing in their future!

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*Checking to see how the seeds are germinating under the protective cover.*



*Working with garden participants includes teaching agriculture techniques as well as garden management and cooperation.*



*Sall with his wife, Amanatou, and their daughter, Ndeye.*

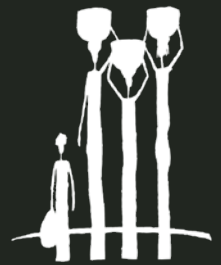


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