

Success Story

SARÉ WOURA: MEETING OMAR DIAMANKA

WITH DUNDËL SUUF, A SMILE IS GUARANTEED!

My diet has improved a lot and I take care of my family's health



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Life has been hard, sometimes extremely hard, for Omar Diamanka. Less than a year ago, this man in his forties, living in Saré Woura in the commune of Ndorna (Kolda), had difficulty covering his family's expenses. "I was sometimes obliged to go into debt if only to buy tea," he says. "There were times when the fish sellers came, I would not buy anything, because I was so indebted to them that I had difficulty showing up," Diamanka continues.

Selected by ANCAR as a beneficiary of the Feed the Future Senegal Dundël Suuf project, he received training and then seeds and fertilizers from the project to start a market gardening activity.

For the past eight months, he has been farming a small plot of land of 0.25 hectare (ha), right next to the family home. He produced okra during the last off-season, and okra and chili during the rainy season.

"In fact, 'in terms of production, I harvested 325 kilograms (kg) of okra from the microdose plot, compared to 204 kilograms (kg) from the farmer's practice plot, for a total income of 900,000 CFA francs. "

Dundël Suuf breaks the vicious cycle of poverty

Diamanka says he has seen a lot of value in the Dundël Suuf project in terms of increased yields and fertilizer savings, which has enabled him to break out of the vicious cycle of poverty.



"Since I started this activity last year, until now, I thank God. I have enough money to buy rice and cooking oil and to provide health care for all the members of my family," Diamanka says.

On the strength of his success, he travels around on his motorbike to advise market gardeners in the villages on the microdosing technique and Dundël Suuf.

Today he is a happy man who appreciates the impact of the Dundël Suuf project on his life. "When the fish sellers arrive now, I buy large quantities for my family; when I go to Kolda, I buy fish or meat when I return. And these are things I couldn't afford," he says.

In recent months, Diamanka has started to diversify his sources of income. He has invested in a small business selling tea, sugar, oil and various other food products.

"There has been a huge change in my life," says Diamanka.

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