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Dear Tostan Friends and Supporters,

Recently, Tostan's [Solar Power! Project](#) sent a new group of enthusiastic women to the [Barefoot College](#) in Tilonia, India, where they will be trained to become solar electrical engineers.

Lamarana Ba, a vegetable-seller from a small village on the border of Senegal and The Gambia, is one of these "unlikely solar engineers." A former CEP participant and active [Community Management Committee](#) member, Lamarana has worked tirelessly to inspire and engage her friends, relatives, and neighbors in efforts that will improve their community. Now, her persistence and passion to bring positive change to her village has taken Lamarana all the way to India!



Lamarana Ba (left) with friend

Once she has completed her training, Lamarana will return to her village where she will install and manage solar panels that will bring not only electricity but also opportunity to her village. I am inspired by Lamarana's dedication and courage as she pursues the development of her community. I look forward to sending you future updates about the undoubtedly positive results this solar sister's efforts will reap!

[Click here to read more about Lamarana Ba on Tostan's blog.](#)

Scroll down to read the latest news from Tostan's offices.

Thank you for your support!

Warm wishes,



Molly Melching  
Executive Director, Tostan

### A Tostan Tree in Full Bloom



Inspired by their high school alumna, Molly Melching, the Tostan Club at Danville High School planted a flowering cherry tree in the school's newly created Tostan

Courtyard, which they dedicated to Molly and Tostan's efforts to bring about positive social change in Africa.

[Click here to read more about the DHS tree dedication.](#)

### A Mother's Day Success!



Thank you to all who contributed to our successful Mother's Day campaign! We are happy to announce that with

### From New England to Nepal to DC: A Journey to Tostan

Inaugurating the new *Voices of Tostan* series on the blog, Sarah Freeman-Woolpert, Operations Assistant in Tostan's DC office, describes what brought her to Tostan and how this unique experience is shaping her future goals.

[Click here to read Sarah's insightful reflection.](#)



### Tostan featured on Jumo

From April 18th to the 24th, Tostan was featured on [Jumo](#), a new social media site specifically for people and organizations working to make the world a better place. Jumo makes staying informed and connecting with organizations and causes you support simple.



to announce that with your help we exceed our goal! Your continuous support and generous donations made in honor of important women in your life will positively impact the lives of women and men throughout Africa.


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