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IV. Project Goal

The goal of the Project is to improve the living conditions of the rural poor in the Lac de Guiers region in Senegal's Keur Momar Sarr district.

V. Project Purpose

The purpose of the Project is to increase the net income of Bokk Doole's members from a baseline of FCFA 39,238,340 in 2008 to the following:

- A. FCFA 87,796,720 in Project Year 1;
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- C. FCFA 181,045,669 in Project Year 3:
- D. FCFA 208,413,517 in Project Year 4; and
- E. FCFA 288,285,014 in Project Year 5.

V1. Project Outputs

- A. Production of onions will increase from a baseline of 293 tons in 2008 to the following:
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 - 4. 743 tons in Project Year 4; and
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- D. Overall revenue for the Bokk Doole EIG will increase from a baseline of FCFA 200,419,040 in 2008 to the following:
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VII. Project Activities

A. Production of Onions, Groundnuts, and Cassava

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With assistance from ASREAD, Bokk Doole will increase its production capacity by putting in place an irrigation system. It will purchase and supply its members with motor pumps for irrigation of their crops. By December 2008, ASREAD will organize the replacement of manual irrigation pumps with motorized equipment that Bokk Doole will purchase, and an engine mechanic will be recruited to perform maintenance and upkeep on the motor pumps.

B. Revolving Fund

Bokk Doole and ASREAD will collaborate during the first year of the Project to recruit personnel and establish procedures for the creation and management of a revolving fund. A committee composed of the Bokk Doole EIG executive committee, ASREAD's executive secretary, and local leaders will manage the fund at the Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole du Sénégal (CNCAS). The CNCAS fund will have two sub-accounts. One account will fund equipment purchases, and the other will be used for seed, fertilizer, and pesticide purchases. The management committee will choose the type and quantity of inputs, select beneficiaries, and ensure repayment to the revolving fund. Bokk Doole will purchase the inputs and distribute them to member farmers. As part of its process

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