



A decade of growing health and knowledge in Guinea

When people think of “impact,” they often think numbers. Guinnovation gives both numbers and the heartbeat behind them: villages that now drink clean water instead of walking for miles; classrooms where girls and boys pass national exams at double the national rate; a rural health center that turns on the lights after dark and treats patients with dignity. It’s the kind of steady-with-determination-and-hope a small, all-volunteer team can bring to life when communities and donors move together. This initiative has enabled delivery of services to thousands across multiple prefectures in Guinea, with an investment of only \$125,600.



Twelve years of work and who benefits

Founding and footprint: Guinnovation has been working since 2013, growing from a Triangle, North Carolina-based nonprofit into a hands-on partner for rural communities across Guinea, especially in Lélouma, Mali, Labe and Dalaba prefectures.

Beneficiaries: In 2023–24 alone, Guinnovation partnered with eight elementary schools serving over 2,600 children, funding 21 teacher salaries while communities covered the rest through local contributions and Diaspora support.

Health and water: Beyond education, Guinnovation electrified the Yembering Health Center (Mali prefecture), serving a large population including students, by installing a multi-panel solar system to power lighting and essential equipment.

All-volunteer ethos: The organization’s model relies on volunteers and community co-investment. Funds raised are channeled directly into projects that expand access to schools, clean water, and basic health services.

How Guinnovation operates and what makes it different

Community co-investment: Guinnovation chooses communities that actively demonstrate commitment to education. Parents and neighbors contribute to teachers’ salaries, share uniforms, and volunteer to build and repair classrooms, creating ownership and long-term resilience.

Direct support to teachers: The “Fund-a-Teacher” initiative pays teachers’ salaries via mobile banking, ensuring continuity of instruction in rural schools where existing systems may fall short.

Evidence-based capacity building: Teacher capacity-building weeks and after-school tutoring precede national exams, reflecting a practical, results-focused approach to education.

Lean, transparent investment: From 2013 through 2025, Guinnovation invested in solar electrification, wells, and Fund-a-Teacher projects, delivering outsized, measurable outcomes in education and health in Guinea.

Voices from the communities

On-camera testimonies: Interviews from the village of Guessoré highlight parents’ and teachers’ pride in the Fund-a-Teacher initiative and the chance it gives children to stay in school despite poverty.

Public record and accountability: Guinnovation’s nonprofit status, filings, and leadership are documented openly. Their team is composed of dedicated volunteers serving without compensation, another marker of a mission-first, volunteer-driven organization.

Guinnovation's journey in Guinea is a story of community recognition, educational transformation, and sustainable impact. For six years in Lelouma, the organization's work was so valued that the community built a school and named it after Guinnovation, an honor that reflects trust, gratitude, and shared vision.

Official Registration: A Milestone Achieved

Guinnovation has completed its registration with the Government of Guinea, securing legal recognition as a nonprofit. This achievement strengthens its ability to expand programs, attract donors, and collaborate with government partners.

Why this matters

Guinnovation's work is more than charity, it's systemic change. By removing financial stress from teachers and parents, we create stability. By providing books and uniforms, we restore dignity. By opening our own school, Guinnovation anchors hope in communities.

Every dollar invested in Guinnovation translates into:

- A teacher free to teach
- A child free to learn
- A parent free from worry.



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We support the Guinnovation Middle School in Lelouma and eight other primary schools in Guinea. Pictured are a classroom of our associated Lambiri Primary School in Dalaba and a computer room, where students learn English and other subjects through Lambiri's dedicated program.



Our New Vision: A New Elementary School in Labé



Guinnovation is preparing to open its own elementary school in Labé. This bold initiative was made possible by a generous anonymous donor, who gifted Guinnovation a two-story building in a spacious compound, rent-free for two years. *This gift (pictured left) provides immediate space for classes while giving Guinnovation time to secure land and build a permanent school.*

This milestone represents not only growth but also trust from international supporters, affirming Guinnovation's credibility and vision.

Get involved: Guinnovation invites volunteers, donors and partners to extend the work, because every book, uniform, table bench or teacher paid adds up to a child's uninterrupted path to learning. Please open [this link](#) to join in our December 20th fundraising, or go to <https://guinnovation.org/donate> to donate.

Guinnovation's story is proof that grassroots action can spark national transformation. Donors, volunteers and partners are invited to join this movement: Fund a teacher to keep classrooms open | Support school supplies to ensure dignity for every child | Volunteer expertise to strengthen operations and storytelling.

Together, we can ensure that no child in Guinea is denied education because of where they were born.