
IN THE HEART OF COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

REDES International Service Learning Programs bring together International and Local University students, eco-design educators, researchers, entrepreneurs and leaders to support integrated community-led, ecological, social and cultural initiatives in the Sahel Region.

REDES programs are designed to meet diverse interests, academic goals and local sustainable development objectives. Through a coherent combination of interactive lectures, hands-on field work, various cultural experiences, designs and implementations of grassroots community projects.

REDES allows participants to develop a much deeper understanding of the interactions between global politics and local social dynamics, current environmental issues and alternative development models.



BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION



REDES is committed to play an active part in bringing relevant solutions to the complex environmental and socio-economic challenges that communities in the region are facing in their daily lives.

REDES envisions a green, prosperous and peaceful Sahel where all human communities enjoy natural abundance and cultural diversity.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM REDES



.A Unique opportunity to participate with a growing organization dedicated to contributing significantly to the improvement of the living conditions in the ecovillages of the Sahel; creating a model eco-center for global learning.





For the preservation of ecosystems and cultural heritage, for abundance and peace...

REDES PROGRAMS SERVES ALL

International students participating in REDES programs will be experiencing family traditions, learning local and official languages, studying sustainable development processes, taking an active part in ecovillage development projects and enjoying host communities cultural life.

Through their peers, local students will have different perspectives on Western realities, other than those often provided by biased media or school-led text books. They will rediscover essential cultural aspects of their own heritage while actively engaging in promoting best regenerative practices for their physical and social environments.

REDES Service Learning Programs expand host families and communities cultural horizons as well as their economic possibilities.

Multiple transformative processes will be established between overlapping learning communities.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

REDES has customized opportunities for education through the diverse paradigms of sustainability created within an ecovillage atmosphere. Our on-campus ecovillages are traditional communities consciously organized through locally owned participatory processes in social, cultural, ecological and economical areas to regenerate the environment and living conditions.

REDES IN SENEGAL RIVER VALLEY

REDES works with and for Sahel communities to regenerate degraded ecosystems. It promotes biodynamic farming and best forestry practices to create abundance for the populations in order to stop mass impoverishment and immigration. In addition to other projects, REDES is now engaged in creating an ecovillage hub of 35 villages in the river valley of Senegal and Mauritania.



Preserving scarce water resources to regenerate ecosystems



Guede Eco-guards making mud brick for classroom construction

AT THE HEART OF THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

With the support of its partners, REDES builds classrooms in rural areas; currently developing an eco-school program to prepare next generations for the preservation of their cultural heritage and environments. Bambey Serere and Ndem ecovillage schools are pioneers in these initiatives.



Providing relevant high quality education to end the cycle of illiteracy and poverty



PERMACULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING

REDES supports the implementation of permaculture projects for women in rural areas and helps preserve existing community orchards. This important program is combined with food processing workshops to generate income and better diets for families during long dry seasons.



A thriving permaculture in arid lands by ISL students



Food processing for health and income during long dry seasons.