



Featured grantee for October 2016

The Tandana Foundation

Women LEAP: Literacy,
Empowerment, Awareness,
Possibilities



Dining for Women



Changing the world one dinner at a time

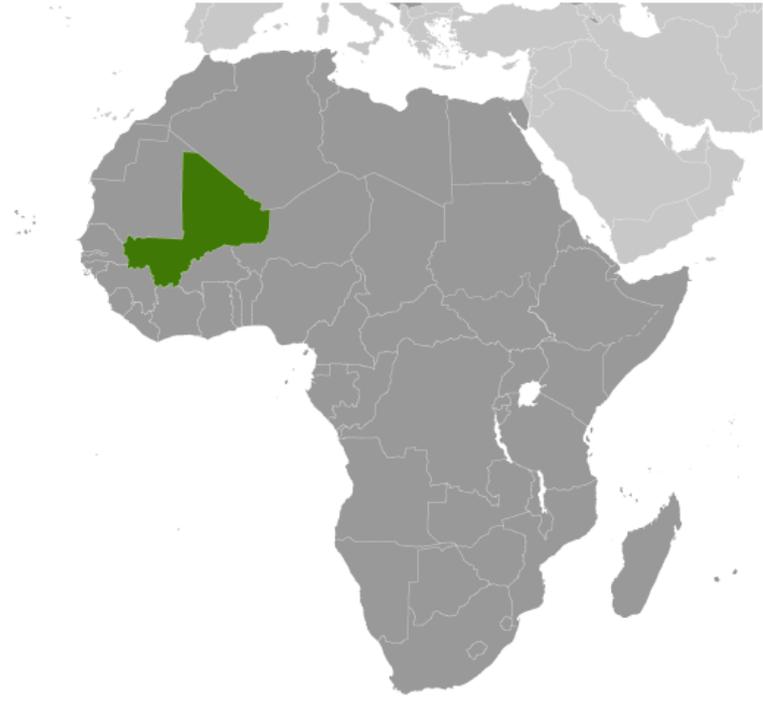
Introducing The Tandana Foundation



The mission of The Tandana Foundation is to empower individuals of various cultural backgrounds with an increased awareness of the world, other cultures and themselves, and with an expanded sense of their possibilities to promote positive, caring interactions between people of different backgrounds and encourage consideration and lessening of global inequalities; to promote respect and responsibility toward one's self, all people and the Earth.

Where in the world?

Tandana works in two areas: the Bandiagara Circle, Mopti, Mali, and the Otavalo Canton, Imbabura, Ecuador. This project will take place in the Bandiagara Circle, Mopti Region, Mali.



What are we supporting?



This project will give women in the Bandiagara Circle of Mali literacy and numeracy, as well as association management, democratic governance and leadership skills, in order to achieve self-sufficiency and fulfill their potential as leaders in their communities.

Continuation literacy classes, the creation and printing of leadership, democratic governance and women's association management booklets in the Tommo So language, as well as workshops and capital support of women's income generating activities are critical components of the project.

Life Challenges of Women in Mali



The literacy rate in Mali is 34 percent, and in the rural area of Bandiagara Circle it is much lower. Most families are unable to harvest enough millet to last them through the year, so they must send some family members to the cities to look for work, in addition to developing income-generating activities in the villages. In Mali, 50.4 percent of the population lives on less than \$1.25 per day, and in this rural area, the percentage is much higher.

Women's Illiteracy in Mali



While illiteracy is a pervasive problem in Mali, women are most affected, with a literacy rate of only 29.4 percent. Without literacy and numeracy skills, women must rely on others for help with basic tasks, such as making telephone calls, purchasing the right size of goods or weighing their products to sell. They are more easily taken advantage of in the marketplace, as they must trust customers or vendors to read for them.

Budget

How Dining for Women's grant of \$47,980 will be used over two years:

Item		Total
Preparation for continuing education classes	Food, trainer honorarium, transportation of instructors	\$610
Continuation literacy classes for 900 students	Supplies (chalk boxes, notebooks, pencils, erasers, rulers, test notebooks) Instructor costs (monthly pay and costs for 10 instructors) Evaluation costs	\$13,820
Creation and printing of Association and Governance documents	Creation and printing of women's association management booklet, democratic governance and leadership booklet and instructor's guide	\$5,750
Training of women leaders in association management and democratic governance	Eight 10-day workshops, including food, trainer honorarium, supplies, transportation, evaluation	\$17,800
Support for income generating activities of women's association	Capital for five best projects, supervision and evaluation of income-generating activities	\$10,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$47,980

About the Featured Grantee



The Tandana Foundation was registered in 2004 by Anna Taft, Jennifer Schlosser and Hope Taft, but began its independent work and was granted nonprofit status in 2006. In 2007, it offered its first volunteer vacation in Ecuador and began its scholarship program. In 2009, it offered its first volunteer vacation in Mali. In 2012, it began its Tommo So literacy program.

Tandana has three major program areas: intercultural volunteer programs, community projects, and scholarships.

October 2016 Sustained Project: Fistula Foundation

The Fistula Foundation aims to end the suffering caused by childbirth injury and obstetric fistula. By doing so, the Fistula Foundation also ends the shame and isolation that the women suffering from obstetric fistula experience while trying to bring a child into the world. Post-surgery, the women can live more integrated and productive lives. Sustained funding provides previously unavailable access to life-changing fistula repair surgery for women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in 2015, women in Guinea in 2016 and women in South Sudan in 2017. The grant covers the surgery expenses and pre- and post-operative care for 135 women (45 in each country).

Direct Reach: 135
Indirect Reach: 405



Share Your Thoughts



1. What role does education play in gender equality?
2. How can women's associations affect the future for Mali?
3. How can this project change community infrastructures?