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God we #pray for our partners as we switch some programming. We pray for enough funding for the change. #PrayMonday



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As the rainy season approaches, we #pray for enough rain to sustain your creation and your people O Lord #Pray #PrayMonday

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Dear Friends,

As the end of the year approaches, I find myself looking back. World Renew Senegal's partners have accomplished so much in their communities in St. Louis, Dakar, Linguere, and the Fatick area. This year we have trained and supported peer-educators of 34 adolescent health groups; 765 young people participated in these groups, and about 65 girls who had earlier participated in these groups finished their vocational education.

The vocational education program started four years ago. The adolescent health program had always had a session on "realizing your dreams." That session, in which participants are encouraged to think about their dreams, is very popular because these girls are usually never asked to think about the future or what they might like to do. They have not been to school, and their path is usually already determined. It is rare for people to ask them what they would like to do when they grow up, not just when it comes to possible jobs or choice of spouse but even also with regard to a possible hobby or other interest. In the vocational education program, however, the girls were enrolled in programs of their choice and supported by the program.

Before the summer, SLDS organized an event to celebrate and showcase the achievements of the youth who had followed a course. Parents, community members, and SLDS and World Renew staff were invited to see the clothes and hairstyles the girls had created. We also were served cake made by the catering students, and we watched the first-aid/nursing students demonstrate their skills. The youth and their hoped-for futures were the center of attention, and the students did a great job showing what they had learned. It was a wonderful and hopeful day.

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Joys

- Give thanks that 107 youth have been able to participate in vocational training through the Adolescent Health and Rights Program in Senegal.
- Eight SLDS educators, including six new ones, are recruiting participants for the 2016-17 adolescent health groups in the neighborhoods of Pikine.

Challenges

- With the end of the four-year funding (as planned) from the government of Canada, our partners SLDS and CECS are going through a transition.
- We are planning a workshop in Kedougou in southeastern Senegal with local church leaders, to reflect on how their churches can be a light to their communities and how World Renew can help in that regard.



Dresses and mannequins with wedding hairstyles as presented by participants of the Adolescent Health Program enrolled in Vocational Education at Presentation to Parents and Community Members.



SLDS: Services Luthériens pour le Développement au Sénégal (Lutheran Development Services of Senegal) was formerly known as EELS: Église Évangélique Luthérienne du Sénégal (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Senegal)

Participants await their turn to present their new skills to their parents and community.

