



Ministère de l'Environnement et du Développement durable



October 23, 2018 -- The Government of Senegal has officially launched the project "Reducing vulnerability and building resilience of vulnerable communities in the Saloum Islands (Dionewar)".

The project, endowed with US\$ 1.3 million in grant funding from the Adaptation Fund, is the second in Senegal to be financed through the Fund's pioneering Direct Access modality. It aims to strengthen the resilience of communities of Dionewar island, which is faced with climate change hazards such as degradation of mangroves and increased saltwater intrusions.

In his opening speech, M. Souleymane Diallo, the Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, said: "I express here the gratitude of the Government of Senegal to the Adaptation Fund Board. This is the second funding granted to our vulnerable communities since the operationalization of this Fund in 2010, bringing [the total] to 10 million US dollars allocated to our country. This funding will allow consolidating protective works and developing aquaculture production, which should significantly improve living conditions on Dionewar island."

The project is being implemented by the Adaptation Fund's national implementing entity (NIE) in Senegal, the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE). CSE also implemented the earlier US\$ 8.6 million AF-funded [project](#) to help Senegalese coastal communities adapt to sea level rise and erosion, while safeguarding homes and livelihoods.

CSE was the Adaptation Fund's first NIE to gain accreditation in 2010 under its pioneering [Direct Access](#) modality, which empowers developing countries to directly access grants and develop projects through the Fund. A total of 28 NIEs around the world have been accredited by the Fund under Direct Access.