

Who We Are

Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) is an international economic development organization that creates business solutions to poverty. For 70 years, MEDA has been equipping entrepreneurs around the globe with access to the resources they need to build strong business and lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

MEDA began as an association of Mennonite businesspeople who believed they were called to be faithful in generously sharing their abilities and resources. **Continuing in that Christian tradition, MEDA welcomes all who share our values and want to join us in our mission.**



167,017

DIRECT CLIENTS
(INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES)

561,655

INDIRECT CLIENTS
(INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES)

12+

COUNTRIES

21

ACTIVE
PROJECTS

43,059

WAGE AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT
DECENT WORK OPPORTUNITIES
CREATED OR SUSTAINED

\$33.2M

RESOURCES INVESTED



“I thank MEDA for making my dream come true, and I encourage young people to get involved in agriculture for their community,” Ramatoulaye said.

Ramatoulaye aspired to become a farmer after graduating from university. But she faced many challenges. Senegalese farmers lack access to necessary resources, like seeds and technology. There was also the impact of COVID-19, which closed markets and reduced demand for agricultural products.

Yet, Ramatoulaye saw an opportunity to fill a need for local producers in her community. So, she connected with MEDA’s Initiative for the Economic Resilience of Micro,

Medium and Small Enterprises (IREM) project in Senegal. She learned about crop strains, rain gauge management, and data collection. Ramatoulaye also invested in plow services for her land and hired workers from her village.

Now, Ramatoulaye’s farm is producing high-quality peanut crops using organic fertilizer.

By working with MEDA, Ramatoulaye provides decent work opportunities for herself and her community.

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