“Women’s Caravan: Restoring Trust Between Police and Women”
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The Main Points of Challenge

- An extremely low rate of crime reporting in cases where women were the victims
- An absence of trust between police and women
- A prevalent fear that criminals could easily bribe the police for their freedom
Goals of the Women’s Caravan

▪ Establish trust between police and women in the target localities through intentional and specific initiatives;

▪ Refer and familiarize women with their local police stations to report security problems or crimes;

▪ Create safe spaces for dialogue between women and police on the new policy of community policing;
The Women’s Caravan is a first of its kind in a project framework where women effectively organized to visit police stations under the slogan “Guinean Women and Police: Hand-in-Hand to Fight Insecurity”;

427 women participated in 26 caravans: 10-Conakry, 4- Kankan, 3 respectively in Kindia, Labé, Mamou, and Siguiri;

Customarily, women in Guinea are stigmatized and would never report their spouses or any relatives to police stations. This created distance between women and police stations.
Best Practices

- For the first time, this taboo was broken with the police station visits by the women’s caravan;

- A major increase in interest by key stakeholders was generated by the women’s caravan. The reporting rate of crimes against women and women’s self-protection of their human rights increased.

- Before, cases of arranged early marriages were done so by men only without women’s consent. The police station visits during the women’s caravan sensitized women on their rights to cancel early marriages.
Testimonials

“Before women’s visits to police stations, the women came for assistance with their problems without involving the police for fear of divorce. Today, they are secure in going directly to the police themselves.” Mrs. Fatoumata Diakite, Prefectoral Director of the Social Welfare Unit for the Advancement of Women in Labé

“In the beginning, it was the police who approached the population, making it very difficult to convince them. Today, the population approaches the police.” Mamadou Diallo, OPROGEM’s Head of Office in Labé.
➢ Training of OPROGEM agents on women’s rights frameworks and SGBV

➢ Expand the women’s caravan into the region of N’zérkéoré (Guinea’s forest area)

➢ Link access to justice and access to security

Ways Forward