

INSTALLATION OF MACHINES IN SENEGAL WITH AURORA ODV (ITALY) AND NGO AES (SENEGAL)

Senegal is a country immediately north of Guinea Bissau, therefore close to where the first machines were built, tested and delivered to the villages.

Most of the Senegalese territory is quite arid and has no oil palms, but the Casamance in the south, a region near the border with Guinea Bissau, has plenty oil palms and its markets also sell palm oil to neighboring countries.

The **Aurora ODV association**, our partner also for other projects, has been present in Senegal for several years and has set up the program for the dissemination of machines in that country with us.

Taking advantage of the **profitable relations between Aurora and the NGO AES in Senegal**, which already the year before had led to the creation of a jatropha plantation and the dispatch of a press to extract the oil (see project 012), in the year 2016 to **Mlomp**, at the AES training institute, on which the technician Ramani dos Santos, president of our Guinean partner AJDESU, underwent initial training.

In 2017, a second plant was installed in **Bukitimgo**, a village followed by AES.

In 2019, a project for the installation of 3 plants was financed to Aurora by the Tavola Valdese, 2 in two sectors of **Kabiline** village and one in **Siganar**.

It is important to note that **the Kabiline communities have well assimilated the use of machines**, learning to use them well and effectively.

Already in 2021, their ability and commitment were rewarded by transferring to them the plant that had been given to Sigandar, but had not been used with sufficient interest.

But even more the ability of the people of Kabiline can be enhanced on the occasion of future supplies of machines to other villages, **being able in turn to be trainers of other communities, with which to create a commercial network in the future**. And this is an important development with a view to increasing the autonomy of the population.

And in 2023, with the installations in Bandjikaki and Thiobon, the number of 7 machines was reached.

