

Cascade Investment Advisors
**CHARITABLE LENDING
NEWSLETTER**



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THIS MONTH, WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING OUR CHARITABLE LENDING EFFORTS ON AN ENTREPRENEURIAL GROUP IN MALI



Djiguiseme Group

Mariam (the woman holding the ram) is 50 years old, married to a farmer, and the mother of three school-aged children. Mariam has several jobs, including transforming shea nuts into butter, storing goods, and raising animals. She's been running this business for the past 5 years. She gets her supplies in local markets, and then later resells at a markup. She creates a good income from her business, and her dream is to help her children attend university. She will use this first loan of \$2,225 to raise animals.

About Mariam's Region in Western Africa...

Following its independence from France in the 1960's, Mali suffered a coup, years of military dictatorship as well as severe droughts resulting in food insecurity and poverty. Mali has nearly 18 million people, though sparsely populated with just 10% of the population of its people living in the North. Such a vast stretch of land makes the delivery of services and goods difficult. Our hope by lending to groups like Djiguiseme Group in Mali is to help boost economic growth in these areas where traditional means of accessing capital is not available. You, too, can join us in sending microloans to people all over the world at Kiva.org.



Our Lending Stats:

- 355 Total Loans Made
- Lent to Entrepreneurs in 41 Different Countries