

2017 Achievements

Nearly five million men and women throughout West Africa have been empowered through Tostan's 28-year history of focusing on values deliberation for a more empowered future. Our work strengthening citizen engagement has led to more equitable representation: To date, more than 20,000 women have risen into leadership positions, including in elected offices.



Highlights from Tostan's work with more than 26,000 participants in 417 communities in 2017:

- » **150 new communities** in some of the most conservative parts of Mali, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Gambia and 33 in Senegal launched the 3-year Community Empowerment Program.
- » **448 communities** in Senegal and Guinea participated in public declarations to abandon female genital cutting and child marriage, bringing our total to more than 8,426 communities.
- » **6,688 women** helped resolve 1,600 local conflicts through 240 new community-based Peace Committees.
- » Tostan announced alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): its singular holistic approach supports the achievement of **12 of the 17 SDGs**.
- » Evidence of Tostan's impact reducing intimate partner violence was documented in an external evaluation led by PATH.
- » Participation of Global Mobilizers in the human rights movement rising in West Africa grew by **54%**. Global Mobilizers are all of you who give your time, your talent, or your resources to support Tostan.
- » The seeding of the **Molly Melching Fund for Human Dignity** reached \$577,980.00, including a reserve operating fund designed to help Tostan invest in moving strategically toward greater scale.
- » More than **400,000 people** are now living in communities where Tostan programs will lead to measurable positive shifts in attitudes and behaviors related to harmful traditional practices, according to new evidence published by Tostan's monitoring and evaluation team.

Visit Tostan's YouTube channel to hear from the new leaders of the human rights movement rising in West Africa and learn about our shared results!



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