



2015 BHEARD Scholar  
**Kandidia Dicko Dembele**

# Profile

Country of Study:	Kenya
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**Research Area:** *Development of Agri-Enterprise by Women*

**BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE:** September, 2015

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:** BSc. Agricultural Economics, IPR/IFRA of Katibougou

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Kandidia is interested in the development of agriculture in the private sector, such as agri-enterprises by women. She believes women are pillars of African society. What she learns in Kenya, a business and agri-enterprise country, will allow her to share her knowledge to help both rural and urban living women in her home country, Mali. Kandidia will focus on vegetable enterprises, a sector of horticulture in Mali dominated by women but profited from by men. Development of agri-enterprise by women will help them to improve their household welfare.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Kandidia's goals are after completing her masters degree is to obtain her PhD in the same field. She wants to be a change agent by creating a platform for youth so that they can be part of the change. Kandidia says she believes most of the time people say the world has to change but is not the world it, is people inside the world who have change. Let start doing practical things to make this world a better one.

**WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY:** Kandidia enjoys cooking, reading novels, watching documentaries, movies and traveling.