

In Sahelian Africa, developments in the construction and housing sectors directly affect women and their collective organisations in five main respects:

- The qualities of housing in terms of durability, comfort, accessibility and response to climatic and environmental changes directly involve women and mothers who mainly bear the responsibilities of these family issues;
- The costs of construction, maintenance and energy (thermal comfort) are borne in particular by the women who invest the proceeds of their businesses and their income generating activities there;
- The needs for community infrastructure are significant and growing, particularly in agriculture (storage, processing, breeding), development of income generating activities and for the cohesion of groups of women producers;
- Issues of employment of husbands and sons, particularly during the dry season, and family resilience, are at the heart of the concerns of Sahelian women;
- Leaders of women's organisations are best able to advocate for the right to suitable housing for the greatest number.

AVN asks public authorities, donors and development operators working to promote the empowerment of women, rural development and adaptation to climate change, to support AVN's proposals falling directly within a Gender approach, and/or to include them in integrated projects or programmes.



STRONG POINTS OF THE PROPOSAL

- ➔ **The reinjection of construction costs into family economies** (education, health, food, etc.) by transforming the costs of purchasing imported materials into the participation of unpaid labour (family mutual aid, etc.) ;
- ➔ **The mobilisation of women's organisations** (FOs, CBOs, cooperatives) in the methodological deployment mechanism of the NV eco-construction market at municipal and regional levels;
- ➔ **Dissemination of financial incentives** providing rural women and their families access to suitable housing;
- ➔ **The promotion of a Gender approach and its articulation with Climate Adaptation responses**, to be included in the integrated projects and programmes of decision-makers, donors and development operators.



EXAMPLES OF INSERTION IN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS

- Rural development
- Vocational training and employment
- Climate adaptation and mitigation
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Peace and social cohesion
- Public policies
- Infrastructures

DOCUMENTATION

Results and impacts

Nubian Vault eco-construction
(Pre-Operational Guide)

Meet Adjaratou Yoin (film)

