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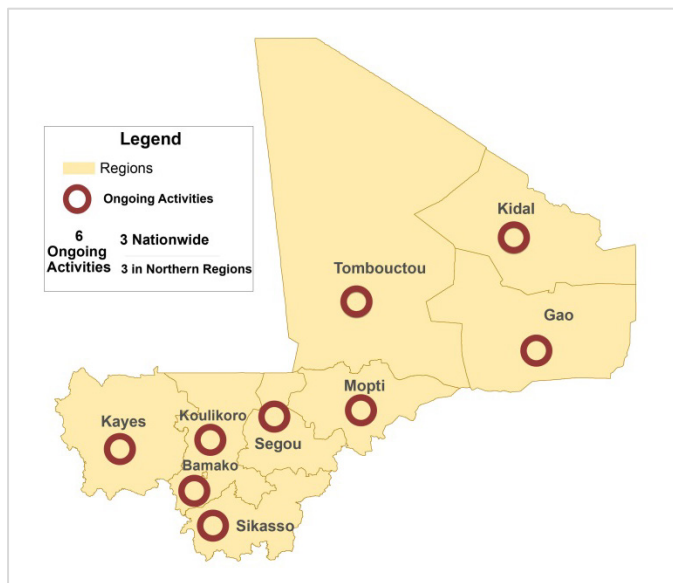


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USAID MALI

PEACE, DEMOCRACY, AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Peace, Democracy, and Governance Office manages a \$71.5 million portfolio of integrated, complementary programs to address the core



peacebuilding and democratic governance needs in Mali. This includes a focus on key U.S. Foreign Assistance priorities such as the Security Governance Initiative; Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership; Fiscal Transparency and Innovation; Women, Peace, and Security; and Disability Inclusive Development to advance peace, democracy, and human rights in Mali.

MALI JUSTICE PROJECT

The Mali Justice Project (MJP), implemented by Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc., works with the formal and informal justice sectors and civil society to advance institutional reforms, increase access to justice, and reduce corruption, ultimately to enhance delivery of justice services in Mali. This will improve the operational capacities of key justice sector institutions, the National Direction of Justice Administration and the courts, and increase availability of information on legal services, citizen rights, and justice-related reforms so that citizens better understand their rights under the Malian legal system. The project will also provide targeted legal and advocacy services along key trade routes to reduce the level of corruption and negative economic and social impact on Malians.

MALI SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNANCE PROJECT

The Mali Sub-National Governance Project (SNGP) works with the national and sub-national government institutions and civil society to capitalize on renewed efforts to decentralize authority and resources in Mali. Key to implementing the Algiers Peace Accord, the decentralization process will give more resources and authority directly to regional governments. The project will work to advance Mali's regionalization process by increasing the ability of sub-national government entities to provide effective, responsive, and accountable service delivery to the citizens of Mali, particularly in the areas of health and education. Implemented by Tetra Tech, ARD, the project aims to ensure that public funds intended for regional and local services are transferred and spent effectively and transparently.

MALI PEACE INITIATIVE ACTIVITY

The Mali Peace Initiative Activity (ACCORD in French), implemented by AECOM, aims to strengthen targeted communities' resilience to conflict and radicalization by working with local government and communities to address priority development and reconciliation needs. This transition project will lay the foundation to shift from emergency conflict prevention activities to scalable and sustainable peacebuilding and stabilization development activities in conflict-affected communities. It will improve prospects for long-term peace, security and resilience by increasing and strengthening the role and voice of women and youth in political and peace processes through engagement on priority development and reconciliation needs; active participation in local peacebuilding and decision-making; and collective action for social and political change.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Civic Engagement Program (CEP) provides support in the form of tools and resources to Malians that enable them to fulfill their end of the social contract, and to make the government of Mali more responsive and accountable to citizens. CEP, implemented by FHI 360, aims to reinforce civil society's watchdog role to provide checks and balances over the State to improve public sector service delivery and budget allocation, and was intentionally designed to foster greater inclusion of traditionally marginalized groups. Focused on the demand side of democratic governance, it is designed to complement USAID's supply-side Sub-National Governance Project (SNGP), but both projects will actively target improved outcomes across development sectors. By emphasizing citizen empowerment and inclusion, CEP reinforces unity through diversity as one citizenry.

ADVANCING RECONCILIATION AND PROMOTING PEACE

The Advancing Reconciliation and Promoting Peace (ARPP) project, implemented through Mercy Corps, contributes to securing a peaceful future for Malians by empowering community leaders to advance the peace process, reduce violence, promote reconciliation, and reduce youth involvement in violence and armed groups in the North. It will build the capacity of local leaders and peacebuilding structures to develop early warning and response systems to identify and address grievances, mediate disputes, and peacefully resolve conflict. ARPP will leverage women's roles in promoting peace and social cohesion, advocating for community concerns and grievances to institutions responsible for meeting economic, social, and security needs, and providing counseling to survivors of violence to promote reconciliation and healing.

PARTICIPATORY PEACE PROCESSES IN TIMBUKTU

The Participatory Peace Processes in Timbuktu (3P) project will advance community-driven peacebuilding and conflict mediation in northern Mali by analyzing the sources of conflict and identifying opportunities to respond and build community resilience at the grassroots level. By honing in on transformational, participatory peacebuilding approaches to reduce inter- and intra-ethnic conflict, with a particular focus on the role of women and youth, 3P aims to reduce the potential to ignite violence in the region. Implemented by *Association Malienne pour la Survie au Sahel* (AMSS), the project will contribute to regional stability by reinforcing inclusive, local conflict resolution groups more capable of producing sustainable peace agreements that are representative of the community.