

The challenge now is **to scale up** the revolving fund for habitat in these 3 countries with additional endowments from donors, and **to extend it to other countries** that are already interested, particularly in the West African sub-region.

To achieve this, the process needs to be supported by the **development of technical and financial partnerships** that move away from a project-based subsidy approach towards a **long-term support approach**.

In this way, more families could be supported in their efforts **to improve their homes and living environment**.

# THE REVOLVING FUND FOR HABITAT

An inclusive financing tool  
to support decent housing for precarious residents

The aim of the **revolving fund** or housing fund is to provide access to **affordable finance** for vulnerable, low-income groups who are excluded from traditional banking and microfinance institutions. The revolving fund is inspired by **traditional solidarity-based practices**, known as tontines, which involve contributions being made to a **common fund managed by a group of people**, usually from the same neighbourhood. The amounts saved are granted in turn to each member of the group, thereby contributing to the family economy or to specific projects.



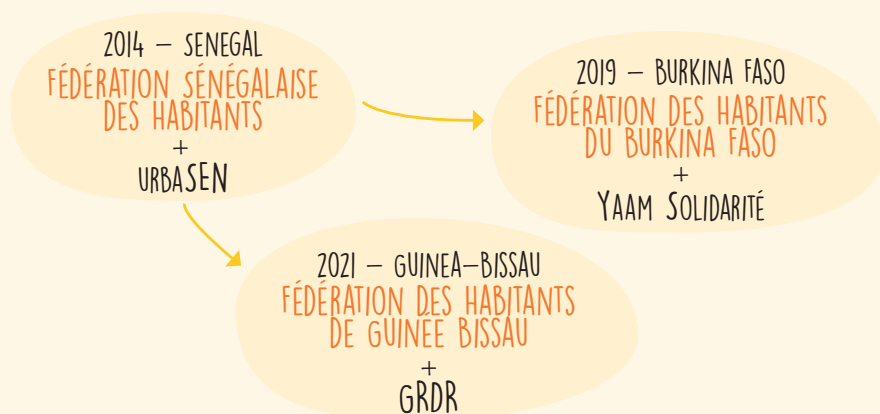
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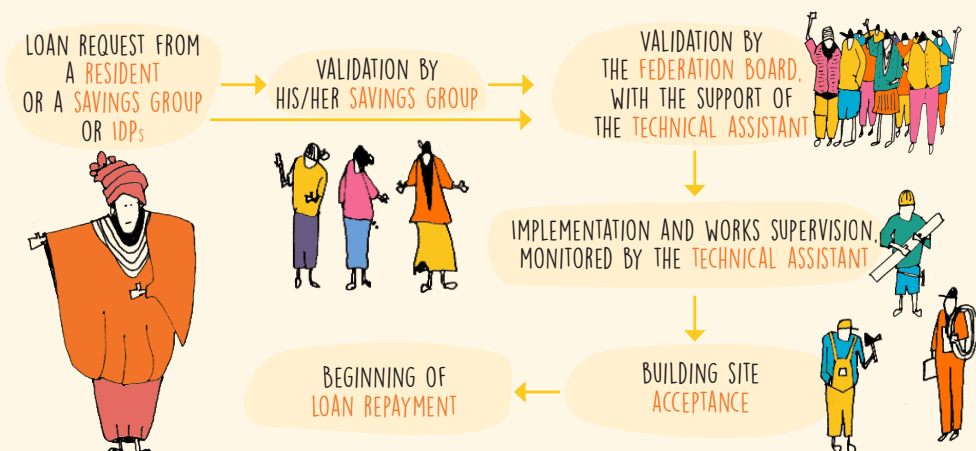
Initiated in Senegal, peer-to-peer exchanges between different civil society organisations have enabled the tool to be deployed in other West African countries.



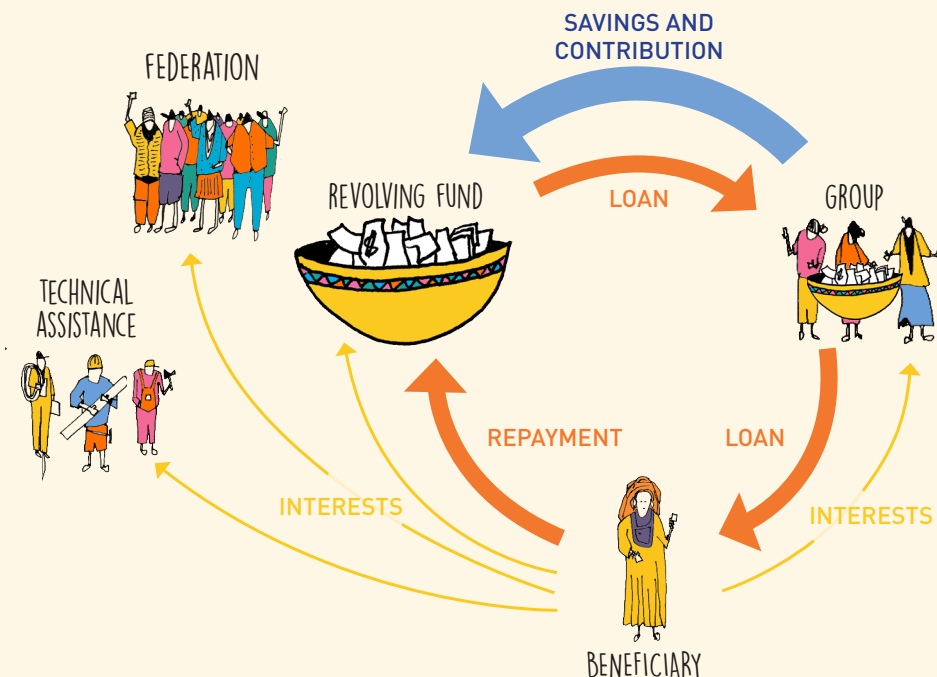
These different funds are used to finance a variety of projects:

- **housing renovation** at plot level,
- **semi-collective sewage systems** at street level,
- neighbourhood-scale development of **public spaces**,
- **income-generating activities** carried out by several groups committed to improving their living conditions.

In Senegal, the tool is currently being adapted to finance the construction of new homes for low-income households.



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	SENEGAL	BURKINA FASO	GUINEA BISSAU
<b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES</b>			
_____ members	15 075	5 160	500
_____ groups	663	172	13
_____ women	95 %	90 %	95 %
<b>TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT</b>			
_____ francs CFA	946 612 398	54 476 400	39 357 420
_____ euros equivalent	1 500 000	83 000	60 000
<b>NUMBER OF LOANS</b>			
_____ housing	1 012	228	-
_____ IGA (including IDPs)	47	210 (20)	4
_____ community works	287	-	-
<b>OVERALL INTEREST RATE</b>	<b>5 %</b>	<b>5 %</b>	<b>10 %</b>
_____ which for the fund	2 %	2 %	4 %
_____ which for the group	1 %	1 %	3 %
_____ which for the federation	1 %	1 %	3 %
_____ which for technical assistance	1 %	1 %	-