



Project Highlights

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“Support to the strengthening of the National Early Warning System (EWS) for Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring in Senegal”

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Target areas: Country-wide

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Objective: To strengthen national and decentralized capacity to monitor the food security and nutrition status of the population.

Project partners: UN agencies (UN Children’s Fund and the World Food Programme), Executive Secretariat of the National Council for Food Security in Senegal, local and national Government organizations and local NGOs.

Beneficiaries reached: 1 339 direct beneficiaries and donors, UN partners, NGOs and all users of food security information in Senegal, including vulnerable rural households.

Activities implemented:

- Participated in a joint FAO-UNICEF-WFP-CNSA field mission, a Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment that included a household survey, a market survey and a livelihood mapping survey.
- Organized and participated in three joint crop assessments, one joint floods impact assessment field mission, one internal evaluation workshop and one external evaluation workshop.
- Supported a document on Early Warning System methodologies.
- Attended 26 National Early Warning System technical committee meetings.
- Participated in nine official advocacy meetings with concerned Ministries to support handover to the Government.
- Supported the 21 Early Warning System bulletins produced during the project for Senegal through information sharing and expertise.

Results:

- Trained 1 339 national and decentralized technical service workers on food security basics, Early Warning Systems, data collection and disaster risk management.
- Trained 816 individuals to rapidly collect, analyse and interpret nutrition and food security data, as well as to conduct risk analysis and develop impact scenarios.
- Strengthened the Early Warning System by determining system indicators and refining methodologies and tools.
- Coordinated early warning activities between different technical services at different levels and information flows in a timely and coherent manner.