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USAID MALI CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

CEP enables Malians to better fulfill their end of the social contract, and to make their government more responsive and accountable to citizens.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM STRATEGY

Objective 1: CEP works to strengthen mechanisms for bottom-up social accountability. CEP's work with local civil society organizations (CSOs) aims to give voice to all Malians in service delivery decisions that affect their lives. Activities include increasing CSOs' capacity to advocate for their constituents, connecting CSOs and commune-level governments to work together improving public services, and providing better access to and oversight of government for marginalized groups

Objective 2: CEP helps CSOs collaborate more effectively with government and the private sector to develop public policy and advance issues of common interest. Grants and technical assistance contribute to conflict mitigation and consensus building, and to the identification and implementation of new policies, laws, regulations, and investment agreements that promote access to service delivery and reduce gender inequalities.

Objective 3: CEP helps citizens to understand their rights and responsibilities and feel empowered to engage with government actors. Public information campaigns implemented by CSOs are supported to increase citizen awareness of the legal framework, empower citizens to participate in accountability efforts and possess the ability to understand and address gaps in service delivery.

Objective 4: CEP improved COVID-19 prevention and enabled communities to better respond to similar local crises. CEP integrated water, sanitation and hygiene activities into risk communication and community engagement strategies working with local governments and community-based organizations including water user associations and school management committees.

BUDGET TO DATE: \$12,344,862

PROJECT CYCLE: 2016-2021

TARGET AREAS: Kayes, Sikasso, Segou, Mopti, Tombouctou and Bamako.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:
FHI 360

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 486 CSOs receiving USG assistance engaged in advocacy interventions.
- 518 consensus building forums held with USG assistance
- 555 USG supported activities designed to promote or strengthen the civic participation of women
- 482 youth trained in social or leadership skills