



88% of GUINNOVATION's sixth-grade graduates pass Guinea's National Education Exam

Showing "courage and discipline," 106 students sat for Guinea's national educational exam, June 5, 2023. Our 88% pass rate compares well against the 43% national pass rate. The 3-day test was administered in Parawol, a sub-prefecture of Lélouma, where our four schools are located. To achieve this test result, our educational supervisors ran a week of teacher capacity building. The teachers then gave students extra after-school tutoring, and students worked hard. Our six-year experiment in this prefecture was a tremendous success!

We are pleased that 53% (49) of the 93 who passed were girls. Contributing factors? We removed the fee barrier for poor parents by providing books and uniforms. We modeled females in education. Two of our four teachers were women.

Staying in school for six years in crushing poverty, food scarcity, climate change bringing fewer months of rain, and political instability, drove down the number we started with—240 students in 2017 to 127 by this year's school ending. We are not bragging about a 53% retention rate, but it does show the perseverance of our students.



Pass rate of GUINNOVATION sponsored schools in Lélouma

Village	No. of students taking the test	% passing
Tondon	47	97%
Darou-Salam	32	92%
Gessoré	25	82%
Benguerin	23	81%
TOTAL	106	88%

NOTE: 127 students finished sixth grade, 21 students did not achieve grade level.

A "Game Changer" for children & 4 villages \$93 per student per year produced 106 graduates

Time period \$\$	Lélouma TOTAL \$	Students tested (6th grade)	Annual investment per child
2017-2023	\$59,453	106	\$93.45

GUINNOVATION launched its "Fund-a-Teacher" experiment in 2017. A "look back" reveals the outcome of investing \$93.45 per child annually for six years. GUINNOVATION provided 100% of the funding to operate four classes, including: teachers' salaries, supervisors, books, uniforms, book bags, and events.

Graduates, parents, teachers, dignitaries, and villagers gathered in Parawol Center, June 13, 2023, for a closing ceremony and celebration. Members of the community expressed their joy with the outcomes and gratitude with GUINNOVATION's school initiative.

GUINNOVATION is thrilled that our project prompted a new initiative: the building of a 7th and 8th grade school (100% funded by the local community) for the graduates to stay local and attend this year. The government will help by funding the director and one of the four teachers.

Since 2015, GUINNOVATION has invested \$78,754 in a solar project in Mali-Yembering; four wells, and the Fund-a-Teacher project in the Lélouma region.

Projects/Funds	Location	Period	Amount (\$)	Approx - GNF
Solar Project (Yembering-Mail)	Mali	2015	15,659.00	115,479,000
Water Project (4 wells - Guessore, Tondon, Darou Salam & Beguerin)	Lélouma	2019	3,642.46	34,213,000
Fund-a-Teacher Project (salary for 4 teachers & 1 supervisor, uniforms, school equipment & supplies)	Lélouma	2017-2023	59,453.02	532,615,600
		Total	78,754.48	705,529,600

Overcoming tough odds

2nd highest exam score in the Lélouma Prefecture

Even without parental guidance, Ibrahima Sory Diallo achieved the second highest score in the region's National Education Exam. His mother had died. His father suffered from dementia. Ibrahima essentially raised himself.

On November 26, 2023, we learned more about his situation. His uncle, Mamadou Korka is now supporting his nephew and the father. In an interview, he said that because GUINNOVATION had made such a big investment in the community's education of its children—something they could not do, he would support Ibrahima through University so that investment would not be in vain. Ibrahima currently attends the new school for 7th graders in Parawol.



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GUINNOVATION will partner with seven elementary schools, with 2,550 enrolled children, in 2023-24. Our \$19,500 commitment will pay salaries for 21 of 31 teachers employed by the community schools. GUINNOVATION directly pays teacher salaries through their phones, a common banking method in Guinea. Parents, diaspora supporters and other funders will pay the remaining 10 teachers' salaries, plus buy books, notebooks, and uniforms. These schools are already operating but needed more financial help. These seven schools were among the 75 schools who applied for our "Fund-a-Teacher" project.

GUINNOVATION chose these communities because they are demonstrating that they value education. How? From their limited resources, parents help pay teachers, purchase school uniforms and share what they have with parents who have even less. That way all the community's children can go to school. Some parents volunteer their time to repair and build new classrooms. Thus, the community and external donors collaborate to ensure all children have access to education.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT	School	Girls	Boys	TOTAL
Association pour le développement intégré de Diari (ADID)	Diari Centre elementary school	300	198	498
Local Bouroudji community	Bouroudji Elementary school	207	199	406
French diaspora, local community & Mayor	Koula Tokosséré Elementary school	195	119	314
Association des jeunes pour le développement de Kankalabé (AJDK) and Bhantal Kankalabé – USA	Kankalabé Centre Elementary school	294	286	580
Association des jeunes pour le développement de Kankalabé (AJDK) and Bhantal Kankalabé – USA	Dar-Es-Salam Elementary School	49	81	130
Local community & Mayor	Sigon Centre Elementary School	124	165	289
Local community & Mayor	Seriya Elementary school	178	155	333
TOTAL		1,347	1,203	2,550

How can I help? Funding one of these 21 teachers is \$927 for the year, or \$103 per month. Because we are an all-volunteer organization, we add no management fee. Your entire donation goes to the teachers. Thank you for helping us reach our goal of providing education for children who need it!

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