

# Title

Are communities ready to address the issue of poor food safety and nutritional quality in urban Senegal?

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## Background and Objectives



- Rapid nutrition transition underway in urban Senegal
- Access to more nutritious and safe food is needed
- Community-level involvement is key for prioritising problems and implementing successful interventions

**Aim:** To assess community readiness to address the issue of poor food safety and nutritional quality in urban food environments in Senegal

## Methods



- Community Readiness Model (CRM)\* as a tool to understand willingness and ability to take action
- Key dimensions assessed:
  1. Knowledge of efforts
  2. Leadership
  3. Community climate
  4. Knowledge of the issue
  5. Resources
- Nineteen Key Informant Interviews in two urban neighbourhoods: Dakar & Guediawye

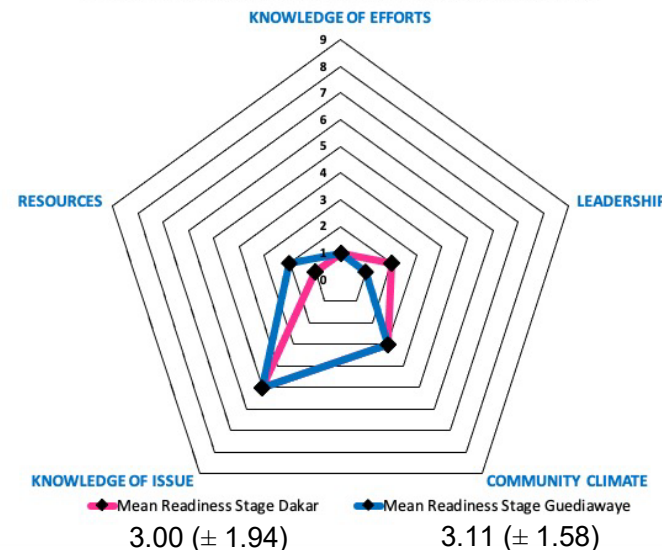
\* CRM Handbook: <https://bit.ly/3NQWW6Z>

† Tanga & Garotte: informal Senegalese canteens

## Results



COMMUNITY READINESS ASSESSMENT GRAPH SHOWING THE AVERAGE SCORE PER DIMENSION FOR KEY INFORMANTS FROM DAKAR & GUEDIWAYE



## Conclusions



- Overall, the community only has a vague awareness of the issue of poor food safety and nutritional quality



- While there is knowledge and concern on this issue, other priorities exist: financial insecurity, infrastructure (i.e., roads, cold chain) and food insecurity
- Public awareness campaigns and more government engagement are needed before interventions to promote safe and nutritious food are introduced



## Keywords

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*"Sometimes people use **poor quality** products, but they **don't have a choice** [...] you only have 300 francs and you have to go to a Tanga or a Garotte† to fill your stomach, even though you know very well that this food is **not nutritional** and **even less sanitary**"*  
- Neighbourhood chief, male, Guediawaye



## Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest to declare



## Further Collaborators

