

Project Update: January 2014

Over the Christmas period we took part in a trial phase of Deciwatt's (<http://deciwatt.org/>) GravityLight, using this innovative device that generates light from gravity to bring light to rural Senegalese households. Lights were placed in koranic schools, where young children typically study by firelight with the aim of making night studies easier and also reducing the quantity of wood taken from the nearby national park. In addition, recycling activities continue with the collection of rubbish from within the park, an additional baboon-proof compost system, and a pedal-powered film evening held with the newly formed women's' group of Sara Issa in preparation for a compost system and vegetable garden which will be managed by local women. We have also began a programme of environmental education in the school of Dar Salam village, and we are currently tackling the first topic of trees and forests alongside preparations for a school tree nursery.



Left: Gravity light installation. **Right:** School environmental education.