



MALI

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 impactful, sustainable interventions that can bring better health care to Malians today and tomorrow.

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

Partner: Government of Mali **Funder:** US Agency for International Development (USAID)

Highlights:

- Builds Mali's capacity to coordinate an effective response to global health security threats.
- Improves the management and use of health workforce data in planning and decision-making in five regional directorates (Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso, Gao, Bamako) and seven hospitals.
- Strengthens health education, including by working with 11 schools to develop actions plans to strengthen pre- and in-service education and performance.
- Applies evidence-based recruitment, retention, and motivation strategies to ramp up staffing levels in the health facilities most in need.
- Provides scholarships to public health students, particularly in rural and conflict-prone areas.



8 regions and the district of Bamako are using iHRIS Manage to track, manage, and plan their health workforces



520 facility providers trained to provide high quality fistula prevention services



124 providers trained on Optimization of Performance Quality (OPQ) approach in Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso, Gao and Bamako regions

Capacity Building for Fistula Treatment and Prevention in Mali (2014–2019)

Partners: Women Action Research, Study, and Training Group (GREFFA); International Association for Maternal and Neonatal Health in Mali (IMANEH Mali); Medical Alliance against Malaria (AMCP)

Funder: USAID

Highlights:

- Provided 1100+ women with fistula repair surgeries and other services in the project's first three years.
- Established cadre of trained surgeons with expertise in fistula repair.
- Equipped 900+ community health workers to conduct outreach and recruitment of fistula clients for fistula campaigns and routine surgeries.
- Integrated family planning into fistula treatment.
- Prepared selected health facilities to routinely offer fistula treatment and prevention services, including by training 497 local health workers in fistula prevention.
- Reduced community stigma around fistula and increased community knowledge about its causes, treatments, and prevention.

Strengthening Civil Society for Family Planning in West Africa (CS4FP Plus) (2011–2019)

Partners: EtriLabs, PAI **Funders:** William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Dutch Embassy of Benin

Highlights:

- Builds the capacity of civil society coalitions in the 9 Ouagadougou Partnership countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and Togo) to collaborate with and advocate to governments to ensure revision and implementation of their national family planning costed implementation plans.
- Trains coalition members, religious leaders, 94 youth ambassadors, and others to advocate for access to and use of family planning services, including by using social media, video, and other technologies.

Mali Girls Leadership and Empowerment through Education (GLEE) (2018–2021)

Partner: Winrock International **Funder:** USAID

Highlights:

- Empowers adolescent girls to become their own health advocates by increasing their knowledge of and access to health services.
- Brings more nurses to schools on a consistent basis.
- Improves school sanitation facilities by making them functional and responsive to gender and adolescent barriers.
- Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) initiatives, reduces health barriers to education.

Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit (2011–2018)

Partners: West African Health Organization, UNFPA, World Health Organization, FP2020 **Funders:** William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Highlights:

- Facilitate partnership processes
- Help countries complete planning processes and implementation plans
- Track progress against objectives
- Share information inside and outside the partnership

Past Projects & Funders

- Project Keneya Ciwara II (PKCII) (2008–2013) **Funder:** USAID
- Assistance Technique Nationale Plus (ATN Plus) (2008–2013) **Funder:** USAID
- CapacityPlus, Mali (2009–2015) **Funder:** USAID

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