

Senegal

Since 2004, Helen Keller Intl has supported the government of Senegal's fight against malnutrition by strengthening health and food systems. Collaborating with the government, communities, and other partners, we help ensure good health and nutrition for children and women by expanding access to vitamin A and multiple micronutrient supplements, improving treatment for acute malnutrition, and supporting optimal infant and young child feeding practices. We also improve access to healthy foods by providing training and resources to help families to grow nutritious crops and advocating to expand fortification of common foods with essential vitamins and minerals.



Number of staff: **28**
People reached annually: **3.2 million**



Office opened: **2004**
Operating budget: **\$2.3 million**

Challenges



49% of children do not get enough vitamin A, impacting their ability to see clearly, fight off disease, and live a healthy life.

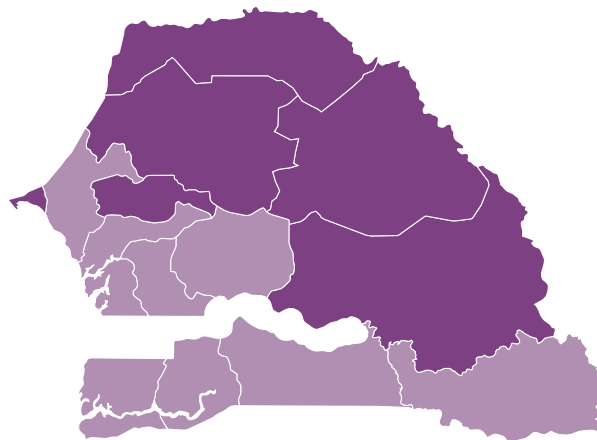


10% of children suffer from acute malnutrition, including 1.1% who are severely malnourished.



90% of children do not eat a minimum acceptable nutritious diet and 66% are not exclusively breastfed through 6 months of age.

Where We Work



- Dakar
- Diourbel
- Louga
- Matam
- Saint-Louis
- Tambacounda

Our Solutions



Ensure that families have access to critical vitamins and minerals needed to ensure good health and combat malnutrition.



Partner with the government and communities to ensure that children are screened and treated for malnutrition early and within their own communities.



Support mothers and caregivers with education and resources to provide good nutrition for their children.



Our Impact

- ✓ Targeted more than 460,000 children under the age of 5 with 2 doses of vitamin A, protecting their vision and health.
- ✓ Helped screen more than 68,000 children under the age of 5 for malnutrition of which more than 500 received treatment.
- ✓ Provided nearly 45,000 mothers with counseling and support on good nutrition for young children and exclusive breastfeeding.



Key Partners: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Effektiv Spenden, Eleanor Crook Foundation, Gates Foundation, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Global Affairs Canada

About Helen Keller Intl

Helen Keller Intl partners with communities that are striving to overcome longstanding cycles of poverty. By delivering the essential building blocks of good health, sound nutrition, and clear vision, the organization helps millions of people create lasting change in their own lives. Working in 20 countries – across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States – and together with a global community of supporters, Helen Keller helps to ensure every person has the opportunity – as Helen did – to reach their true potential.

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