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Improving National Capacities in Sustainable Recovery

Disaster Context

Senegal is a low human development country, ranked 154 out of 173 countries in the 2002 Human Development Index. In January 2002, several areas of Senegal (Danaga and Podor in Saint Louis region and Linguere and Louga in Louga region) were affected by a cold wave and heavy rains. These events caused significant deterioration of living conditions and had serious impacts on agriculture and livestock production. Twenty-eight people died, another 179,000 were affected, and some 470,000 heads of livestock were lost. The government appealed for aid on 17 January 2002.

In terms of management of the crisis, the Government showed good response capacity (the rescue organisation plan ORSEC plan was activated) and identified the need for a National Recovery Framework. As a result of a request from the Land Planning and Housing Ministry, a mission was undertaken by UNDP in February 2002. This mission complemented the overall results of the Inter-Agency Humanitarian UN Mission conducted in January 2002. These missions resulted in humanitarian assistance to the affected population by WFP, UNICEF and WHO. UNDP provided an expert to assist the government in developing a recovery framework.

Project Title

Preparation of a Sustainable Recovery Framework for the North of Senegal (SEN/02/004)

Sectors

- Institutional strengthening
- Disaster risk management
- Capacity-building
- Physical infrastructure reconstruction

Funding

- UNDP contributed \$50,000 from TRAC 1.1.3 funds.
- The Government of Senegal contributed 40 million CFA francs for reconstruction.

Partners

- Ministry of Land Planning and Housing
- Ministry of Interior

Programme Activities

The programme provided support to the government for the preparation of a Sustainable Recovery Framework. The recovery framework included the preparation of a National Programme in Disaster Reduction and Management. Preparation of this strategy has not yet begun.

The Government of Senegal supported the development of a rural housing prototype for the affected area of Gaé.