INCREASING GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVENESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is working to improve Senegal’s political and social stability through programs that improve the management of public resources and encourage a citizen-centric approach to governance.

USAID is helping the Government of Senegal (GOS) in increasing effectiveness and accountability at all levels and strengthening civil society so that citizens are better able to articulate and advocate for their needs and hold their elected representatives accountable. USAID works to increase the effectiveness of political, economic, and judicial governance, support a more influential civil society and media, and improve local governance while fostering inclusive community engagement. USAID increases the GOS’ ability to raise revenues and use resources in an efficient and productive manner.

IMPROVING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND JUDICIAL GOVERNANCE

USAID supports reforms that promote political and social stability, efficient management of public resources, and a citizen-centric approach to governance, by assisting the GOS to build the capacity to improve the implementation of public spending, strengthen oversight mechanisms, and facilitate public participation in the budget process. USAID supports electoral processes, the rule of law enforcement, and works with the Parliament to strengthen national policies toward a stronger democracy. USAID also
works to ensure human rights protections, effectively and sustainably reducing human trafficking by reducing the incidence of forced child begging while improving educational and health outcomes.

INCREASING INFLUENCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND MEDIA

USAID supports increasing the professionalism of investigative journalism in Senegal, promoting an independent media, and establishing civil society organizations (CSOs) that are legitimate and effective in advocating for the welfare of Senegal’s people. USAID works with CSOs to increase their ability to hold government institutions accountable and to effectively engage the public in improving governance by funding public information campaigns, performing domestic observation of elections, and facilitating public issue debates. Central to these efforts is the promotion of women’s empowerment, women’s civic engagement, and decision-making capacity in the home and the community.

IMPROVING LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

USAID supports decentralization in the GOS to enhance the delivery of services and focuses on generating increases in domestic revenue that lead to greater investment in social programs. USAID programs strengthen the ability of local governments to respond to the needs of their citizens, improve management of public resources, and foster community participation in the management of public services. This is done in collaboration with state institutions, local government, and civil society, integrating participatory planning approaches, and community monitoring of service delivery.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Supported 128 Civil Society Organizations in their advocacy efforts in 2020
- 17,620 programs, SMS messages, radio spots, and videos produced and broadcast in 2020
- 2,922 people trained in peace and reconciliation strategies in 2020
- 1,876 people trained in local governance and leadership in 2020
- 550 sector service management committees trained in performance improvements in 2020
- 63 territories received increased tax revenue in 2020
- 92% of local resources invested in social services in targeted territories in 2020
- 50% of targeted territories began using a participatory planning and budget process in 2020
- 24 General inspectors and 10 junior auditors trained in Public Financial Management in 2020

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TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (FY2020) $6 million

*Only includes funds in USAID/Senegal's Operating Year Budget