

# IRG Project Profiles



Small-scale irrigation of bananas along the Gambia River

## AGRICULTURAL NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN SENEGAL

Sustainable agricultural natural resource management (NRM) can be a key development tool in under-developed areas. Such programs can result in increased rural household incomes, greater local investment in agriculture and rural production systems, and the growth of various related enterprises in the regions that are targeted for conservation and resource management efforts. In short, such efforts can be very profitable for the communities involved.



Children in the vicinity of Kaolack—future entrepreneurs and producers of a dynamic and expanding rural economy in Senegal

### Activities

IRG technical assistance is helping USAID/Senegal and its partners achieve sustainable, profitable, decentralized management of natural resources. These efforts in the Tambacounda and Kolda regions of southeastern Senegal have begun to show promise for increased rural household incomes and local investment in agriculture, rural production systems, and enterprises.

**Building synergies.** IRG is fostering communication and coordination between private sector enterprise development, decentralization, and rural governance programs. IRG's efforts toward increasing the productivity of agriculture and rural production systems also involve organizing and strengthening community-based organizations and rural entrepreneurs.

**Supporting policy efforts.** To promote implementing policy effectively, IRG is helping stakeholders to clarify local NRM rights and responsibilities. In addition, IRG is training and facilitating community-based land use planning. At

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Country: Senegal  
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### Key Goals

- ◆ Increased number of new or existing non-traditional agricultural and natural resource based enterprises that show increased revenues
- ◆ Increased, sustainable production and more efficient marketing systems
- ◆ Increased number of communities and local organizations that have adopted legally recognized NRM plans
- ◆ Reduced legal, regulatory or administrative barriers to local, sustainable management of agricultural and other natural resources

the same time, development and expansion of natural resource-based and non-traditional agricultural enterprises are being based on sustainable agricultural practices and decentralized natural resource management.

**Increasing program impact.** Achievement of program results will also be supported by policy

analysis toward legislative and administrative reforms designed to remove disincentives to local investment in agriculture and NRM. IRG is helping to formulate policy that will increase the direct benefits received by local communities engaged in the improvement management of the natural and agricultural resource base.



Stock-pile of cashew nuts in Kolda



Fuelwood collected for sale along the roadside

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