Two Ghanaian participants during a July session at the Tostan Training Center (Senegal, 2019).
Dear Friends,

I am hoping that everyone who reads this is in good health. I am fortunate to be writing this from my home, where I am working and enjoying time with my family. Tostan’s teams and partners have adapted to the difficult situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic and are working remotely across Africa and around the world via telephone, Skype, Zoom, and Whatsapp. This is perhaps one of the few positive outcomes of this unprecedented time — for us to be able to more deeply connect.

It is strange indeed to look back on the year of 2019 — a time before so many disruptive changes occurred that required such rapid leadership agility and adaptation. Yet, such a retrospective feels much needed. It is our accomplishments which have enabled us to be prepared and to continue forward in our mission despite unprecedented adversity. Thus, it is an absolute pleasure to share our 2019 Annual Report with you at this challenging global moment.

We, at Tostan, see the importance of empowering education. Community-led action to create sustainable change is a power that is needed now more than ever in the face of a range of new realities. Our organization continues to innovate by listening to our partner communities. Our Strategic Framework, the SEP 2019-2022, created through a collaborative effort across Tostan, is now a central reference as we confront Covid-19. We will continually evolve our pathways to scaling during and after this crisis — with continued focus on our vision, community well-being, and dignity for all.

I continue to be inspired by Tostan’s dedicated staff as they work to bring our strategic vision into practice. Thanks to them, we are able to respond rapidly with confidence and agility in the face of crises. And most of all I see how lucky we have been, how lucky we are, to be surrounded by all of you in the global Tostan family. We are so fortunate to have visionary funders, dedicated supporters, caring staff, and engaged community partners. I truly believe that — to offer a slight variation of the oft-quoted Zulu phrase "ubuntu" — Tostan is because all of you are.

Thank you and I hope you enjoy reading this summary of our work together.

Elena Bonometti
2019 in Numbers

8,107 participants in 202 communities were reached by the Tostan Community Empowerment Program (CEP) in five West African countries: The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, and Senegal. 

77% of CEP participants are women and girls.

Each participant in a Tostan class ‘adopts’ a community member to share the new knowledge learned during the class. An estimated 11,587 additional community members were adopted by class participants spreading the CEP concepts throughout the entire community. Hundreds of neighboring communities were also engaged by social mobilization agents as part of Tostan’s organized diffusion strategy.

165 communities publicly declared their intention to collectively abandon harmful practices.

481 radio programs were broadcast on the educational themes of the CEP.

155 leaders from 16 countries participated in seven 10-day trainings at the Tostan Training Center.

Tostan was represented by a diverse selection of staff members at 11 major international events.

GOVERNANCE
29 inter-village and inter-zonal meetings were organized with an estimated participation of over 3,000 people.

More than 80% of Community Management Committees (CMCs) in current partner communities are led by women.

EDUCATION
1,832 children were registered for school through campaign efforts of CMCs.

HEALTH
6,723 children were registered at birth thanks to awareness-raising efforts of CMCs.

ENVIRONMENT
4,083 clean-up days were organized by CMCs.

ECONOMY
5,442 people used Community Development Funds, provided by Tostan and managed by CMCs, for implementing income generating activities.
Throughout 2018, Tostan CEO Elena Bonometti, the Board of Directors, and Tostan’s leadership underwent a strategic reflection process to review and update the organization’s 2016-2022 Strategic Engagement Plan (SEP). In partnership with Spring Impact, an organization dedicated to supporting nonprofits as they scale their social impact, stakeholders outlined a broad strategic framework as well as scaling plans for each country where Tostan is present. On February 28th, 2019, Tostan’s Board of Directors approved the revised SEP for 2019-2022.

The process began when Elena arrived as CEO in 2017 with a mandate from the Board to explore and update the SEP if needed. In particular Elena wanted the organization to clarify and push forward the three concepts of scale, impact, and sustainability.

“We decided to review and revisit the original Strategic Engagement Plan 2016 — which was a visionary document that I liked — but I thought we could push it further and get more specific. We also wanted to ensure inclusive ownership of the decision-making process,” says Elena. She explains that the leadership team accomplished this by bringing together a broad range of perspectives to create a clearer idea of the goals and how to achieve them.

Tostan’s partnership with Spring Impact led to a better understanding and modeling of the Tostan vision of scale and the scaling pathways to follow. “What I like very much about the SEP 2019-2022 is that it functions as an organizational road map. It can help everyone at Tostan as well as our partners and collaborators understand quickly what we are seeking and how we plan to get there,” Elena explains.

Tostan has achieved remarkable results in community well-being for millions of people in thousands of communities in West and East Africa over the last 29 years. As rural communities, nonprofits, international organizations, and governments from many parts of the world ask Tostan to share its approach with them, the SEP will serve as the guide to scaling partnerships as well as global and local impact.

The core commitment of the SEP 2019-2022 framework is to scale community well-being. It outlines three pathways to scale used by the organization to pursue mission fulfillment. These are:

1. **Direct Implementation** of the Community Empowerment Program (CEP) and related programs, including the Strengthening Democracy and Civic Engagement strategy (SDCE, formerly called CESD). Undertaken at the district, departmental, and community levels, SDCE complements and enhances actions taken in communities while extending some activities to communities with whom Tostan has not yet partnered. To learn more about SDCE, [click here](#).

2. **Sharing Our Model** through the Tostan Training Center and through Strategic Partnerships, with emphasis on the Content, Approach, Methodology, and Strategy (CAMS) that are key to Tostan — and coaching partners in the application and adaptation of program aspects.

3. **Indirect Scaling** by influencing networks of development practitioners, donors, governments, multilaterals, NGOs and others in the global community to shape effective development practices and policies.

Tostan’s updated SEP provides an opportunity not only to increase direct implementation, expand programs for training and replication, and continue efforts to influence global systems, but also to do all three in ways that amplify and reinforce one another. In this way, Tostan hopes to demonstrate, share, and extend our work to achieve well-being at scale.
Pathway 1: Implementing Our Model

Tostan believes that every person, regardless of age, sex, religion, nationality, or economic status has inherent human rights which assure their dignity as human beings. Our human rights-based, respectful, inclusive, holistic, and sustainable model strengthens individual as well as collective agency and empowers communities to realize their own vision of well-being through a respectful process of community-led development. Known as the Community Empowerment Program (CEP), this model has been implemented and has evolved since 1991, leading to the empowerment of thousands of communities.

Our successes to date include the promotion of grassroots democracy and respect for human rights, the enhancement of economic opportunities at a local level, and the emergence of female leadership at the community and local government levels. We have also witnessed an unparalleled movement for the abandonment of harmful traditional practices such as female genital cutting and child/forced marriage in approximately 9,000 communities in eight West and East African countries. For nearly 30 years, our program has demonstrated its impact in partner communities by positively affecting governance, education, health, economic empowerment, and the environment.

2019 marked the conclusion of the Breakthrough Generation initiative in which donors united around a common plan to work across a range of impact areas via the CEP in four countries simultaneously. Communities in The Gambia (30), Guinea (40), Guinea Bissau (40), and Mali (40) entered the final stages of the Breakthrough Generation initiative this year, with an additional 40 communities in Mali starting a new cycle of the CEP at the beginning of 2019. Although Senegal was not included among the countries of Breakthrough Generation, Tostan also implemented CEP modules in 19 Senegalese communities. This year, 18,207 people — 77% of whom are women and girls — participated in the CEP in 202 communities.

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As part of the CEP, participants establish Community Management Committees (CMCs) which are responsible for implementing priority development projects designed by the community. Throughout 2019, CMCs received specific training delivered by Tostan’s supervisors on CMC members’ roles and responsibilities, social mobilization, child protection, as well as the management of Community Development Funds (CDF) and Income Generating Activities (IGA). These trainings allowed them to design, organize, and manage a wide range of activities.

Thanks to their tireless efforts, the CMCs, class participants, and community members raised awareness via concrete actions within their villages and across hundreds of neighboring communities on subjects learned in the CEP related to good governance, the importance of education, good hygiene and preventive health measures, as well as ending harmful practices. Among other achievements in 2019, CMCs contributed to resolving family disputes and village conflicts, led successful vaccination campaigns, organized campaigns against cigarette smoking, held meetings with herders to encourage them to avoid grazing livestock on farmlands during the rainy season, promoted birth registration, distributed mosquito nets, purchased school supplies for elementary students, organized community clean-ups, as well as coordinated latrine and well construction. A breakdown of activities organized by CMCs in all countries can be found in each National Update attachment to this Annual Report.

Song Kunda CMC members show their project logs and budget during an April meeting (The Gambia, 2019).
Launched in 2010, Tostan’s Peace and Security Module reinforces community-led peace-building at the local, national, and regional levels. After completing six months of learning mediation and conflict resolution skills in 2018, in 2019 the participating CMCs and Peace Committees in 122 communities led important social mobilization activities on themes including the key role of communication in conflict prevention, problem-solving skills, and the importance of respect for human rights. CMCs in Senegal, Guinea Bissau, and The Gambia led a total of 2,589 activities and Peace Committees in The Gambia and Senegal led 867 activities.

- **936** conflicts resolved by CMCs or Peace Committees including domestic disputes, conflicts between neighbors, and disputes between farmers and pastoralists in many communities
- **16** inter-village meetings, **8** inter-zonal meetings, and **2** cross-border meetings hosted to engage other communities in peace-building and conflict prevention initiatives
- **11** protocols on peace and conflict resolution measures signed by communities and local authorities (9 in Senegal, 2 in The Gambia).
- **1,333** people (including 1,179 women) implemented Income Generating Activities through a revolving loan scheme with funds provided by the Tostan Community Development Fund

Women from Senegal, The Gambia, and Guinea Bissau participate in a September march for peace in the Casamance as part of the Peace and Security project (Senegal, 2019).
Prison Project: Empowerment in Prison Leads to Successful Social Reinsertion

Launched in 2003, Tostan's prison project is currently being implemented in nine prisons in Senegal, mainly for women and for children under 18 years old.

The aim of the project is to support detainees to gain new hope and confidence as well as to successfully reintegrate into their communities upon release. Most detainees have never been to school, thus Tostan facilitators implement a modified CEP with sessions on visioning a positive future, human rights education, hygiene and health, as well as problem-solving and literacy skills. Participants also receive project management training to prepare them to earn a living and be better accepted when they return to their home communities. This year, **749 detainees** were trained in successfully managing income generating activities such as animal fattening, horticulture, fabric dyeing, and food processing.

Family mediation by Tostan staff is a critical component of the project as it leads to facilitated communication and eventually forgiveness by bringing detainees together with their family members, both in person and over the phone. Tostan also helps to encourage reintegration by meeting with other community members and traditional and religious leaders.

In 2019, Tostan prison staff organized over **7,300 successful mediations by telephone** and **559 successful in-person mediations**. Approximately **250 detainees** were released and reintegrated their communities during this period.

Tostan Senegal staff and Prison Project detainees celebrate International Women's Day (Senegal, 2019).
Strengthening Democracy and Civic Engagement

Strengthening Democracy and Civic Engagement (SDCE) is Tostan’s latest innovative strategy to support local governing councils to: better understand their roles and responsibilities as council members, incorporate citizen voices in decision-making processes, and sensitize local elected councilors on the importance of good governance, transparency, and accountability. The new strategy also helps to bridge the gap between the departmental and district governance levels and communities by training CMCs on strategies for better collaboration with the councils and effective advocacy for local government services. It aims to create an environment for dialogue and citizen participation in decision-making, planning, transparency, and accountability. Building community self-efficacy not only improves citizens’ confidence in their ability to hold local governing councils accountable for the delivery of public services, but it also clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the mayor and locally-elected council members.

The success of the first pilot training in 2017 convinced Tostan to launch a new project in 2019 to reach 85 CMCs, as well as the Departmental and 11 District Councils in the Department of Medina Yoro Foulah (Kolda region, Southern Senegal). In 2019, Tostan Supervisors implemented the training in all 85 CMCs. The Tostan pedagogical team will train the 11 District Councils and the Departmental Council in 2020, and develop a new SDCE module promoting good governance through practices of transparency, accountability, and participatory budgeting and financial reporting.

In 2019, Tostan also launched the first SDCE pilot outside of Senegal. 217 District Councilors of the 12 districts in the Koulikoro District in Mali went through the first SDCE module during the months of April and July. Furthermore, Tostan took crucial steps forward in standardizing and expanding the SDCE as an enhanced systemic approach as a key part of the CEP implementation in all Tostan countries.
Promoting Child Protection: Reducing Forced Child Begging

In the regions of Kaolack, Thiès, and Matam regions of Senegal, Tostan implemented the Promoting Child Protection project that aims to end forced, child begging and child exploitation, as well as to improve the living conditions and learning norms for "talibé" (meaning young students of the Qu’ran) in Quranic schools — called “daaras” in Wolof. Through this project, communities and religious leaders have come together to protect talibés and advocate on their behalf to local governments. These children also have the opportunity to improve their knowledge and life skills through the program.

With the support of Tostan’s partner, Anti-Slavery International, leaders of 102 daaras and community members have supported local children by ensuring their access to food, sleeping mats, and hygiene products, among other improvements. Daara leaders (called marabouts) have also been able to meet with the appropriate national stakeholders to begin taking action to modernize their schools. Through the Promoting Child Protection project, over 850 Talibés stopped begging in 2019.

“Since the start of the program in our daara, we’ve seen notable improvements in nutrition, hygiene, and health among us talibé,” explains Aly Ndao, a talibé of the Serigne Djabel Ka Daara in Koutal, Senegal.

Creating “Bountoung”, A New Data Platform

In 2019, Tostan began the rollout of a database platform centralizing all program-relevant data, developed over the course of a multi-year grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Realizing that a well-designed monitoring and evaluations system could greatly advance the organization’s ability to communicate impact with precision and reinforce efficiencies, Tostan partnered with Vera Solutions organization to design and build a Salesforce-based platform to improve the storage, management, access, and strategic use of data.

Tostan staff from the international and country offices began training on how to use “Bountoung” — a Pulaar word meaning granary and the name chosen for the data management tool — began at the end of the year. It is Tostan’s hope that Bountoung will enable the organization to better analyze data, cross-reference data from various sources, and share information with internal and external stakeholders for more informed decision-making.
Tostan Training Center

At the Tostan Training Center (TTC) in Thies, Senegal, Tostan hosts international, 10-day sharing seminars in English and French on its holistic, human rights based approach to community-led development. Participants are mainly NGO leaders; religious, traditional, and community leaders; and human rights activists. Training participants in 2019 were sponsored by the participating NGOs, The Carter Center, Norad, the MGSC Foundation, and The Orchid Project. The TTC staff made significant efforts to customize each training offered according to the audience. For example, 2019 trainings included a standard introductory training in English and another in French on what Tostan refers to as the CAMS — referring to an overview of our Content, Human Rights Approach, participatory Methodology, and organized diffusion Strategy. They also included customized trainings for tribal leaders and government authorities from the Omo Valley in South Eastern Ethiopia, and for Malian, Nigerian, and Ghanaian religious leaders. In December 2019, the TTC staff piloted an advanced training for Nigerian and Ghanaian religious leaders who had already attended the introductory module.

The TTC also hosts internal trainings which are important spaces of exchange and learning among Tostan staff from all departments. In October and November 2019, the TTC hosted two five-day trainings, one in French and one in Wolof for the Tostan International and Senegal offices, the TTC service providers, and pedagogical field staff to share the Tostan CAMS. Tostan plans to offer this training to all Tostan staff, regardless of their hierarchical positions.

Data as of December 31, 2019

- People trained to date: 587
- Trainings to date: 28
- Countries of participant origin: 48

Training Center Data 2019

- Trainings: 7
- 155 people from 16 countries
- Women: 93 Men: 62
- Scholarships: 27

Special Trainings 2019

Omo Valley
Tradition Leaders
“Uniting Nigerian Communities to End Violence Against Women and Girls”

In October, 2019, Tostan entered into partnership with the Ford Foundation to implement a new project: *Uniting Nigerian Communities to End Violence Against Women and Girls*. Over a two-year period, the Tostan training staff will reinforce the capacity of Muslim and Christian religious leader networks as well as civil society organization networks, to form a strengthened movement for increasing gender equality and reducing violence against women in Nigeria. In 2020, the identified religious leader and civil society networks will participate in a three-week training for an advanced understanding of the CAMS and be able to replicate the training in Nigeria for their network members.

Tostan’s collaboration with the Ford Foundation in Nigeria is significant as it marks the first step in extending the replication of Tostan’s model beyond its current five countries of implementation and the TTC. “This project is innovative because it enables Tostan to scale impact through partnership building,” explains Birima Fall, Coordinator of the Tostan Training Center. According to Program Officer Godfrey Okumu, it is an opportunity to partner with some of the largest in-country networks of civil society organizations in Nigeria, including religious leader networks, for the first time. “It’s a key moment for mutual learning — about partnerships, their grassroots work in Nigeria, Tostan’s experience, and most importantly, scaling impact together.”
Pathway 3: Global Influence

2019 saw the release of an award-winning documentary film, *Walk On My Own* produced by the NGO BYkids and directed by Ndeye Fatou Fall of Keur Simbara, a flagship partner community for Tostan in Senegal. In the film, 13-year-old Ndeye Fatou interviews elders and friends who tell their community’s story of social norms transformation. She describes her own experience growing up as part of the first generation of girls to be free from harmful practices and supported to make her own decisions, pursue studies, and follow her dreams. Part of a wider series, *Walk on My Own* aired on PBS television network and online across the United States throughout the Spring of 2019.

After the premiere of the film in Keur Simbara for an audience of 200 community members in 2019, Tostan also hosted two successful public premieres in New York City in March 2019, coinciding with the 63rd UN Commission on the Status of Women. On March 13, over 200 people joined Tostan and BYkids at Columbia University’s International House for a screening and panel discussion and another similar event was held at the UN Association of NYC on March 14.

Recognizing that the film is a powerful tool to engage new audiences and create community among supporters worldwide, Tostan also created an engagement guide to facilitate more intimate screenings and conversations around *Walk on My Own*. We encourage you to watch and share the film.
Positioning Tostan in the Global Conversation on Systems Change

Tostan’s first moment of global recognition in the emerging conversation on systems change came in 2015 when it was cited as an example of shifting social equilibriums as the necessary foundation for systems change by Sally Osberg, then President and CEO of the Skoll Foundation, in her book with Roger Martin, *Getting Beyond Better: How Social Entrepreneurship Works.*

Tostan set out to define its vision of systems change in 2017 and 2018, emerging with a theory of systems change in 2019 that combines three pillars of its approach: integration and interrelatedness of all development issues, a community-led development approach, and a social norms perspective.

Further endorsement of Tostan’s role as a systems change actor came through Melinda Gates in her book, *The Moment of Lift.* Melinda Gates noted how Tostan’s approach led to shifts in systems of belief, leading to large-scale behavior changes within communities. She credited Tostan with teaching her that “outrage can save one or two girls, but empathy can change the system”. We can see this reflected today in Tostan partner communities with the increase in women’s leadership: thousands of women who have been through the CEP now hold leadership positions in the CMC and have been elected as municipal councilors at the district level and parliamentarians at the national level.

Tostan CEO Elena Bonometti joined the Philanthropic Collaboration for Large-Scale Change conference in Bellagio, Italy in June, 2019. Leading philanthropists and social entrepreneurs gathered from many parts of the world to discuss new funding paradigms to scale sustainable impact in development. Within these new funding paradigms, shared values and the transfer of power to community actors emerged as building blocks for innovation.

“Tostan’s Leadership Circle members demonstrate what is possible when individuals and organizations enter into partnerships that go beyond financial contributions,” says Global Partnerships Specialist Suzanne Bowles. “Deep and trusting collaborations coupled with a shared aspiration can open previously unimagined possibilities. This is what Tostan has to offer as a gift to the world: a rich history of process awareness, radically inclusive collaboration, and adaptive learning from Monitoring and Evaluation systems leading to scaled changes in the very conditions upon which well-being is achieved.”

Throughout the year, Tostan explored and shared its practice-based insights with others at the following events:

- *Walk on My Own, New York, March 2019* (Naima Dido, Molly Melching, Suzanne Bowles)
- *Africa Agriculture Summit, Gauteng, January 2019* (Sun Valley, Yussuf Sané)
- *Family of Women Film Festival, Idaho, February 2019* (Naima Dido, Suzanne Bowles)
- *Skoll World Forum, Oxford, April 2019* (Elena Bonometti, Molly Melching, Suzanne Bowles)
- *Women Deliver, Vancouver, June 2019* (Rose Diop, Mohamed Cherif Diop, Suzanne Bowles, Naima Dido, Elena Bonometti)
- *Philanthropic Collaboration for Large-Scale Change, Bellagio, June 2019* (Elena Bonometti)
- *United Nations General Assembly, New York, September 2019* (represented by May Soliman)
- *Opportunity Collaboration, Cancun, October 2019* (Suzanne Bowles)
- *Hilton Prize Symposium, Los Angeles, October 2019* (Elena Bonometti)
Thank You to Our Supporters

The generosity of many partners drives Tostan's momentum and impact. In 2019, Global Mobilizers made 1,189 gifts of all sizes in support of our work, representing 30% of all funds raised!

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- World Children's Prize

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- Leslie Decker
- Mary Ellen Cunningham
- Orchard Project
- Pathy Family Foundation
- Planet Wheeler Foundation
- The Gem Foundation
- The Greenbaum Foundation
- The Long Road Foundation
- Tom & Gail Kaneb Family Foundation
- The Ripple Foundation

Sister Organizations
- Tostan Canada
- Tostan Denmark
- Tostan Sweden
## Financials

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**  
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Above: A CEP participant enjoys learning to read from one of Tostan’s literacy books. Below: Class participants hold discussions on topics related to human rights long after classes end.
Thank you to all of Tostan's Global Mobilizers!

We are grateful to be your partners igniting change through participatory, human rights-based education so that communities may design futures that lead to dignity for all.

— The Tostan Staff