

# *From Senegal to the World: My Montessori Journey*

Hello, I'm Myriam, and I want to share with you the incredible story of my journey into the world of Montessori education. It was a path filled with challenges, determination, and an unwavering love for children. As I reflect on my experiences, I hope to inspire and gain your support in my mission to establish a Montessori training center in Senegal and bring Montessori to the world.



My journey began when I joined a school in Senegal as an administrative assistant. It was there that I discovered the Montessori methodology, and it was love at first sight. The profound respect shown to children and their individual needs captivated me, and I knew I had found my calling.

Delving deeper into my newfound passion, I soon realized that Montessori training was not easily accessible in Senegal. The costs associated with training centers abroad were exorbitant, making it financially out of reach for many Africans. This revelation left me disheartened and questioning why Montessori education, which was intended to serve all children, had become exclusive and financially unattainable.

In my quest for understanding, I immersed myself in Montessori literature, determined to uncover the evolution of the methodology and its accessibility challenges. Dr. Maria Montessori herself envisioned a method that would benefit children from all walks of life, irrespective of their social or economic backgrounds. However, the rising costs of Montessori training had created barriers, preventing many aspiring educators from accessing this approach. The prospect of being unable to pursue the training due to financial limitations was deeply discouraging.

Despite the obstacles, I refused to give up on my dream. I couldn't bear the thought of Montessori education remaining inaccessible to many Africans, including myself. I realized I had a choice to make - succumb to discouragement or seek an alternative path.

With relentless determination, I embarked on an exhaustive search for more accessible options. Scouring the globe, I explored training centers in various countries, determined to find a solution. That's when I discovered the Rti Training Center in Mumbai, India, which offered a more affordable opportunity to pursue my Montessori training.

Choosing to travel to India was not without its challenges - a new country, a different culture, and the language barrier. But deep within, I knew this was the path I had to take. Each obstacle along the way only fueled my determination further.

In retrospect, I am grateful for the moments of doubt and discouragement. They compelled me to challenge the status quo and persevere in my pursuit of Montessori education. My journey has taught me that barriers can be overcome, and the essence of Montessori lies in making this approach accessible to all children, regardless of their background or financial means.

Every step forward reinforces the transformative power of Montessori education and the importance of its availability to every child. That's why I am committed to establishing a Montessori training center in Senegal. I want to break down the barriers and provide opportunities for educators who share the same passion and belief in the potential of every child.

As I reflect on my Montessori journey, I'm acutely aware of the challenges that arise when education is limited by geographic or cultural barriers. Maria Montessori never intended her methodology to be confined to a specific population or region. Therefore, I firmly believe that Montessori education should be open to individuals from all countries and continents.

The establishment of a Montessori training center in Senegal embodies a profound mission - to break down barriers and welcome anyone interested in learning more about Montessori. Achieving this mission requires collective effort and the involvement of individuals like you, with your unique perspectives and contributions.

I believe that we can challenge limitations and ensure that Montessori education reaches far and wide. Your involvement, no matter how big or small, holds immeasurable value. Whether you bring your expertise, resources, or simply a desire to learn, your presence at the table enriches our mission.

While I cannot predict the exact timeline for the realization of this vision, I steadfastly believe it will come to fruition. And when it does, it will be the result of collective efforts from individuals like yourself who share a passion for empowering education.

I invite you to join me on this extraordinary journey. Let us unite to make Montessori education accessible to all, transcending borders, continents, and cultures. Together, we can create a world where the transformative power of Montessori reaches every child, fostering a brighter and more inclusive future for generations to come.

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