



USAID Sub-National Governance Project

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The Mali Sub-National Governance Project (SNGP) will work with the national and sub-national governments and civil society to capitalize on renewed efforts to decentralize authority and resources in Mali - key to implementing the Algiers Peace Accord - to give more resources and authority directly to the regional governments. The project will work to advance Mali's decentralization process by increasing the ability of sub-national governments to provide effective, responsive, and accountable service delivery to the citizens of Mali, particularly in the areas of health and education. The project aims to ensure that public funds intended for decentralized services are delivered effectively and transparently. The approach supports the Ministry of Decentralization's Regionalization plans, assists Malians to develop their own solutions to the country's decentralization challenges, and supports incremental changes that will provide the impetus for more ambitious change and implementation of the Algiers Peace Accord.

The three components of the Project are:

- Component 1: Strengthen national and sub-national public financial management systems
- Component 2: Improve coordination and communication between national and sub-national government and civil society
- Component 3: Improve the capacity of the *Controle General des Services Public* (CGSP) to conduct performance audits that meet international standards and to monitor public spending and service delivery at the national and sub-national levels.

This project works under USAID/Mali's Development Objective (DO) #1 (Democratic Governance): "Public Trust in Government Improved" and directly contributes to Intermediate Result 1.1: *Responsive and accountable local service delivery increased.*

Component 1 activities will include providing technical assistance to strengthen overall budget development and public financial management systems, embedding advisors in national and sub-national institutions, and working to educate, communicate, and give better instructions to local level decision-makers and citizens. Under Component 2, the Project will increase the public's access to transparent and timely information, improve the representation of women's needs and interests, as well as participation in the decentralization process, and enable the government to provide civil society with the tools they need to effectively undertake their watchdog role and participate in the decentralization process. Activities under Component 3 will improve CGSP's capacity to conduct performance audits and monitor public spending and service delivery at the national and sub-national levels.

Expected Results:

- Increased capacity of national and regional governments, including women, in budget planning, implementation and reporting.
- Improved management of funds and increased quality of service at the regional level.
- Increased citizens' awareness of decentralization reforms.
- Increased information sharing between government and civil society on budget and decentralization matters.
- Increased capacity of the Supreme Audit Institution to conduct performance audits and monitor public spending and service delivery.

Program Information:

- Budget: \$22 million
- Life of Project: 2016-2021

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