



# SUCCESS STORY

## A School Garden in Guinea-Bissau



Ana Sila is a student of Dandum Primary School, located in Boé, Gabú region, an extremely remote village in the southeast of Guinea-Bissau. In the beginning of 2011 she was invited to participate in her School Garden and learned about the importance of a varied and health diet through planting and eating products cultivated in the School Garden. Soon, all her friends started enjoying the garden activities as well as the more varied dishes prepared with the products planted in the school. **Motivated by this learning environment, Ana decided to engage her mom in the garden.**



Tomate	125	Kg
Alface	20	Kg
Cebola	10x26	Kg
Carofa	245	Kg
Badyam	18	Kg
Limónes	35	

Mr. Bacar Baldé, the director of Dandum School, is really happy with the results of the School Garden. He highlights the engagement of the community, especially the families of the students as a crucial ingredient for the success of this nutrition promotion initiative. In 2011, Dandum School Garden cultivated more than 100 kilos of tomatoes, besides lettuce, onions, peppers, okra and other vegetables. "The income from the sale of onions is of 200.000 FCFA (US\$ 400) and it is only the beginning of the sale season. This income is being managed by the women of the village and it will be reinvested in the School Garden", explain the director of Dandum School.

### Dandum School

Students	195
Teachers	04
Community members involved in the Garden	19
Begging of the Garden	January 2011



### A Family Garden starts growing...



Ana Sila's mother, Mrs. Sira Boi Camara, encouraged by her daughter, started to learn the agriculture techniques. After a while, she started teaching other members of her family - men, women and children - how to cultivate and earlier than she expected a Family Garden quickly grew in her small village. Today, all her family children and neighbors, the younger and even the older, benefit from a healthier diet thanks to this family plantation. The extra vegetables harvested are sold by the family in order to buy seeds and food to guarantee the daily survival.



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