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USAID SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNANCE PROJECT

INCREMENTAL CHANGE FOR LONG-TERM IMPACT

The Mali Sub-National Governance Project (SNGP) works with the national and sub-national governments and civil society to decentralize authority and resources - key to implementing the Algiers Peace Accord - to the regional governments. Through decentralization and capacity building, SNGP supports the sub-national government 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. SNGP 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 the ambitious goals and objectives of the Algiers Peace Accord.

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

SNGP supports key objectives in the Algiers Peace Accord through improving local governance, local service delivery and government-community engagement. It aims to strengthen national and sub-national public finance management systems to improve budget development and public financial management systems.

In addition, SNGP seeks to increase civic participation in the local decision making process by strengthening coordination and communication between national and sub-national government and civil society. Through greater transparency and timely information, SNGP will support greater civil society oversight and citizen engagement in the decentralization process.

With increased capacity and civic participation and oversight in the government process, SNGP will also improve the capacity of the Public Institutions General Control Office to conduct performance audits and monitor public spending and service delivery. Through three areas, SNGP supports government efforts to improve government and community relations, the local decision making process, monitoring and the quality service delivery.

SNGP'S EXPECTED RESULTS

Over the 5-year (2016 – 2021) project cycle, SNGP will leverage a \$22 million budget to:

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

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