



# Senegal

## Inclusive local development to advance the SDGs in the commune of Fass-Dakar

### Background information

Vulnerable women and youth in the town of Gueule Tapée-Fass-Colobane face significant and interconnected challenges. Rates of unemployment are high (15.3%), particularly among young women (29%), and many of those who are employed work in the informal sector with precarious jobs, low-pay, poor working conditions and limited access to social protection. In addition, vulnerable women and youth have limited opportunities to expand their economic opportunities due to lack of access to education and vocational training, obstacles to accessing financing for entrepreneurial endeavors, as well as often legal barriers for women to start businesses. The economic insecurity of vulnerable women and youth has negative impacts on their food and health security, which is further compounded by limited health and social services.

The programme builds upon an initiative supported by the UNTFHS in 2019 to strengthen the application of human security towards accelerating the achievement of the SDGs at the local level in West Africa.

### Goals and objectives

The key objectives of the programme are to: (i) develop employment and improve income generation for the most vulnerable groups, in particular women and youth, to promote their economic, food and health security; (ii) increase the availability and access of women, adolescents and youth to quality services in reproductive health, education and literacy, and to fight against GBV and other harmful practices in order to strengthen their empowerment; (iii) improve the integration of the concept of human security in local and sectoral development programmes in the municipality and at the United Nations System.



**DURATION**  
July 2021- June 2024



**UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES**  
UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP,  
UNWOMEN, UNRCO



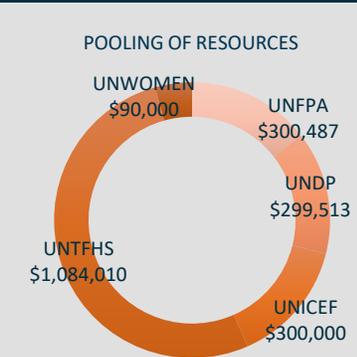
**OTHER KEY PARTNERS**  
The Fass Municipality, Ministries of Health; Vocational Training; Youth; Women, Families, Gender and Child Protection; and Economy, Planning and Cooperation, PADES, SEWACARD, SUNTAEG ENERGY, FONGIP, PAMECAS, AJS, APIX, ONFPT



**BENEFICIARIES**  
Commune of Fass-Dakar,  
especially the most vulnerable



**TOTAL BUDGET**  
US\$ 2,074,010



## Beneficiaries

The programme directly targets the populations of the Fass-Dakar commune, and especially the most vulnerable sub-groups (women, youth and children). It also indirectly benefits community leaders, as well as local and national Senegalese authorities.

## Applying the Human Security approach

The success and sustainability of this intervention requires addressing holistically the multifaceted challenges identified in the commune of Fass, which include poverty, lack of infrastructure, poor health services, and inadequate support for the economic integration of youth and women. The human security approach, which emphasizes addressing root causes through participatory, bottom-up strategies was therefore identified as the most effective framework for this programme.

In line with the guiding principles of human security, the programme seeks to provide structural solutions to the Fass region's challenges by specifically targeting youth, women and other vulnerable groups with a focus on protection and empowerment. Protection measures will be achieved by strengthening the provision of basic services, advancing infrastructure, and assisting in the economic integration of youth and women. The empowerment of vulnerable groups will be achieved through skills training and support for socio-economic integration and self-employment.

Key to the implementation of this programme is the use of local knowledge and institutions, as well as the active engagement of multiple stakeholders in the design, implementation and monitoring of the programme's activities. Accordingly, the programme will be implemented on the basis of annual work plans by all relevant stakeholders including key United Nations entities, the municipal council, grassroots community organizations (young people, women, community leaders etc.), involved ministries' departments and civil society organizations, among others. The human security approach will ensure that efforts at reducing insecurity and inequality within the commune of Fass are made in collaboration with local authorities as well as the participating beneficiaries.



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