

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Aspyre Africa
Name of the project TFN funded:	Horticulture Training for 20 "talibés" in Saint-Louis Senegal
Date Funded by TFN:	25/09/2017
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>18 out of the 20 talibés (Koranic pupils) who were trained in horticulture successfully graduated and received their certificate from the CIPA (Centre d'Initiation et de perfectionnement dans les métiers de l'agriculture de Saint-Louis). Out of the 2 who didn't graduate, only one failed through lack of commitment, the other one returned to his village and started working the land with his family.</p> <p>Thanks to the TFN funding the young men acquired the skills and knowledge required to find sustainable livelihoods in the horticulture sector. While they are finishing their Koranic education, we are working with them to develop their own and/or collective plans to start their own business or find employment. Following the great success of the aviculture module during the training, many have expressed an interest in poultry farming to start with. Aspyre Africa has since managed to secure a piece of land for free in a very central location that will allow the talibés to soon start such an activity with our support.</p> <p>This training project has been recognised as a success by all stakeholders. As a direct result of this project, the CIPA vocational training centre has already requested the support of the government to replicate this project for talibés on a larger scale at the centre. This is exactly the ground breaking impact we had hoped for from this pilot project as until now formal vocational training had remained inaccessible to talibés. As a result, we will be working closely with the CIPA and other partners to document, refine and continuously evaluate the model for possible replication at the national level.</p> <p>Finally, the collaboration with the selected Koranic teachers was a great success. It has allowed us to build trusting relationships, opened the door to long term partnerships and given us access to a large network of Koranic schools. This will allow us to soon have a much wider direct impact on the lives of talibés in Senegal.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	46.74%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	20
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project	Approximately 284 (average of 10 wider family members per talibé + 4 Koranic teachers + average of 4 community members per talibé)

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Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	We received £1000 from Just Trust following the TFN event.
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	No
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	We were very grateful to be given the opportunity to present at TFN. The whole process was very smooth and the support offered throughout was great.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	--