



Photo by Ivan Barros
Zuza Epicenter, Mozambique, 2015

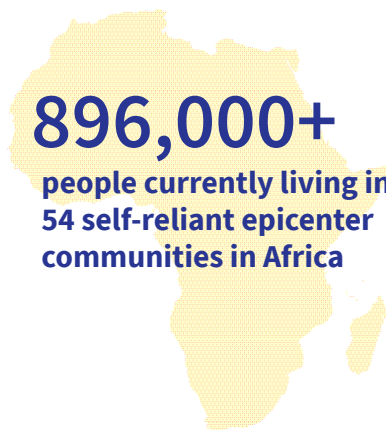
Our work spans across nine Program Countries in Africa:
Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique,
Senegal, Uganda and Zambia.

54

self-reliant epicenters
as of December 2020

896,000+

people currently living in
54 self-reliant epicenter
communities in Africa



Our Program Focus Areas:

- Health
- Education
- Adult Literacy
- HIV/AIDS Prevention
- Farming
- Food Security
- Microfinance
- Water and Sanitation
- Nutrition

Our approach is different.

We use a holistic approach in communities working to declare self-reliance. Leveraging strategic program focus areas, our Epicenter Strategy unites 5,000 to 15,000 people in a shared vision of a hunger-free future. In 2020, we marked a significant milestone: more than 50 epicenters in Africa have declared self-reliance. Almost 900k individuals are united in a community-led commitment to fostering healthy, fulfilling lives of self-reliance and dignity for everyone.

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Self-reliance successes.

Over half of self-reliant epicenters have **eliminated** severe hunger entirely and reduced overall hunger to just below **3%**.

- Over 468,000 women live in 54 self-reliant epicenters across Africa. Now, **more than a quarter** of small businesses are woman-owned.
- 43% of people over the age of 15 have learned accurate and **comprehensive HIV/AIDS information**.
- Diversity is critical to a nutritious diet. Across self-reliant epicenter communities, diverse diet and improved nutrition for women of childbearing age **increased by 23%**.
- Over half of rural households have sustainably increased their income with money earned from **non-farming businesses**.



Pictured: Ndeye (right) with leader Coumba (left)
Koki Epicenter, Senegal 2017

Ndeye Nidaye from Fadam, Senegal, completed our animator (community volunteer) program and set up her own sewing business and workshop. She was able to employ young people who have dropped out of school, giving them the chance to learn a trade in an environment where agriculture is the main activity.

“I started with a 50,000 FCFA credit from the savings and credit program at Koki Epicenter, which I used to purchase one sewing machine. My uncle gifted me another. With these two machines, I committed myself to train the young people of the village. Whenever I wear a boubou [robe], people ask me where I got it. They are amazed when I tell them I made it myself, especially because I live in a village that does not always have electricity!”