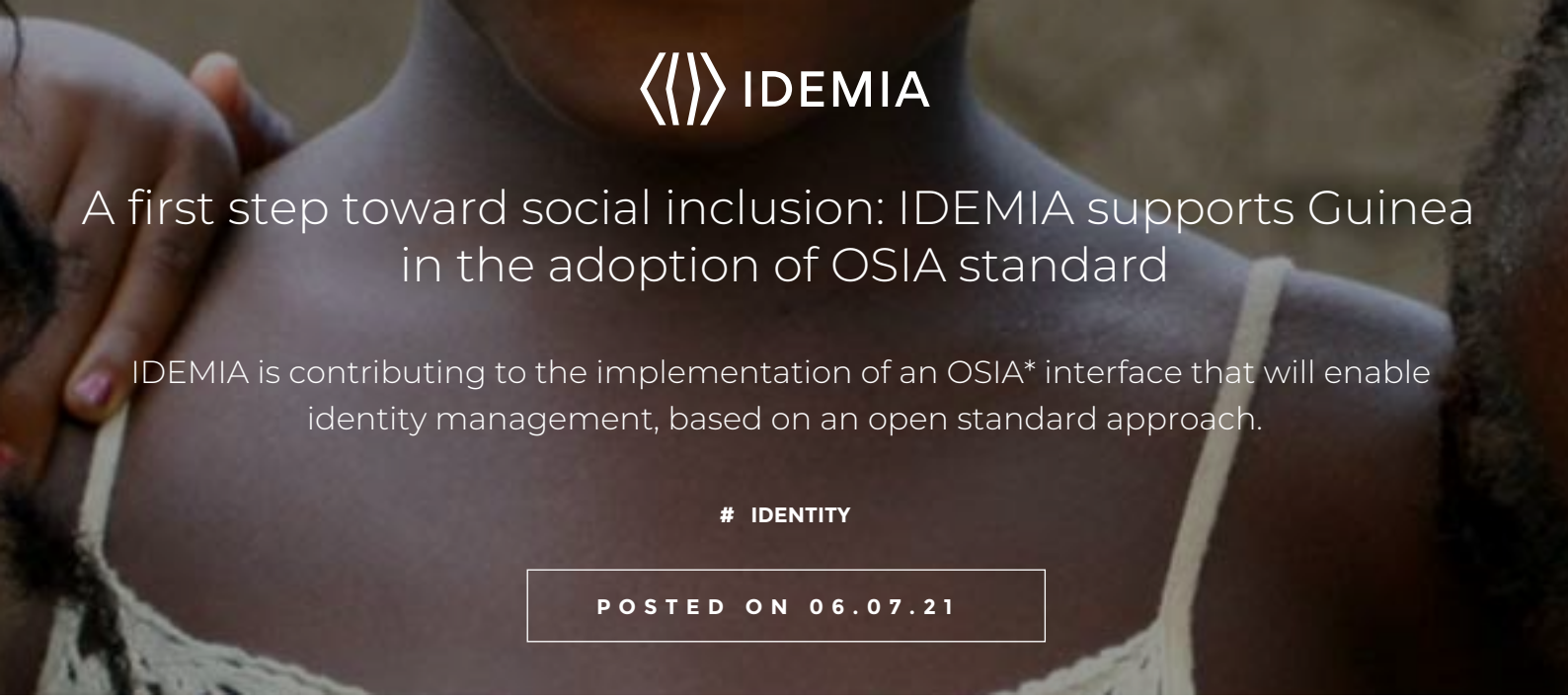


A first step toward social inclusion: IDEMIA supports Guinea in the adoption of OSIA standard

IDEMIA is contributing to the implementation of an OSIA* interface that will enable identity management, based on an open standard approach.

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As the leader in identity, the Group will provide the National Agency for Economic and Social Inclusion in Guinea (ANIES) with an interoperable identity system.

- This system will integrate an interface compliant with the OSIA standard that has been developed with the Secure Identity Alliance (SIA).
- This solution eliminates vendor lock-in and prioritizes the country's long-term goal to reduce poverty and inequality.

An essential vector for redistributing the fruits of growth

Although Guinea's dynamics of economic growth has strengthened in recent years, nearly 60% of the country's population lives in poverty. A population census in Guinea is **an essential step within the ANIES's inclusion policy**. The biometric registration of the most vulnerable within the Guinean population is one of the agency's goals for 2021. This group represents those not yet identified by the state; roughly 40% of people living in Guinea.

At the end of the registration phase, the government can promote financial inclusion through cash transfer programs that enable access to financial services and payment instruments. As part of the National Economic and Social Development Plan (PNDES), **a beneficiary card will be used to create a link between the beneficiary and the State**. This essential link will promote access to services and social rights.

A major economic and social inclusion program in the region

Guinea is the latest country to benefit from IDEMIA's identity management system based on OSIA open standards. In 2019, IDEMIA was the first to deploy an OSIA system in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This **World Bank funded project** aims to identify 2.4 million children and produce 600,000 birth certificates. This is in line with the United Nations General Assembly's ambitious goal to provide **'an identity for all' by 2030**.

Relying on **interfaces that are completely interoperable**, the OSIA solution benefits from the expertise and innovative minds of the many global players within the identity sector (private sectors and governments). This allows for efficient deployment of interoperable identification systems.

*Further information on the benefits of an open standards-based solution can be found in the SIA's Open Standards Identity API (OSIA) White Paper (June 2019) at www.OSIA.io.