



# HEALTH POLICY PLUS: MALI

Health Policy Plus (HP+) is a seven-year global project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by a consortium of partners, led by Palladium. Since 2016, HP+ has been working in Mali to improve the country's health environment by strengthening the capacity of government and local partners to design, implement, and finance effective policies aligned with their priorities. HP+ Mali addresses reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health through the cross-cutting thematic axes of policy, financing, governance, and advocacy. Key focus areas include the following:

**Community Health Worker (CHW) Program:** HP+ is supporting ongoing reform of policy and guidelines to incorporate provision of essential health services by community health workers—an important yet under-resourced cadre in Mali. HP+ advocates to mobilize increased domestic resources for CHWs, using efficiency and geospatial mapping analyses to identify targeted investments.

**Sustainable Health Financing:** HP+ is reinforcing the government's capacities to plan and develop sustainable health financing models that allow for the scale-up of key health service delivery and access. This includes working with partners to improve government stewardship and accountability for health sector commitments and supporting the Ministry of Health and Social Development (MHSD) on health system reforms, with a focus on strengthening primary health services, improving provider payment system design, and eliminating bottlenecks in public financial flows. The project is generating evidence for health insurance reform in the context of universal health coverage, including efficiency of public health resources. HP+ has strengthened the capacity of several MHSD departments to boost coordination between the government and donors through seconded technical assistants.

**Equity:** HP+ is strengthening the legal and regulatory environment to support voluntary, equitable, rights-based health programs. The project's approach includes supporting advocacy by national stakeholders, including religious leaders, to promote access to and use of maternal, newborn, and child health services; girls' education; and decreased violence against women.

**BUDGET TO DATE:** \$11.9 million

**PROJECT CYCLE:** 2015-2022

**TARGET AREAS:** National

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:**  
Palladium

**KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:**

- Introduced GIS-based mapping tool, tracking 3,021 CHWs.
- Supported development of the Costed Implementation Plan for Family Planning 2019-2023 (published in 2019), resulting in more aligned donors/partners, and the National Community Health Strategic Plan, 2021-2025.
- Mobilized religious leaders and civil society to advocate for policy reform on gender-based violence, family planning, and reproductive health.

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