



IN 2019, WE REACHED 1,211,387
PEOPLE IN 1,388 AFRICAN COMMUNITIES

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INVESTOR REPORT: SELF-RELIANCE IN AFRICA

In rural Africa, the barriers to self-reliance are staggering. But with the right opportunities, people can transform their own lives — ending hunger, reducing poverty and living lives of dignity. **This report, prepared especially for you, illustrates how your investment in The Hunger Project empowers people to act as agents of their own development.** Learn how one of our powerful strategies, the Epicenter Strategy, uses training and targeted resources to shift mindsets from resignation to empowerment and leverages people’s determination to work for a better life. With your investment, your partners in epicenters throughout Africa are able to achieve sustainable self-reliance, ending hunger and improving lives for hundreds of communities.



A CLOSER LOOK: FAUSTINE IN BENIN

At 67, Faustine Ologou, might be expected to take it easy. But that’s not her plan. She is caring for 20 orphaned children and wants to send each and every one to school. Ouissi Epicenter – which declared self-reliance in 2018 – is helping her do that and more.

“Poverty is not inevitable,” Faustine says. “I have discovered that through various training sessions and entrepreneurial activities. I am able today, despite my age, to pursue economic activities that bring me income. This allows me to face the education of the children I have in my charge.”

PROGRESS FOR ALL AFRICA PROGRAMS

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14,063 women received prenatal care and 2,245 infants were born in epicenter health clinics.



98,608 children were monitored for their height, weight and nutrition.



54,467 children were vaccinated.



5,102 adults began literacy classes.



76 new, clean water sources were established in epicenter communities.



728,314 pounds of food were added to epicenter food banks.



8 additional epicenter communities achieved self-reliance (bringing the total to 47).



A COMMUNITY ADVANCES: DINGUIRAYE EPICENTER IN SENEGAL

Sustainable self-reliance. It's the moment when The Hunger Project can step back and the community can step forward with everything necessary to set and achieve its own goals for the future. The cluster of villages that surround Dinguiraye Epicenter in Senegal reached this milestone in December of 2017.

In 2001, when the 5,600+ people who lived near Dinguiraye were first mobilized to create an epicenter, signs of poverty and chronic hunger were everywhere. Through our vision, commitment, action methodology communities implemented numerous successful strategies for income generating activities, including a mattress rental business and a bakery. At the epicenter, community members participated in trainings, developed business plans and accessed seed capital. Now, these businesses support families and the epicenter itself.

The community continued its progress by establishing a cattle project, poultry farm, and education programs detailing the benefits of intercropping harvests to improve food security. As families became better nourished and more economically secure, preschool enrollments soared to record levels.

DINGUIRAYE EPICENTER RESULTS*

- 272% increase of population with a safe drinking water source.
- 202% increase of population using safe sanitation facilities.
- 92% increase in the proportion of births attended by a licensed healthcare professional.
- 88% decrease in household hunger.

*Recording of results began in 2001. Latest statistics taken from 2017



INSIGHT: 8 FEATURES OF SELF-RELIANCE

A community declares self-reliance when its members are confident and have the capacity and skills to act as agents of their own development. All self-reliant communities demonstrate progress on the following eight goals:

- 1 Mobilized communities that continuously set and achieve their own development goals
- 2 Empowered women and girls
- 3 Improved access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities
- 4 Improved literacy and education
- 5 Reduced prevalence of hunger and malnutrition
- 6 Improved access to and use of health resources
- 7 Reduced incidence of poverty
- 8 Improved land productivity and climate resilience of smallholder farmers



YOUR INVESTMENT IS CHANGING LIVES. THANK YOU.

Our investors come from many walks of life, but all share a common vision – that an end to global hunger will come when we invest in the potential and determination of people to work for a better future. You have made that investment and, now, millions of people around the world are becoming self-reliant and living lives of dignity.

In Africa, South Asia and Latin America people are providing for themselves and their families; educating their children, improving their health, eating more nutritious food, and earning sustainable incomes. Each investment you make further advances our momentum and, together, we are moving closer to a world without hunger. Thank you again.