



**ACTION
AGAINST
DESERTIFICATION**

SENEGAL

Desertification and land degradation are among the main causes of low agricultural productivity in Senegal. Extreme weather conditions related to climate change exacerbate this situation, affecting food security, livelihoods and job opportunities in rural areas, and triggering forced migration. However, these problems are not insurmountable. Bold action in restoration and sustainable land management can reduce hunger and improve the living standard of rural communities, while helping people adapt to climate change.

In Senegal, FAO is supporting the National Agency of the Great Green Wall in the framework of its project Action Against Desertification, which aims to improve the living conditions of local communities, while strengthening the resilience and productivity of agrosilvopastoral systems. Since 2015, the project has worked on community-based management of land and natural resources through the following activities:

→ **SUSTAINABLE LAND
MANAGEMENT**

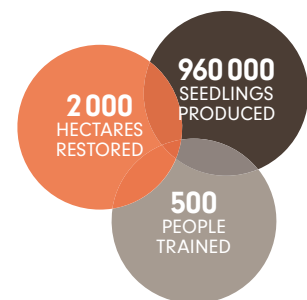
2 000 hectares of degraded land have been restored and wildlife is being reintroduced in a community-based nature reserve in Koyli-Alpha.

→ **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**

Almost 500 people, mainly women and youth, have been trained in sustainable forest management and restoration, as well as forest products and business development.

→ **INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES**

A small business producing and selling non-timber forest products, led by women and youth, is being established, while tourist services in the nature reserve are being developed by the communities of Koyli-Alpha.





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The project is estimated to have a direct impact on the lives of 10 000 agro-pastoralist producers in Koyli-Alpha in the municipality of Mboula, as well as in Widou, municipality of Téssékéré and Mbar Toubab, municipality of Syer.

In close collaboration with:

- Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development: National Agency of the Great Green Wall
- Directorate of National Parks, Directorate for Water, Forests, Hunting and Soil Conservation
- National Agency for the Promotion of Tourism
- Municipalities of Mboula, Téssékéré and Syer
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- Noflaye turtle village
- Bandia reserve

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