



Mali has a critical shortage of health workers. Those it does have are concentrated in urban areas and the southern part of the country, leaving rural and northern communities particularly vulnerable to health threats. Early marriage and the obstetric risks of adolescent pregnancy, maternal and child deaths, pneumonia, and malaria are common and access to and use of family planning methods are low. And while Mali has made progress, political unrest and extremist rebel groups in the north have threatened to reverse that progress.

But Malians are resilient. For almost two decades, IntraHealth International has been working hand-in-hand with local partners to regain lost ground and to improve access to high-quality maternal and child health, family planning, and malaria services.

## 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 Kayes and Sikasso, two regional hospitals now use IntraHealth's iHRIS Manage software to manage staff and resources.
- 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



900+ women treated for obstetric fistula across 4 regions and the district of Bamako



27 civil society coalition members trained in strategic advocacy methods to promote family planning

## 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 900+ women with fistula repair surgeries and other services in the project's first two years.
- Trained 82 new surgeons in fistula repair surgery as part of increasing the number of surgeons in the country who can provide this service.
- Trained 900+ community health workers in outreach and recruitment of fistula clients for fistula campaigns and routine surgeries.
- Prepares selected health facilities to routinely offer fistula treatment and prevention services, including by training 497 local health workers in fistula prevention.
- Provides psychosocial support for fistula clients.
- Reduces community stigma around fistula and increases community knowledge about its causes, treatments, and prevention.

## Strengthening Civil Society for Family Planning in West Africa (CS4FP Plus) (2011–2018)

**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 in their communities, including by using social media, video, and other technologies.
- With funding from the Dutch Embassy, improves youth and adolescents' access to family planning and reproductive health services, including HIV prevention, by implementing a comprehensive sexual education curriculum and strengthening youth-friendly services in Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mauritania, and Niger.

## CGI Commitment to Action—Obstetric Fistula in Mali: Women Living with Dignity (2014–2017)

**Partners:** Clinton Global Initiative, Project C.U.R.E., Duke Global Health, Orange Mali Foundation, IMANEH Suisse, Maison de l'Espoir

### Highlights:

- Addresses the comprehensive, holistic needs of women with obstetric fistula, from treatment to reintegration.
- In partnership with Project C.U.R.E., raised \$197,000+ in private funds for equipment and supplies for the Kayes and Koulikoro hospitals and obtained fistula repair kits from Direct Relief for Point G University Hospital in Bamako.
- Worked with Orange Mali Foundation to build and equip a welcome center for fistula clients and their companions at Sikasso Regional Hospital.
- Together with Duke University, integrates mental health screenings into all fistula repair campaigns to help address these needs for fistula clients and their families.

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