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Dear Tostan Friends and Supporters,

In an exciting development here in West Africa, the Government of Senegal has announced the launch of a National Action Plan to End Female Genital Cutting by 2015! The action plan - which adopts Tostan’s human rights approach - places priority on empowering communities to bring about positive social change for themselves through non-formal education.

Over 4,200 communities in Senegal have already publicly declared their decision to abandon FGC, and this new Action Plan inspires hope of further positive social change for women and girls in Senegal and worldwide.

Read more on this new development here: Senegal: Total End of Female Genital Cutting Now in Sight

Check for more exciting updates below! Thank you for reading!

Sincerely,
Women in the World Summit: Tostan Participant Marietou Diarra Gives Powerful Presentation to Women World Leaders at NY Conference

On Saturday, March 13, Tostan program participant and social change agent Marietou Diarra captivated the audience at a major conference in New York with a discussion of her personal story and the movement to abandon female genital cutting in Senegal. Marietou's presentation was part of a panel led by Diane Sawyer and was translated on stage by Tostan Executive Director Molly Melching.

Click here to read more and view the video!

Tostan's Prison Project celebrates International Women's Day

On March 8, 2010, Tostan staff and volunteers visited the Dakar Women's Prison to take part in the day-long event organized by Tostan's Prison Project. Held on International Women's Day, this event honored women from the prison who are taking their future into their own hands by participating in Tostan's Community Empowerment Program (CEP).

Click here to learn more about Tostan's Prison Project.

Tostan and Partners Help Fight Malaria in Senegal

In a partnership program launched in January 2010, Tostan is working in collaboration with NGOs Malaria No More, Peace Corps Senegal, World Vision, the Senegalese Ministry of Health and 600 communities in Senegal to distribute over 76,000 bed nets in the district of Velingara, Senegal.

The aim of this initiative is to provide bed nets for every household in Velingara and to ensure that they are used effectively for a sustained period of time.

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We are proud to announce the launch of our Blog! Follow our daily posts to stay up-to-date with recent news, developments and activities. We post regularly and welcome comments!

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Read more about the partnership here!

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