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### **MINDLEAPS & HOPE OF GUINEA LAUNCH STEAM CAMP TO EMPOWER YOUTH IN GUINEA.**

**Conakry, Guinea July 1, 2016.** The Hope of Guinea STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Camp 2016 is a joint initiative between Hope of Guinea, MindLeaps, and returned Peace Corps Volunteers from Guinea. It will take place from July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in **Conakry**. The summer camp will allow vulnerable students to engage in 10 hands-on science experiments, participate in daily dance classes, take educational field trips and attend talks with community and industry leaders. The STEAM Camp is based on a successful project designed and implemented by Peace Corps Volunteers in the summer of 2014. Thirty students from all over the country participated and expanded their learning, increased their self-confidence, and shared [amazing] experiences with their teachers and fellow students.

In July 2016, several of the returned Peace Corps Volunteers will have the opportunity to come back to Guinea to run this year's three-week intensive program. Other volunteer instructors for the STEAM Camp include certified teachers, public health practitioners, and engineers. English and dance teachers will be provided by MindLeaps. The camp will take place at the **(name of the school + location)**

**(Include a quote from the director of the school hosting the camp here – why believe in this program)**

In addition to support from MindLeaps and returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Hope of Guinea's STEAM Camp will include participation from local teachers and business people. Their collective effort and experience will be leveraged to create a successful summer camp which combines curriculum and real-world based learning that will engage and inspire vulnerable students.

**About MindLeaps:**

MindLeaps is an international NGO working in post-conflict and developing countries to permanently decrease the number of street children. MindLeaps combines a dance program to improve cognitive development with vocational training to prepare youth for a stable life in school or in the workplace. MindLeaps currently operates programs in Rwanda, Guinea and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

For more details visit [www.mindleaps.org](http://www.mindleaps.org) or call us at + 1 (646) 902-1295.

### **About Hope of Guinea:**

Hope of Guinea (H.O.G.) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created to help the underprivileged children of Guinea. Since its founding in 2010, H.O.G. serves a total of 12 (8 girls and 4 boys) students in their scholarship program, which covers students from primary school until they complete high school. H.O.G is currently in the process of adding at least 3 more students this year. The scholarships provide students access to high quality private school education by covering their tuition expenses, providing personalized tutoring, mentoring, school supplies, uniforms and other necessities such as hygienic supplies. For more details visit [www.hopeofguinea.org](http://www.hopeofguinea.org)

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