



### **Advocating for a comprehensive approach to girls' education**

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the [International Day of the Girl Child](#), Tostan Founder Molly Melching wrote about the importance of taking a comprehensive approach to girls' education for the [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#).

By framing girls' education as part of a holistic program, communities understand the importance of not only sending their daughters to school, but also providing them with the support they need to stay there.

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### **Tostan partners with Community Voice International to fund grassroots projects**

Tostan partnered with [Community Voice International](#) to record and release nine albums of traditional music from rural Senegalese villages. 100 percent of profits generated will go directly back to the communities to fund grassroots projects which they have already identified.

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### **Tostan's Photo of the Month**



[Betting on the Big Picture in West Africa](#) through our participation in the [Skoll Crowdrise Challenge!](#)

## Meet Tostan team members from Mauritania and Djibouti

Fatoumata Basse has facilitated the [Community Empowerment Program](#) (CEP) in two different villages in the southern Mauritanian region of Boghé since joining Tostan in 2007. [Bassine Marone](#), an Administration and Financial Officer, has worked at Tostan offices in Djibouti and Senegal and will soon join our team in Guinea-Bissau.

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## Spotlight on our Partner Communities



### Through Tostan's Reinforcement of Parental Practices (RPP) Module, Bambé Boiro encourages practices that stimulate children's early learning

When Tostan's [RPP Module](#) began in the village of Lislam, Senegal, Bambé Boiro was eager to participate. An active member of her community's [Community Management Committee](#) (CMC), Bambé now works with parents in 24 villages across four regions of Senegal to ensure that positive parental practices are reinforced.

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### The community of Tounny, Guinea prevents the spread of disease by organizing village clean-ups

For many in Tounny, Guinea, malaria is a common health risk, as are cholera and intestinal parasites caused by the lack of sanitation infrastructure. By applying what they learned during the [Tostan program](#), the community of Tounny has addressed these issues by organizing weekly village cleaning days.

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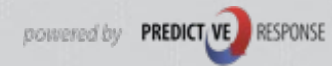
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