



## SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION



GUINNOVATION Teacher

All 139 students returned for 5th grade. Classes started Friday, October 22, 2021. Mr. Sidibe, our educational overseer, says he and the teachers will meet twice monthly to share pedagogical tips. GUINNOVATION's FUND A TEACHER project is viewed positively in a country where UNESCO says the literacy rate is 32%. Girls make up 52% of the students attending, and 48% are boys. We have two female and two male teachers.

### Back to school media coverage, October 31

Mamadou woke up early on Sunday, October 31, eager to attend the back-to-school event in Guessore. This year was special. He'd heard the students would be given uniforms, notebooks, and bookbags, in addition to their 5th grade textbooks. He and his parents didn't have to walk far, as the event was in his village.

Meanwhile in Darou Salam, Fanta was also excited and getting



ready. She and her mother and several other girls and their parents walked to Paravol Center for their event.

Thanks to Mr. Sidibe, GUINNOVATION launched its first back-to-school celebration, October 31. Espace TV covered both events, resulting in national coverage. Dignitaries, teachers, parents, and students were interviewed.

A total of 695 textbooks, 806 notebooks, and 139 uniforms and

book bags were given to students. One event was held in Guessore for 80 students that also included students from Tandon. Fifty-nine students from Darou Salam and Benguerin met at Paravol Center—a village located between these two villages.



Benguerin:  
25 students

Darou Salam:  
34 students

Guessore:  
33 students

Tandon:  
47 students

TOTAL:  
139 students

## American \$\$ go a Long Way in Guinea GUINNOVATION's 3 projects, 2015–2021

We started the FUND A TEACHER project in 2017 with 240 children in first grade. It was an experiment started in four poor, remote villages without a teacher. The good news is that 139 children are now in the 5th grade. Their villages have clean water through the wells we financed. In neighboring Mali prefecture, a medical clinic has solar power. The total cost of these three projects is about \$57,000. Our only paid staff are the four teachers. We also cover expenses for Mr. Sidibe's support activities. We have several local volunteers who help us in Guinea. See the table for the three projects, their location and cost.

## September 5, 2021 A non-violent coup

Early Sunday, September 5, gunfire was heard in the capital Conakry, the constitution was suspended, and President Alpha. Conde was detained. Mamady Doumbouya, a formerly a member of the French Legion, led the military coup and is acting president during the transition. Roads are being repaired; electrical infrastructure is being laid. Doumbouya says he is only the transition leader—and will not stand for an election. Guinea has some of the largest reserves of Bauxite in the world. This mineral is used in the production of aluminum.

Projects/Funds	Location	Period	Amount (\$)	Equivalent–GNF
Solar Project (Yembering–Mali)	Mali	2015	\$15,659.00	115,479,000
Water Project (4 wells–Guessore, Tondon, Darou Salam & Beguerin)	Lelouma	2019	3,642.46	34,213,000
Fund a Teacher Project (Salary for 4 teachers & 1 supervisor, uniforms, school equipment & supplies)	Lelouma	2017–2021	37,649.20	360,509,000
Total			\$56,951	510,201,000

## How can I get involved?

- **Contribute your treasure!** It now costs \$6.00 per month, or \$72.00 per child for one year of school. Visit our website, using PayPal @ [guinnovation.org/donations](https://guinnovation.org/donations) or send a check. Our business address is: 316 Simwood Ave., Wake Forest, NC 27587.
- **Contribute your talent!** Add your interest or knowledge in education, medicine, or communication. Join others of like interest from around the world. We are launching an Advisory Council. Call (984) 895-1243 or contact us at [info@GUINNOVATION.org](mailto:info@GUINNOVATION.org).
- **Contribute your network contact!** Connect GUINNOVATION to another organization that offers funding, or is doing similar work in Guinea.

The IRS has now recognized our name change from IHE, Inc. to GUINNOVATION.

We are a 501c3 charitable organization.

Our EIN no. is: 46-3852959

### Stay Tuned!

GUINNOVATION will be expanding in 2022! Several options are being considered.

