

Yoke Partners

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A Word from the Board of Directors

The landscape is changing. ADI's work in Mauritania happens at a cultural moment when things move quickly from being unthinkable to becoming unquestionable. The actions of the US government are one factor impacting the context in which we work. Since 2003, Mauritania has not received any large donations from the US for economic development. In the coming year, however, Mauritania is expected to receive from 15 to 40 million dollars in US grants for climate-smart agriculture. The funding comes from Food for Progress (FFP) and is intended to help the developing country modernize and strengthen its agricultural sector. Further, the US has, in the past, typically controlled immigration from Mauritania to the US, but over the last year an estimated 20,000 Mauritians migrated to the United States without a visa, even as the social norms promoted by the US government continue to diverge from traditional Islamic values.

The landscape is changing, but ADI's method, focus, and values are not. ADI engages with families in the agricultural sector to increase production where they already are. We encourage families to solve problems, invest, and grow where they are so they will not need to move abroad. The family is our unit of analysis.

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Making a Difference



Above: This spring, a local partner completed 144 monthly payments of \$27.78 and paid off his home loan. In the photo above, our volunteer treasurer hands over the keys in recognition of receipt of the final payment. Stable income and sound planning allow working families to save money and move out of poverty. ADI provides a limited number of no interest loans; our donors in the industrialized world lend, and partner families in the developing world pay back at no interest. Celebration is in order when agreements are kept and a contract started in 2014 is completed!



Above left: ADI promotes placing fluoride on children's teeth for improved dental care.



Above right: Soukheyma lives in Rosso Mauritania. ADI's February free clinic provided an opportunity for her to visit a doctor. As a result of the consultation, the physician decided that a wheelchair would be an appropriate medical appliance. Your generous donations provided a sturdy wheelchair, which our ADI representative delivered to Soukheyma at her home on March 20th.

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A Word from the Board of Directors

Families in the industrialized world are sharing resources with and relating to families in the developing world. By endeavoring to be on time, to work at standard, to avoid waste and to live with joy, we are moving forward. We are thankful for all who have participated in our programs over the past year.

| Project Activity | Families Impacted 2022-2023 |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Free Medical & Dental Consultations | 1077 |
| Medical & Dental Services at Selibaby | 676 |
| Nutrition Education at Toujounine | 46 |
| Food Box Distribution | 2 |
| Demonstration Garden Participants | 11 |
| <i>Total Families Impacted this Year</i> | <i>1812</i> |



Coffee News: Honduran Partners!

This fall, ADI is happy to market coffee grown in Honduras by Rosa Gutierrez and her father, Juan Vicente. Rosa lives in the Montecillos region and Juan in the Marcala region of Honduras. They work as two separate farms and encourage each other in growing, harvesting, and marketing coffee.

In addition, we have a sampling of organic Huehuetenango coffee from Guatemala as well as our regular offering of single origin Gayo coffee from a 165-farmer cooperative in the Aceh region of Sumatra, Indonesia.

Each bag sold blesses a family who earned top dollar for the raw beans they sold to ADI's local buying agent, and your purchase generates a contribution for the hunger relief and agriculture development work implemented by ADI field personnel in Mauritania.

Send a text or visit www.agri-develop.org to order!

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