

# Partners for Security in Guinea

## Best Practices and Lessons Learned

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# Presentation outline

Rationale for engaging in Guinea

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# Context and Rational for Engagement

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## Political context

2009–2010 Political transition and democratic elections

## Socioeconomic challenges

High levels of violent crime, police corruption, loss of credibility and a perception of illegitimacy

## Security sector reform

2010 Evaluation of the Guinean security sector

2014 Adoption of the Community Policing Doctrine and Strategy/*Police de proximité*



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- Response to government efforts to revamp the security sector
- **GOAL:** To reestablish the effectiveness of law enforcement agencies and the population's trust in them
- **APPROACHES**
  - Police work with local leadership, including women and youth, to jointly identify and address community security problems
  - Police and communities work closely together at the local level through a variety of collaborative security activities



# Key Best Practices

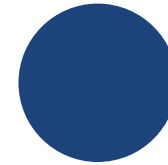
Innovative approaches to reform Guinea's security sector

1. Training senior security officials
2. Local security governance tools
3. "Police at school"/Community outreach officers
4. Outreach to women: Women's visitation days at police stations

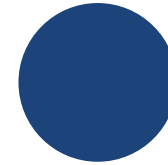


# Training senior security officials

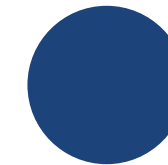
Guineans training Guineans



Goal: Improve police performance and effectiveness as well as community-police relations



Worked with a corps of qualified police instructors from the National and Civil Protection Academy and within the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection



Instructors on the ground who oversee and deliver basic training to officers on how to maintain order in target communities

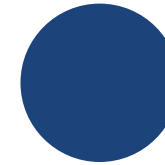


**A total of 51 police instructors trained 2,245 officers in seven communities**

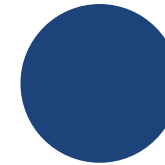


# Local security governance tools

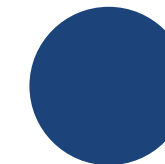
Local Security and Crime Prevention Council and Forum



Goal: Develop annual and long-term security plans for the community based on security assessments



Participatory forum led by the mayor



Implemented at the neighborhood or district level and chaired by local leaders; inclusive of women and youth





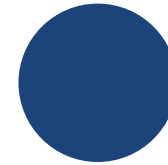
“We never used to see a police officer sitting down with a neighborhood leader to discuss security issues—this was taboo! Now, police officers move around the neighborhoods, contact the neighborhood leaders, and assist the local crime prevention councils. And the local people are also engaged.”

- General Mamadou Camara, Central Director of Public Security at the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection

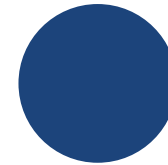


# Police at school/ Community outreach officers

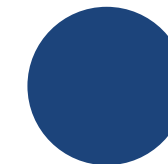
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Goal: To promote dialogue with students and build trust between police and students



Engaged high schools and junior schools to provide citizenship education and awareness raising

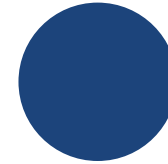


A total of 86 police officers reached over 19,740 students

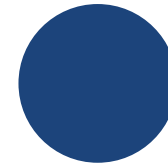


# Outreach to women/ visitation days at police stations

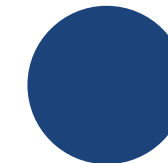
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Goal: To reestablish trust between women and the police, foster positive relationships, and prepare police to better respond to gender-based violence



A total of 427 women participated in 26 women's visitation



Visits took place in Conakry, Kankan, Kindia, Labé, Mamou, and Siguiri



*“The fact that women have begun to make official complaints to police precincts is because the visits have played an important role in familiarization. The attitude of police officers has also contributed greatly. They have become more welcoming and courteous.”*

-A woman leader from Kandia



# Key Recommendations

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1. Institutionalize community policing and roll it out nationally
2. Foster synergy between the different police bodies to make community policing more effective and efficient
3. Root the Local Security and Crime Prevention Councils in Guinea's process of decentralization
4. Promote effective representation of women in the security sector and use community policing to combat violence against women
5. Link community policing with road safety
6. Link community policing to local justice
7. Redesign the security sector to deal with future pandemics



# Guide to Best Practices

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We need more action to consolidate these gains in Guinea. Check out the project's Guide to Best Practices.

<https://www.partnersglobal.org/resources/guide-to-best-practices-partners-for-security-in-guinea/>



**“This project allows Guineans to become actors in their own security. It plays a pivotal role and will bear fruit in the long term.”**

**-Albert Damantang Camara, Guinean Minister of Security and Civil Protection**

