

# MOMENTUM

INTEGRATED HEALTH RESILIENCE



## STRENGTHENING HEALTH RESILIENCE IN NORTHERN MALI

Mali has made great strides in improving reproductive, maternal, and child health in recent decades, but much work remains. Maternal mortality is still among the highest in the world, at 562 deaths per 100,000 live births, while children under 5 years have a mortality rate of 94 deaths per 1,000 live births. The 2018 Demographic and Health Survey reports that, at 6.3 children per woman, Mali's total fertility rate (TFR) is higher than the Sub-Saharan Africa average rate of 4.8, and the adolescent birthrate is also high, estimated at 164 births per 1,000 girls aged 15-19. Nutritionally, 25 percent of children nationwide are stunted, with the highest prevalence occurring in Gao (33 percent). The modern contraceptive prevalence rate among married women in both Gao and Timbuktu is lower than the national rate of 16 percent (15.1 and 11.1 percent, respectively). Grinding poverty, security and instability issues, high fertility, low literacy, and poor infrastructure continue to drive the country's poor health outcomes.

MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience (MIHR) aims to increase the resilience and preparedness of health systems in Northern Mali regions by working with the Ministry of Health, stakeholders, and other partners to:

1. Improve equitable access to and use of maternal, neonatal, and child health (MNCH), voluntary family planning, and nutrition services (including via referrals to and provision of emergency care)
2. Increase accountability of district and other local governance structures to absorb, adapt to, and recover from health system shocks and stresses
3. Increase cross-sectoral collaboration to improve or prevent the regressing of health outcomes

### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES



Strengthen coordination



Improve service quality



Address Human Resources for Health issues



Increase resilience



Increase use of digital solutions



Reduce access barriers



Improve community participation



Strengthen governance

### KEY FACTS

**BUDGET TO DATE**  
US\$3.75 MILLION

**PROJECT CYCLE**  
2020-2025

**TARGET AREAS**  
Gao and Timbuktu

**TARGET POPULATIONS**  
Girls and women of reproductive age and their male partners, pregnant women, new mothers, newborns and infants, children under 5 and their families.

- IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**
- IMA World Health (Global Lead)
  - JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc. (Country Lead)
  - Pathfinder International
  - GOAL USA Fund
  - CARE

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