



Newsletter

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Tostan's 2012 Annual Report Published!

Summarizing our work in 2012, the report celebrates the success of communities and individuals leading their own development. It covers the launch of our [Peace and Security Project](#), the pilot of our [Reinforcement of Parental Practices Module](#), and the launch of our new brand!

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The Empowered Communities Network Partners with TEEFALighting Senegal

When the community center in Sam Ndiaye was built, it had no electricity. Today, thanks to a new partnership between Tostan's [Empowered Communities Network](#) and solar company TEEFA Lighting Senegal, it has been equipped with a solar panel and light fixtures, making it possible for the [Community Management Committee](#) to meet after sunset.

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UNICEF Publishes New Report on Female Genital Cutting

The cross-cutting issue of [female genital cutting](#) (FGC) has long been part of Tostan's broader community-led development work. A new [UNICEF Report](#) gives an indication of statistics and trends for the practice and supports a human rights-based approach to collective empowerment for its abandonment.

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Tostan's Image of the Month



From July 3rd- 6th, community members participated in the Gambian Youth Caravan and raised awareness of Human Rights.

Spotlight on our Partner Communities



Economic Growth in Saré Asset, Senegal

Tea, sugar, candies, oil, and rice are some of the many products produced and sold in Saré Asset in the region of Kolda, Senegal. Former participants of Tostan's [Community Empowerment Program](#) (CEP) and members of the [Community Management Committee](#) (CMC) have formed a federation with nine other CMCs to contribute to the region's economic development.

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Child Protection: A Top Priority for Community Management Committees in Djibouti

After completing their intensive training in [Child Protection](#), [Community Management Committees](#) are working together to promote education for children, especially girls, birth registration and vaccinations in their communities.

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