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# Strengthening Human Security in priority municipalities through enhanced social protection and increased resilience to socio-economic insecurity in Senegal

**\$ Budget: 500,000 USD**



**Duration: 12 months**

## Development Challenges

Senegal's border regions with neighboring Mali, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, the Gambia, and Mauritania are characterized by widespread poverty. Significant gaps exist in basic equipment and infrastructures due to weaker state presence in those borderland areas. In addition, border regions are marked by a prevalence of rural areas, with a heavy economic reliance on agriculture, livestock, fishing, forestry. These sectors are witnessing firsthand the adverse effects of climate change, notably drought, heat waves, violent winds, floods.

The State of Senegal, with the "PSE - Plan Sénégal Emergent", the national socio-economic development policy, has understood this imbalance by implementing the PUMA to strengthen infrastructures in cross-border areas.

In recent years however, the eastern and south-eastern border regions of the country are under increasing pressure from insecurity due to the expansion of extremist groups. In addition, the crisis resulting from the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic has further aggravated the poverty and vulnerability of already impoverished communities. These conditions often lead to sentiments of frustration and exclusion, rural exodus, immigration, and radicalization especially amongst youth.

## Project Objectives

Strengthen the resilience of communities in the five priority municipalities with enhanced social protection programmes to support disaster preparedness; reduce impact of shocks on poor households; support risk reduction and prevention efforts; provide adequate, timely, and coordinated relief to affected households; and complement efforts to build back better during reconstruction and recovery.

Enable community-based income generating activities, jobs creation and businesses and SMEs for women, youth and other vulnerable groups (people with disabilities, migrants, widows).

Mainstream the concept of human security in municipalities' policymaking to foster community participation, peaceful, just and inclusive societies with strengthened capacities of municipal actors and border law enforcement authorities in governance, rule of law, peace and stability with a human security approach and enhanced interface between local governance and local communities.

## Project Outputs

The resilience of communities in the five priority municipalities is strengthened with enhanced social protection programmes

Women, youth and vulnerable groups in the five priority municipalities benefit from a portfolio of community activities for increased socio-economic empowerment

Municipal authorities possess the tools and capacities to mainstream human security at local level to alleviate the feeling of insecurity sensed by the populations and further peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

## Partnership

PUMA - Programme d'Urgence de Modernisation des Axes et Territoires frontaliers  
ACMU - Agence Couverture Maladie Universelle (CMU)

## Contribution to SDGs

