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Economic Growth Office

## Feed the Future Initiative Bi-weekly Highlights

### Accomplishments

- The Regional Associate staff or USAID's newly launched agricultural education and research project, USAID/ERA completed a rapid needs assessment / data analysis of all potential participant institutions. An overwhelming majority of the institutions indicated needs to improve curriculum and physical facilities. USAID/ERA is putting in place the means to respond to this assessment and to implement partnerships with the target institutions.
- USAID/Yajeende, CLUSA, PCE, Wula Nafaa, and Peace Corps met to discuss Conservation farming initiatives. Participants discussed 2009 and 2010 achievements of USAID/PCE and Wula Nafaa. The goal is to use findings as a basis for developing a common vision, through the lens of the Feed the Future Initiative, of how to implement Conservation Farming as a way to improve and restore soil fertility in Senegal.
- USAID invites you to visit [www.ecosenegal.org](http://www.ecosenegal.org) in order to gain full appreciation of the extent of tourism development in the Kedougou Region. USAID/Wula Nafaa is a supporter of tourism development through funding of the Jane Goodall Institute's work on eco-tourism and Chimpanzees conservation.



*"We know that countries are more likely to prosper when they encourage entrepreneurship; when they invest in their infrastructure; and when they expand trade and welcome investment."*

*- President Barack Obama,  
Announcement of the new US  
Development Policy at the UN General  
Assembly, September 2010*

### Upcoming Activities

- April 2011: PCVs in Kolda and the local government are organizing a fair for farmers, NGO's, microcredit institutions, and banks. The focus of the fair is to connect innovative processors with lending institutions and larger markets. During this event, individual farmers, women's groups, and others will set up over 70 stands that showcase unique food transformations like mango glue and okra butter.

- March 2011: USAID/Wula Nafaa will organize three major meetings between cereals buyers and producers. The venues will provide an excellent opportunity for value chain participants to network through the commonality of improved production generated through Conservation Farming. The first meeting will take place on the 15th in Toubacouta (Toubacouta, Keur Saloum Diane, Keur Samba Gueye, Nioro Alassane Tall and Djilor Rural Communities). The second meeting will take place on the 16th in Koumpentoum (Ndam, Bamba, Mereto and Koutiagaïdi Rural Communities), and the last meeting will take place on the 17th in Sinthioum Maleme (Passkoto, Sinthiou Maleme, Maka and Koussanar Rural Communities). Each meeting is expected to bring together about 100 farmers and buyers alike as well as seeds suppliers. This year, USAID/Wula Nafaa anticipates working with more than 5,000 producers and 300 producers' groups using Conservation Farming techniques.

### **CAADP Updates**

- Senegal's Country Investment Plan (PNIA) was approved by all implicated Government ministries and by ECOWAS/NEPAD. Senegal's Office of the Prime Minister is now planning associated inter-ministerial PNIA planning sessions.
- USAID/Senegal met with the representative of the GOS/MOA who responsible for the planning and implementation of 52 articles of agro pastoral law. This is a critical element required for the achievement of Senegal's Country Investment Plan targets. USAID has agreed in principle to provide support toward the thematic development and planning workshops with a goal to develop and finalize Senegal's related implementation action plan.

## Visitors:

Name/ Organization	Length of stay	Purpose
Moussa Cissokho	75 days (over a period of 4 months)	Organization assistance for the rational exploitation of the Ndinderling project and socioeconomic studies for the 5 low area projects in Djilor and Némebah
COGEMAP	September 2010 - July 2011	Assistance to rural communities to mobilize financial resources
Ets H. Ezzedine	4 months (beginning December 15, 2010)	Ndinderleng irrigation water management infrastructure construction
Kélountang Sagna	66 days (beginning December 13, 2010)	Treadle pump manufacturers' training, monitoring, and follow up on quality of manufacturing
Idrissa Diédhiou	58 days (beginning on January 11, 2011)	Bore hole drillers' training and follow up on drilling quality
Sarah Durso, CLUSA Program Manager	February 17- March 2	Participation in Team Building and Meeting with USAID and other partners
Ashley Netherton, Associate Program Mgr. CLUSA	February 17- March 2	Participation in Team Building and Meeting with USAID and other partners;
Karl Rosenburg, West Africa Regional Director, CLUSA	February 21- March 2	Participation in Team Building and Meeting with USAID and other partners
Jan Twarowski, M&E expert, Sheladia Associates	February 17 - March 5	Participation in Team Building and Refinement of the Project PMP

## Visitors continued:

Name/ Organization	Length of stay	Purpose
Malang Mané	4 months (beginning December 15, 2010)	Ndinderleng irrigation water management infrastructure control
Dr. Keith Moore, Virginia Tech	February 25 to March 17	To assist USAID/ERA with the creation and development of the project's institutional self-assessment of academic and curricular elements
Maria Elisa Christie, PhD Gender expert, Virginia Tech	March 28 to April 6	To provide advice on strategies and procedures for assuring that gender relations affect the achievement of sustainable results of the project, specifically on the application of gender principles to agricultural projects
Dr. Jane Frankenberger, professor of Biological and Biological Engineering, Purdue University	March 10 - 18	To make contact and develop Purdue University partnerships with Gaston Berger University and CNFTEIA, Livestock Center, in St. Louis.
Gora Biteye enterprise	4 months, beginning February 20	Horticulture investment over 10 ha