One key aspect of strong rule of laws lies in citizens’ confidence that the law enforcement system is impartial and fair. With the support of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, PartnersGlobal and our Conakry based partners, CECIDE and COGINTA, share a mutual belief in respect for fundamental rights and have been implementing the Partners for Security in Guinea Program together since 2015. The project aims to educate citizens on their rights and engages youth, women and local leaders in community safety and crime prevention dialogue with the Guinea National Police. Police officers also receive training on better policing etiquette to improve community and law enforcement trust and cooperation in Dixinn, Kaloum, Kindia, Kankan, Labé, Mamou and Siguiri.

In March 2017, with support from COGINTA and CECIDE, PartnersGlobal organized a successful Share Fair in Conakry with over 700 participants. The event created space for open dialogue between Guinean policy makers, practitioners and civil society organizations on crime prevention policies, localized solutions and current security priorities at the national and local level. The Share Fair also strengthened bonds and collaboration between youth and police through a soccer tournament with mixed police and youth teams.

Due to the increased involvement of women, youth, local leaders and trained police officers in promoting security in Dixinn and Kaloum, the Partners for Security in Guinea project was granted an extension by INL in July of 2017 and in December 2018 to continue the implementation of project activities in Conakry and to expand the activities to more regions in Guinea: Kindia, Kankan, Labé, Mamou and Siguiri.
After eight months of negotiation with the Guinean Government, on March 19, 2019 the project team worked with stakeholders to modify the decree establishing the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Councils (CSCPC). Partners’ advocacy involved ensuring the Minister’s advisor and the new General Director of the National Police understood the objectives, purpose and expected outcomes/benefits of the Decree. Now that the Decree is signed and in force, the project partners can conduct training for councils established by the CSPC. The councils will be composed of local mayors, chefs de quartier, citizens, civil society and security forces, all of whom will work collaboratively to address security issues at the community level.

The Police in Schools initiative got off to a strong start in Labe, Siguiri and Mamou. A recent article on www.guineeinfos.org highlighted the success of the program. One class leader in 9th grade claimed that before the program she was afraid of police and didn’t understand “who was who and who did what” but now she understands “the role and mission of the National Police . . . and the services they offer” and even feels police are “friends”. Staff at the school were equally enthusiastic, claiming to have learned a lot from the Referent Police. One secondary school director even set aside additional time for the police officers’ presentation.

**Recent Accomplishments**

- In early 2019 PartnersGlobal conducted three training sessions for newly assigned heads of Kindia, Kankan and Siguiri police units, to build their capacities both in community policing, administration and coordination of police services.
- COGINTA held several police trainings in General Services (SG), Neighborhood Security Services (SSQ), Judicial Police (JP) and Public Information Brigade (BIVP) in Dixinn, Kaloum, Kindia, Kankan, Labé, Mamou and Siguiri reaching 200 police officers.
- CECIDE organized one television and three radio broadcast programs in Conakry, Labe, Mamou and Siguiri which discussed community policing and security issues facing communities.
- A total of 68 sensitization sessions organized by COGINTA including 50 in Kankan and 18 in Kindia were led by “referent police”. These sessions reached 3841 students including 1404 girls. An additional 56 sensitization sessions, organized by the CECIDE, were led in Conakry by referent police.

**Relationship Between Students and Police**

PartnersGlobal and COGINTA helped select police trainers from the Central Directorate of Public Security (DCSP). The DCSP indicated to PartnersGlobal that the program creates a feeling of belonging to the same institution and reinforces internal collaboration among officers from different regions. The training also allows police chiefs to strive to be more accountable, as they understand their role and the role of their subordinates better. What’s more, the success of trainings led to the Minister of Security creating a memo institutionalizing the Regional Coordinators. These coordinators will participate as trainers during various future program activities.

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