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Mali Electoral Transformation Program

CONTEXT

MET assists with Mali's political transition to institutionalize more inclusive, effective, and democratic political governance. The initiative improves the capacity, integrity, and transparency of Mali's electoral system to hold credible elections allowing citizens to select their leaders peacefully and democratically.

ABOUT THE ACTIVITY

Based on the findings of USAID's Electoral Integrity Assessment conducted by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) in early 2021, MET provides Malian stakeholders with regional and international best practices to inform constitutional and electoral reforms. The activity also builds the capacity of Mali's electoral administration at all levels to demonstrate independent and ethical behavior, and to administer free, fair, credible, and inclusive elections during the transitional period and beyond.

TRANSPARENT AND CREDIBLE ELECTIONS

MET provides leadership and skills-building training for electoral officials. Other activities include support for the development of an Electoral Integrity Management Plan and a comprehensive operational plan for elections with a realistic timeline and budget estimates.

INCLUSIVE ELECTIONS

MET assists in developing procedures and training manuals, including for voter registration, inclusion of marginalized communities, results management, and electoral dispute resolution.

ELECTORAL RESULTS AND DISPUTE MANAGEMENT

MET assists the Constitutional Court to develop processes and procedures to manage electoral results and dispute resolution effectively and transparently.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Provided technical assistance drafting five laws and amendments for credible elections, including the new electoral law.
- Supported four consensus building forums, three initiatives to increase political participation of marginalized groups, and seven democracy advocacy organizations.
- Provided communications training to the Malian Constitutional Court and supported drafting of their communication strategy to address a lack of institutional confidence from electoral stakeholders.
- Trained 19 judicial personnel.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)