



Two students share their aspirations

Teachers interviewed two 13-year-old students—one in Darou Salam and the other in Tondon, two of our village schools. Passing the national sixth-grade test can open the door to more education. For their part, these two students said they'd come to school with their homework and assignments completed, on time, and do more out-of-class reading. Their hopes for the future? One wants to be a nurse or medical doctor. The other aspires to be a political leader.

Several photos we reviewed revealed some students without shoes, although every student received a free school uniform. Climate changes, geopolitical unrest, poverty—have all impacted our students. Many families have left the area and moved to Senegal or a more populated urban area. At 48%, our retention rate is nothing to brag about but reflects the impact of outside forces on these fragile families.



Back to School!

October 10, 106 children started sixth grade in our four classes operating in Lelouma Prefecture in the Labe Region of Guinea. Schools such as ours are needed in Guinea, as only about 53% of 7- to 13-year-olds nationwide have a school to attend.

At the end of sixth grade, students take the “middle school entrance” test. If they pass, they have a chance to attend middle school. Guinea’s educators, students and parents were shocked when only 17% of sixth-grade students passed the June 2022 exam. While none of our students took this test, we want a better outcome. Toward that end, we are seeking recommendations from our local educational supervisors on how we can support our sixth graders in this preparation.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Launching new schools in 2023

FUND A TEACHER will seek new villages who lack teachers (but have facilities to host classrooms) for our next 2023–2029 project. Our advisors and board members will use the original criteria plus add “lessons learned” from our 2017–2023 experience in Lelouma.

Based on our track record and Guinea’s inflation, we project a cost of \$6,115 for 50 students entering first grade in 2023–24 (the first-grade cost is higher due to one-time cost of table benches). By the end of sixth grade, for this cohort, we project a total cost of \$27,747 (if one well and one latrine are added for the village, the total cost for 6 years will be \$31,447.

YEAR ONE: 2023–2024 (First 50 children)	Projected Costs
One teacher (50 students)	\$1,800
Local Educational Supervisor	\$720
Books (one set per child)	\$900
School Uniforms	\$250
Tables and Benches (one-time purchase)	\$1,800
GuinnoVation’s management fee	\$570
TOTAL	\$6,115

Why Invest in Guinea?

UN projects 40% of world's population will live in Africa by 2099

Guinea, Africa and the world, will need the leaders that we are cultivating today. Our 13-year-old students, for example, will be 40 years old in 2050, when Africa's population will have almost doubled to 2.8 billion. Limiting climate change, global economy and the health of the African continent is at stake, according to author, Edward Paice, *Youthquake: Why Africa's Demography Should Matter to the World*.

Reference: theguardian.com/world/2022/oct/27/megalopolis-how-coastal-west-africa-will-shape-the-coming-century



Meet two of GUINNOVATION's eight Advisory Council members



FANTA JALLOH, a native of Labe, Guinea, grew up in Kansas City, Kansas, and now lives in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. Her educational background is in Clinical Research and Business;

she currently works for a pharmaceutical company. Fanta co-chairs the Program Committee with board member Ibrahima Bocoum (Canada).

Born in Guinea, **THIERNO SAMBA DIALLO** is Chief of Party for Save the Children in Mali. With 22 years' experience designing and implementing development and humanitarian programs,

he has worked in various regions in Africa. He has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Liverpool, a master's in English Literature from the University UGAN of Conakry and a degree in accounting and financial management from ECA, Conakry, Guinea.



How can I help?

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Sponsor a first-grade child for one year

\$95

Sponsor one child for six years (grades 1–6)

\$555

Build a latrine. Impact health by providing a toilet to our school children. This is a one-time expense.

\$1,400

Build a well. Provide clean water to children who otherwise carry water from the river. This is a one-time expense.

\$2,300

