



# Newsletter

October 2013

## **Tostan Partner Communities Celebrate Millennium Development Goals Week**

Last week, when the [United Nations Millennium Development Goals](#) were discussed at a global level during the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, we shared stories of community success at the grassroots! [Read More »](#)

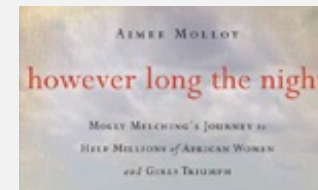
## **Communities in Mauritania Commit to Abandoning FGC and Child/Forced Marriage**

On September 25, 2013, representatives from 201 communities gathered in the town of Aleg, Mauritania to take part in a declaration where they publicly declared their abandonment of [female genital cutting](#) (FGC) and [child/forced marriage](#). [Read More »](#)

## **Tostan's Peace and Security Project Trains Over 3,500 People**

This year, Tostan's [Peace and Security Project](#), funded by [Sweden's International Development Agency](#) (Sida), has trained over 3,500 people from 60 participating communities in Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, and The Gambia. The project, which seeks to strengthen human

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



*"I was inspired, uplifted and greatly touched by, not just her story, but that of all the African women and men who played a part in shaking their world for the better. A remarkable and unforgettable book--one of the best books I've read this year."*

Reviewer on Amazon of [However Long the Night](#)

security and to contribute to peace and security across the region of West Africa, also recently held a cross-border event in Niaming, Senegal to celebrate World Peace Day.

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## Spotlight on our Partner Communities



### The Benefits of Conducting Feasibility Studies

In Lamoye, Senegal, Tostan program participants learned how to conduct feasibility studies that can help turn an idea into a sustainable income-generating activity.

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### Partner Community Hamdallaye Alpha Plants Trees Contributing to Human Security

Following the creation of a detailed action plan, Tostan's partner community, Hamdallaye Alpha in Senegal, was able to acquire land to plant 200 cashew trees, as well as tree saplings from the Forestry Department, contributing to their future food security and economic empowerment.

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