



Mali faces serious challenges in the health sector. A critical shortage of health workers and a history of violence and unrest have left many regions without adequate numbers of trained health workers to reduce maternal and child mortality and respond to emerging infectious diseases.

For almost two decades, IntraHealth International has worked with **local partners** to support Mali's **journey to self-reliance** by strengthening health systems, building capacity, and improving access to high-quality maternal and child health, family planning, and malaria services, particularly for adolescent girls and young women.

We work hand-in-hand with key partners at all levels of the health system and in communities to implement high-impact, sustainable interventions that can bring better health care to Malians today and tomorrow.

# Classroom to Care: Training to Expand Access to Maternal and Child Health (C2C) (2022–2026)

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IntraHealth works with 12 private schools in Mali, Senegal, and Niger to <u>sustainably increase the number of qualified</u>, <u>well-trained</u> <u>nurses and midwives</u> who can serve rural communities in these countries—all of which face a critical shortage of health workers.

IntraHealth helps four private schools in each country partner effectively with the public sector, achieve the appropriate accreditations, enhance competency-based curricula, create effective learning approaches, and graduate students from underserved areas.



8 regions & the Bamako district using iHRIS to track, manage, & plan their health workforces



306 teachers & health workers trained on adolescent & youth education in reproductive health within intervention schools in the Mopti region



124 health workers trained on the Optimization of Performance Quality (OPQ) approach in the Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso, Gao, & Bamako regions

#### Momentum Safe Surgery, Family Planning and Obstetrics (2020–2025)

Funder: USAID Global Cooperative Agreement

As EngenderHealth's partner, IntraHealth leads crosscutting technical assistance for local organizational skills-building, sustainability frameworks, supply chain management, and human resources for health in Mali to:

- Scale up and sustain access to and use of evidence-based quality reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health and family planning information, services, and interventions.
- Improve the capacity of host institutions, local organizations, and providers to deliver evidencebased, high-quality services for reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health, and for voluntary family planning.
- Increase adaptive learning and use of evidence in reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health and family planning programming through sustained host-country technical leadership.

## Mali Girls Leadership and Empowerment through Education (GLEE) (2018–2023)

Funder: USAID

IntraHealth helps adolescent girls become their own health advocates by leading activities to increase their knowledge and adoption of positive health behaviors. To do this, we partner with Winrock International to integrate innovative youth-friendly reproductive health programs into target school communities and corresponding health systems, bring more nurses to schools on a consistent basis, and improve school sanitation facilities by making them functional and responsive to gender and adolescent barriers

We trained 136 health personnel on health services for young people and adolescent girls, 960 community actors on good health and hygiene practices, and 298 family planning mentors, teachers, and grandmothers on how to teach students to make reusable menstrual hygiene pads.

## Mali Human Resources for Health Strengthening Activity (2017–2020)

Funder: USAID

IntraHealth partnered with the government of Mali to **strengthen its health workforce**, scale up progress in maternal and child survival, and protect its citizens from emerging health threats such as Ebola and pandemic influenza.

- 72% of health workers now have key skills in infection prevention and control, a 47% increase since the project started.
- 26,215 public health workers are registered in iHRIS, IntraHealth's free, open-source software that helps countries track and manage their health workforce data, including 3,604 from the private sector.
- 8 public and private higher education institutions now use the West African Health Organization's harmonized curriculum based on the Competency-Based Learning approach.
- Mali developed its first gender analysis report on inequalities and barriers related to the recruitment, deployment, motivation, and retention of women in the health sector.

#### **Other Projects & Funders**

- <u>Capacity Building for Fistula Treatment and Prevention in Mali</u>, 2014–2019 (USAID)
- <u>Strengthening Civil Society for Family Planning in</u>
  <u>West Africa</u>, 2011–2019 (William and Flora Hewlett
  Foundation)
- <u>Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit</u>, 2011–2018 (William and Flora Hewlett Foundation; Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)
- Project Keneya Ciwara II (PKCII), 2008–2013 (USAID)
- Assistance Technique Nationale Plus (ATN Plus), 2008–2013 (USAID)
- CapacityPlus, Mali, 2009–2015 (USAID)

