



*Girls in nearby village, Queen Sheba 2024*

# Queen Sheba Village

## Annual Report 2024

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## 1. Queen Sheba Village: A Testament to Resilience and Unity

Dear friends,

As we reflect on the year 2024, **Queen Sheba Village** stands as a beacon of hope, resilience, and community. Despite the challenges we've faced, our village has continued to thrive, thanks to the unwavering spirit of its people.

Together, we have:

- ***Strengthened our community bonds***: Through shared experiences, mutual support, and a commitment to our shared heritage, we have fostered a sense of belonging and unity.
- ***Embraced our cultural heritage***: We have celebrated our traditions, customs, and history, ensuring that they are passed down to future generations.
- ***Pioneered sustainable initiatives***: By adopting environmentally friendly practices and promoting sustainable development, we have worked to protect our natural resources and create a healthier future.
- ***Achieved remarkable progress***: We have made significant strides in education, healthcare, and economic development, improving the quality of life for all our residents.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building upon our successes and addressing the challenges that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to be a source of inspiration and a testament to the enduring power of community.

**-The Queen Sheba Village Team**

## 2. About Queen Sheba Village:

**Q**ueen Sheba Village is a non-profit organization with a mission to empower young women and children to develop and achieve their vision for the future, and to achieve their dreams by participating in educational workshops designed to inspire their full potential. Headquartered in Senegal and Washington DC we operate largely in Senegal, part time in Washington DC with a sister Initiative in Ghana. We partner with organizations in diverse nations worldwide.

Being that we are a volunteer run and operated organization we have developed a grassroots curriculum that works for us as Professional Pro Bono volunteers catered to programs and events, we believe the participants can mostly benefit from. This has been in effect for 20 years strong with of course changes along the way. Our diversity in partnerships influences and expands our collaborations to strengthen academic workshops we offer. We offer and hold classes and events as grants and donations to fuel programs are available until funding is exhausted.

**Queen Sheba Village** provides empowering education programs and events to hundreds of people and thousands have benefitted from the services over the years. We owe immense gratitude to the professional volunteers who have been the rock of the village in these economically difficult unforeseen times. This is a testament to humanity and a restoration of faith that we have been blessed to have them on our team, that we share the vision and mission to inspire others to pass the baton to give back to the community in whichever way she or he can. **Queen Sheba Village** and change leaders continue to leave a legacy of volunteerism as a beacon of hope and light, aiding humanity.





*Women Pilgrims, Medina Baye Kaolack, Senegal, West Africa, 2024.*



*"You will be appreciated in Senegal."*  
- SHAYK IMAM ASSANE CISSE, RTA

## Vision

**T**o empower women and girls in underserved communities to reach their full potential through education, economic opportunities, and community development.

## Mission

**Q**ueen Sheba Village is committed to empowering women and girls within marginalized communities through education, economic opportunities, and community development initiatives. We strive to create a supportive environment where women can reach their full potential, break free from cycles of poverty, and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

### 3. Key Achievements

#### 3.1 Program Highlights

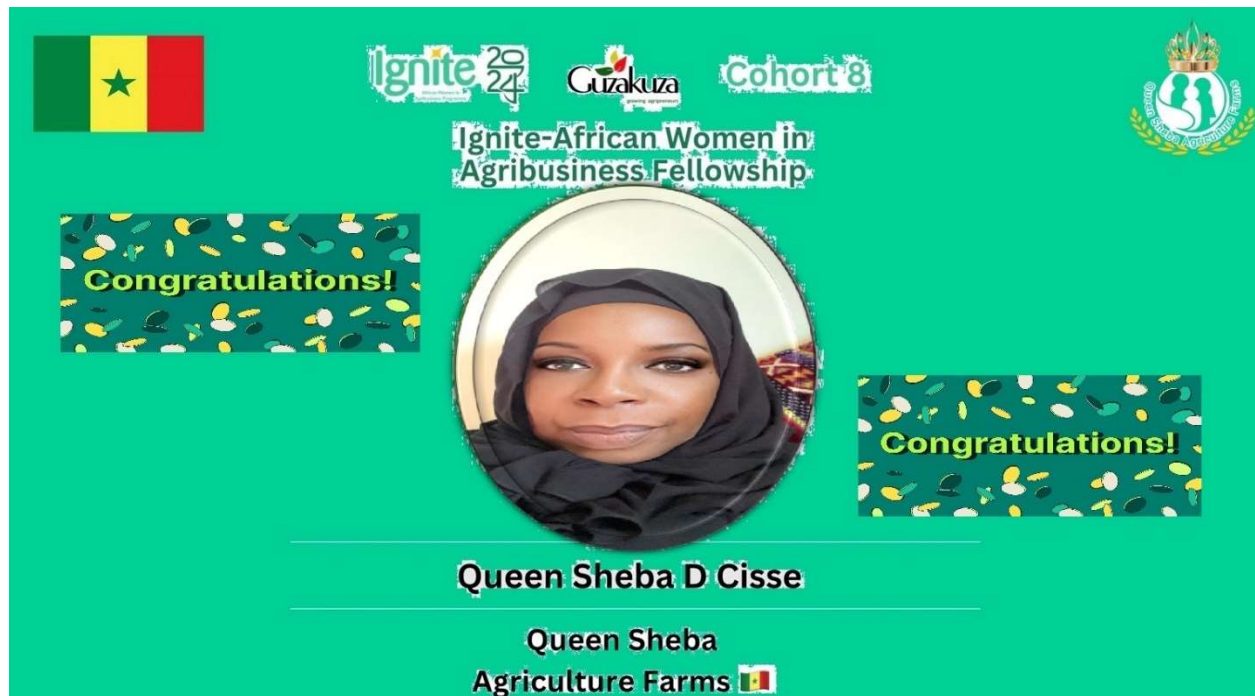
##### Local volunteer opportunities



*Queen Sheba Village Organization (QSV)* has achieved remarkable success, largely due to the invaluable contributions of its local and international volunteers. These dedicated individuals have brought a wealth of expertise, skills, and resources to QSV's initiatives, from education and healthcare to economic development. Their involvement has not only facilitated the implementation of crucial projects but has also fostered cultural exchange and strengthened relationships between communities worldwide. Through their shared commitment to improving the lives of those in need, QSV's international volunteers have played a pivotal role in empowering individuals and communities, leaving a lasting legacy of positive change.



## Queen Sheba Agriculture Farms



*Founder Queen Sheba D Cisse, wins Achievement award at Ignite- Africa Women in Agribusiness Fellowship for the QSV Food Program, Feeding Communities in Senegal, Ghana, and United States of America.*

A grassroots project that's making a significant impact by feeding students, families in the community. Through their fellow partnership with **Guzakuza**, founder Queen Sheba has joined the Cohort 2024 Ignite -African Women in Agribusiness fellowship program aimed at strengthening their farming initiative. The fellowship provides participants with the necessary education and training to enhance their agricultural practices. This investment in human capital will not only improve the sustainability of the farms but also ensure a consistent supply of fresh, nutritious food for the students they serve.

*Queen Sheba Agriculture Farm* participates in *The Feeding humanity* grass root initiative of feeding students, families and volunteers in the caring welfare at **Queen Sheba Village** organization during the time of social activities



## 3.2 Growth Story



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### *Young Women work for "Micro Finance our way"*

- The micro-loans empower women in rural Senegal to start businesses, improving their financial independence.
- Education and business training are offered to recipients, focusing on sustainable village-based businesses.
- To date, 25 women have successfully launched businesses, with 10 employing others in their communities.
- The program builds confidence in women, inspiring them to expand their ventures and lead within their communities.



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### *Education in Online Arabic curriculum courses*

- The "Fill the Backpack" program continues to support underprivileged children by distributing essential school supplies.
- An educational initiative for Arabic and Quran studies, in partnership with Awladna Academy, is planned for youth, children, and adults in 2024.
- The project aims to empower Black American and African youth through education, helping them overcome poverty.
- Fundraising efforts focus on supporting these educational causes and providing materials for disadvantaged students.



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### *Health and Hygiene events*

- The program distributes hygiene and health kits to women and children in rural Senegal, containing essentials like soap, sanitizers, and basic medicines.
- It educates women on maintaining healthy lifestyles and preventing diseases, benefiting both themselves and their children.
- The program helps reduce child mortality by addressing common illnesses through workshops and education.
- Over 1,400 women have benefited, and the program tracks its success by monitoring participants' health and child mortality rates.



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### *Traditional Economics for Agriculture farms*

- The agriculture project in Mboro promotes food security by supporting farms that provide essential nourishment to vulnerable communities.
- Women are empowered through micro-loans that help them start small businesses, creating sustainable income opportunities.
- The organization offers educational workshops on health and economic practices, with an emphasis on preventing diseases and promoting wellness.
- Clean water access initiatives distribute water packs to areas in need, crucial for sustaining life in rural regions.

## 4. Partners and Donors

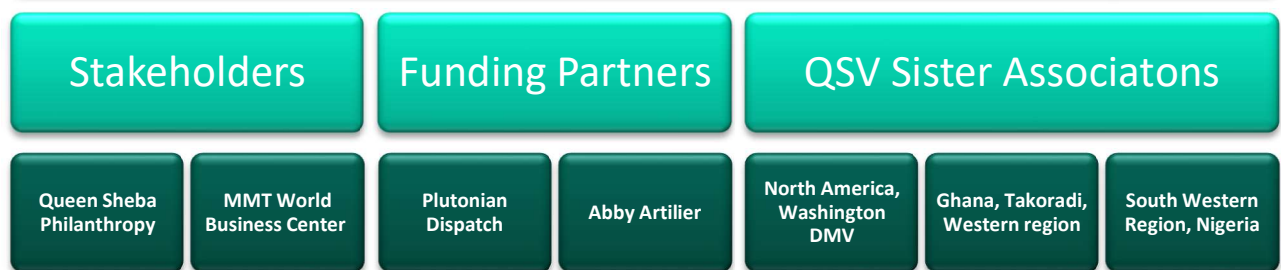
### 4.1 Strategic Partnerships

#### *Queen Sheba Village Funding Donors*

**Funding partners are crucial to the success of Queen Sheba Village.**

These partnerships provide the financial resources necessary to implement and sustain the organization's programs and initiatives, which aim to empower women and girls in Senegal, aiding humanity.

### Queen Sheba Partners



### Queen Sheba Individual Donors



## 4.2 Donor Recognition

### Give to Queen Sheba Anniversary Impact Fund




- ❖ Give **\$20,000** or more and we will welcome your name to the **QSV Legacy Roots Impact Ancestral Tree and Plaque in Senegal, West Africa**
- ❖ Give **\$10,000** or more and be welcomed to a **1- month visit with Host Founder, Queen Sheba D Cisse** (includes lodging and meals)
- ❖ Give **\$5,000** and be listed as a **Major Donor**
- ❖ All donors and their individual names have also the right to privacy and to be **listed as Anonymous (if desired)**.




### 4.3 Volunteer contributions and testimonials

**Queen Sheba Village**



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With Queen Sheba Village till now, it has been a deeply fulfilling experience. It helped me to lend my creativity to the organization's mission of women and community empowerment and development. Through engaging social content and visuals, the impactful work of Queen Sheba Village was highlighted. From educational programs to community health initiatives QSV is surely doing remarkable work for the Senegalese women. Being part of such an organisation has been a privilege, and I am grateful for the opportunity given by Tata Proengage and Queen Sheba Village. I encourage everyone to visit [queenshebvillage.org](https://queenshebvillage.org) to learn more, donate, and support their ongoing efforts. I try to extend my limited knowledge for the benefit of such a benevolent organisation by creating content, reels, posters and other digital content.


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**DEBLINA ROY**  
Digital content Designer, QSV

**Queen Sheba Village**



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Volunteering with QSV has been a transformative journey for me, filled with deep learning and a strengthened commitment to helping those in need. It brought new learning and understanding the challenges of the people who are dedicated for the cause, all united by a shared vision of aiding humanity. My role involved engaging indirectly with individuals and communities, understanding their unique needs and providing the support by spreading awareness among people about the virtues of the QSV and to encourage more and more people to help for the great cause. I witnessed firsthand the profound impact that small acts of kindness and compassion can have. Working with QSV has shown me the power of empathy as well as the resilience of the human spirit.

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**SHOBHANA SHUKLA**  
Educationist, QSV

**Queen Sheba Village**



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Volunteering with Queen Sheba Village (QSV) has been an incredibly rewarding and transformative experience. I have had the privilege of working alongside a dedicated team committed to empowering women and girls through various initiatives in health, education, and community development. The organization's unwavering focus on fostering gender equality and providing essential resources has made a tangible difference in the lives of many. From conducting health workshops to supporting educational programs, every project at QSV is designed to uplift and inspire. The inclusive and collaborative environment not only allowed me to contribute meaningfully but also enriched my understanding of the profound impact that collective efforts can have on a community. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a noble cause and contribute to such meaningful work that values compassion, growth, and empowerment for all.


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**ABHINEET SARKAR**  
Volunteer, Tata Proengage 20

**Queen Sheba Village**



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In The Name of Allāh, The Compassionate, The Merciful.  
Alhamdulillah. It's a thing to meet people but a great deal to meet and connect with a person of substance who cherishes one as their own. Beloved Queen Sheba D.Cisse, RTA, being has always been a source of inspiration and encouragement to all around her. Her spirit of 'perfection or nothing' is part of the reasons I am endeared to her. Also, Queen Sheba Village (QSV) is an organization I always admire as a result of what they do for humanity and how they come up with beneficial projects to grant succor to those in need. Volunteering to be an online Facilitator for Women and children Arabic and Islamic Studies has really made me feel how thorough that the Queen Mother can be and also realize how she only accepts a top-notch delivery on any given task or project thus motivate me to be better. Long live the QSV and all the great minds who strives to take it to greater heights.

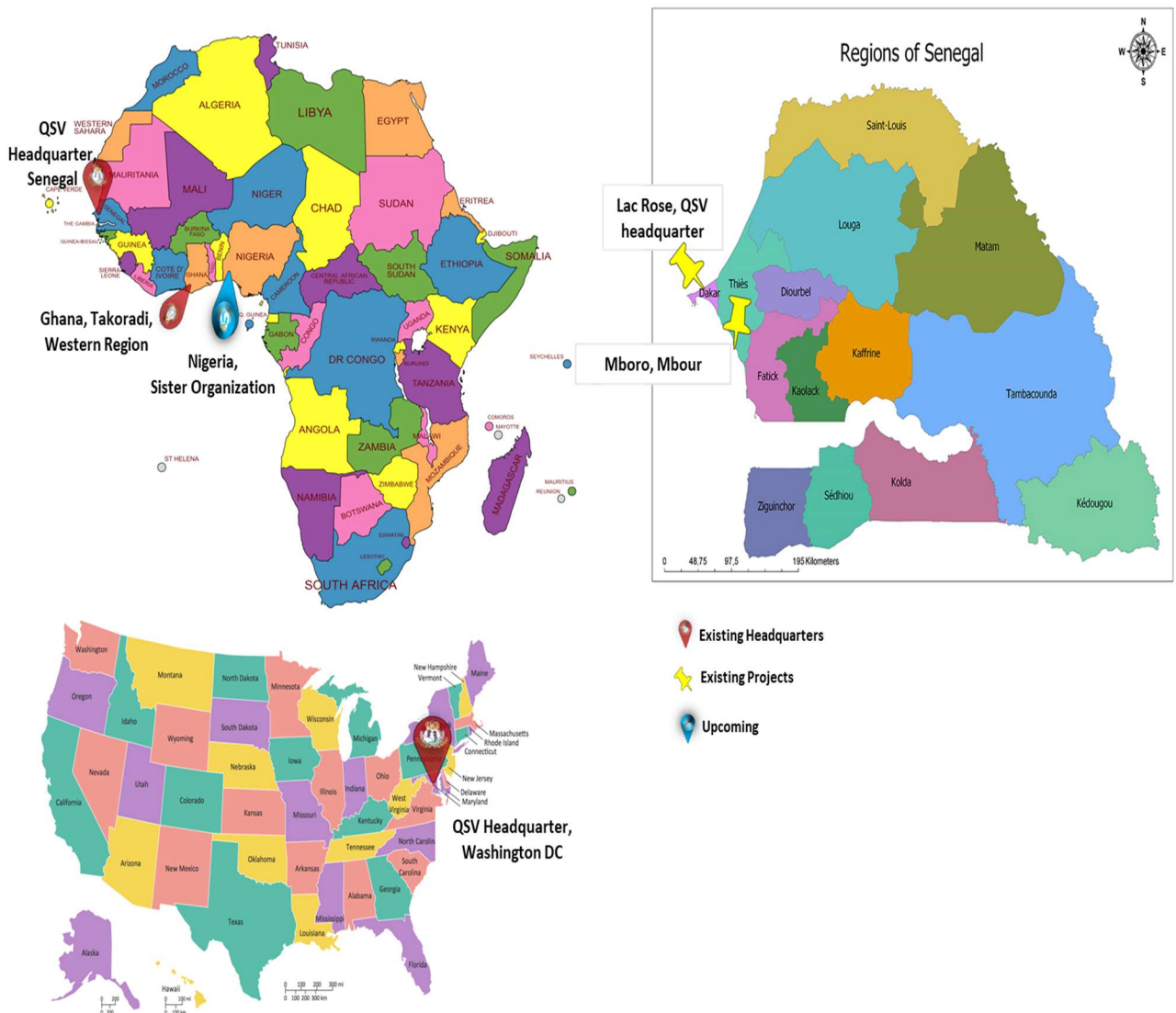
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**ADEYINKA SHUKRAH**  
QSV,



## 5. Future plans and goals

*Where we are:*



## 5.1 Upcoming projects

### 1. *The Queen Sheba Village Women and Girl Social Education Centre*



*The Queen Sheba Village Women and Girl Social Education Centre* is a groundbreaking project currently under construction. This innovative initiative aims to provide a safe and supportive space for women and girls in the community to access quality education, vocational training, and health services.

By empowering these individuals, the centre will break down barriers to economic opportunity, promote gender equality, and foster a more inclusive and prosperous society. The centre will offer a range of programs, including literacy classes, computer training, entrepreneurship workshops, and counselling services.

Ultimately, this project will transform the lives of countless women and girls, enabling them to reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

## 2. Queen Sheba Farm Food Initiative



*Queen Sheba Village* partners with *Thioune Farming (MBORO)* and contributes to the advocacy of *Sustainable Development Goal (SDG2)* which aims to end hunger, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. To expand her agriculture-based lunch program, *Queen Sheba Village* is now expanding collaborations with her team of local farmers to grow and source food directly closer to the founder's Village.

1. **Queen Sheba 's strategy** to facilitate training for youth on sustaining farming techniques to increase their understanding and knowledge to learn techniques to increase yield, quality ensuring a steady food supply at Queen Sheba Village local kitchen. A Farming Co-ops is born!
2. Incorporate School Gardens will include:
  - a. **Education and Engagement:** Establish gardens within schools where students can learn to grow vegetables and fruits. This would not only provide fresh produce but also instil agricultural knowledge in the community.
  - b. **Resource Sharing:** Set up a resource-sharing program where schools can exchange seeds, tools, and knowledge with neighbouring schools.
  - c. **Invest in Infrastructure and Storage Solutions:** Implement cold storage facilities to reduce food waste and ensure a year-round supply, particularly for perishable produce.
  - d. **Transportation Improvements:** Invest in transport options that can help bring farm produce to the schools quickly and efficiently, even in remote areas.

This and more are the hopeful promising start of the future for the betterment of Feeding humanity in the training educational workshops at *Queen Sheba Village* organization.

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