



10 things to know about AREDE

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- AREDE is a non-governmental non-profit dedicated to training, publishing and educational innovations
- AREDE is based in Dakar and works in many countries in West Africa, particularly in the Sahel
- Founded in 1990, AREDE works to promote quality education in African languages for grassroots communities, through training, publishing, educational innovation and action research.

- AREDE works in two educational sectors: **formal (elementary education)** and **non-formal**.

In formal education, AREDE provides technical support to the Government of Senegal in its search for quality in education. Since 2009, with support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and 2014 with Dubai Cares, AREDE is working to provide a solution to the issue of improving the performance of students in reading/writing, math and natural science, through a pilot project covering 208 classes and reaching more than 10,500 pupils in the first four years of elementary school. The objective is to highlight a teaching-learning model based on native languages and to demonstrate that children learn better in their language.

In non-formal education, AREDE seeks to improve communities' opportunities through capacity building in areas that directly affect their daily lives and could lead to change at the community level.

- Over the past 10 years, AREDE has invested extensively in the **design, testing and dissemination of original teaching and training tools on issues related to pastoralism and livestock in West Africa**. AREDE was at the heart of the design and dissemination process of the module on cattle trade with "Groupe Développement" under the project to support the productivity of agro-pastoral systems (PAPE) in Mali, Burkina,



Togo, Benin, Niger, Mauritania and Chad.

- **Our values, our assumptions, our concrete results**
AREDE boasts an extensive experience of successes and innovations in publishing and training. Since its inception, AREDE has successfully published approximately 314 documents in seven series:
 - Basic literacy and numeracy skills
 - Planning and Leadership
 - Civil society
 - Literature, culture and local knowledge
 - Health
 - Scientific and technical Information
 - Religion.

These publications are written primarily in six national languages: Pulaar, Wolof, Mandinka, Serer, Diola and Soninké.

In order to better share with African partners, 29 of these publications are translated into French.

Currently, AREDE has printed and sold over 1,460,000 books, 510 training activities completed, 15,000 people trained (community leaders, trainers, teachers, etc.) in Senegal, Africa and the rest of the world.

- **Our team of highly qualified personnel**
AREDE built early on an experienced and highly skilled team which is supported by a wide network of human resources - experts in various fields, teachers, linguists, community trainers, etc. to achieve its objectives.



- **Beneficiaries from different backgrounds**

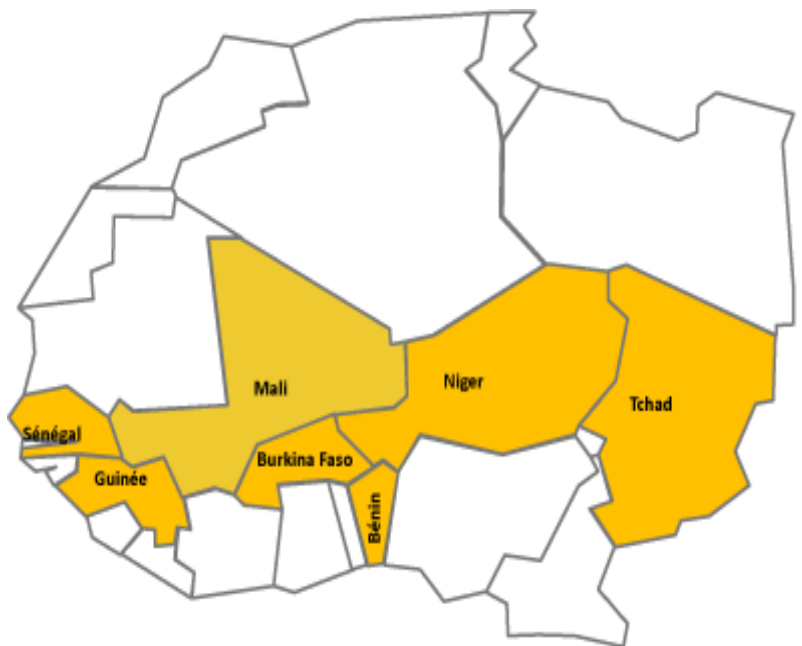
Community stakeholders, elected officials and local leaders, civil society members, officers of associations, NGOs and projects (facilitators, community resource persons, managers, etc.) have relied on ARED's expertise for several years.

In addition, since 2008, ARED has developed an interest in the quality of basic education in schools, alongside the Government of Senegal.

Also, primary school aged children, unschooled or under-schooled adolescents will find in the innovations initiated by ARED methods and appropriate tools for improved education in their native languages.

- **A network of partners at the national and sub-regional levels**

AREDE's expertise in strengthening community leadership has earned us accolades by many national and African organizations, but also government entities in Senegal and other countries in the sub-region such as Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Benin, Guinea, Ghana, Nigeria, Chad, Mauritania and Togo.



AREDE has trained managers in ministries of these countries in pastoralism, management of natural resources and active research methods. ARED also accompanied them in the development of training manuals adapted to their environment and context.



- **ARED's partners**

International financial and technical partners

- The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- Lutheran World Relief
- Banyan Tree Foundation
- International Institute for Environment and Development (UK)
- European Union
- AFD
- Groupe Développement
- UNESCO
- USAID
- InWent (German cooperation)
- GTZ (German cooperation)
- ICRA (Pays-Bas)
- The Brooke

Other partners**In Senegal :**

- Pastoral associations : ADID, ADENA, FBAJ;
- Village associations : Dental, ARP ;
- NGO : USE/PIP, IED/Afrique, CERFLA ;
- Projects : PAPF, PADEN ;
- Ministries : Agriculture, Education ;
- Universities : UCAD, UGB

In the sub-region :

- Sahel Eco (Mali),
- Jam Sahel (Mali),
- SNV-Mali,
- AEN Gao (Mali),
- ADISSAH (Mali),
- AFAD (Mali)
- CARE (Niger),
- AREN (Niger)
- Billital Maroobe (7 countries),
- SOS Sahel/GB (Niger)
- Belgian Technical Cooperation
- CRUS (Burkina Faso)
- RECOPA (Burkina Faso)
- University of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)
- SNV-Burkina
- Potal Men (Benin),
- SNV-Benin ;
- Ministry of livestock and animal resources, DOPSSP, DH (Chad)
- RAFIA (Togo),
- Louvain Développement (Togo, Benin)

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