



World Vision

VisionFund International Annual Review

We are VisionFund — Empowering Lives Amidst Global Pandemic

VisionFund International has empowered millions by offering microfinance services in developing regions across the globe. In response to the widespread outbreak of COVID-19, VisionFund never ceased its contributions but instead devised considerable measures to alleviate the crippling social effects brought by virus lockdowns. The existing

financial services and additional measures that VisionFund provides have not only helped clients develop successful businesses and empower their children, but they also helped ensure the security of livelihoods and the wellbeing of more than a million families across 28 countries in the midst of this crisis.

Our work in 2019

No. of
clients/
borrowers



1,100,000

Female
community
bank clients



71%

Values of
loans
disbursed



US\$ 694,260,000

No. of
children
impacted



3,481,000

Repayment
rate



97.1%

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Social Performance

As we conclude our five-year-strategy, Building Futures Together, in 2019, we are able to achieve a steady increase of rural and female clients across our microfinance institute (MFI) network, representing 63% and 71% of our total client base respectively. Such growths are essential to helping the most vulnerable and marginalised population in the developing world.

To combat the health and socioeconomic impacts caused by COVID-19, we are committed to minimising health and economic vulnerability of the communities we support in face of the plummeting global markets. By implementing specific measures, such as rescheduling loan repayments and issuing emergency and recovery loans, our disaster response would help millions of our clients to survive this crisis and to restore livelihoods.

Success Story

We empower families to create income and jobs. Through our financial services and training, impoverished households will be able to grow successful businesses and use the income to support their families.

loan collective and worked together to help each other out. “Sharing our ideas and skills together is very helpful,” Yandé says of the group. “All of us work hard and help each other. Women are much stronger than men.”

Yandé’s Story

Married at 15 and having raised five children, Yandé Diouf, from Senegal, simply has not had opportunities to work for a living – until the day her husband fell unexpectedly ill. Yandé was then left with all the responsibility to support her family.

Today, Yandé has two main businesses and could provide complete financial support to her twin daughters at university in the capital, Dakar. With the help of a small loan from VisionFund, Yandé was able to rise from the ashes and be clothed in nothing but her own strength and independence. And just as she said, “we love not having to ask for help.”

Yandé was first introduced to microfinance as she was seeking for loan assistance to buy seeds and fund her farming activities. Despite the strong objection from her family, Yandé persisted in taking out the small loan and farming her own land. Her brave act motivated other women in the community to take out similar loans. They later came together to form the all-female Djackou Mbougane

