

Anti-Poverty Initiative(API)

Still in the Business of Empowering Women



Figure 1 Group Leaders(in Front of picture)

Sope Babacar Sy is a group of micro-business women located in Guediawaye, a suburb of Dakar. API has been working with the group since 2013.

The group is named after a spiritual leader in the community in which the women live and work.

Habibatou Sangare is the leader of the group. There are 71 women in the group, but API has so far enrolled 30 of them in its programs.

Like other groups, members of Sope Babacar Sy are engaged in various income-generating activities like

petty trading in Fish, vegetables and clothes-making.

For savings, each member contributes 500F CFA(US\$1) weekly to their savings account. Each member also contributes her share of monthly loan repayment to API. If for some reason, a member is unable to contribute her share, the group pays for her from their savings account. Later, that member reimburses the group's savings account.

A uniqueness about the group is that its members are much younger than other groups enrolled in our programs. The average age is 28years.



Figure 2 Members Contributing to Savings Account

Donation

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