EMERGE

EMPOWERING MALIANS THROUGH ELECTIONS, REFORM AND GOVERNANCE EFFORTS

STONG CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ON ELECTORAL & POLITICAL PROCESSES

EMERGE advances peace, reconciliation, and more accountable governance through credible and inclusive national elections. Co-funded by the USAID and the Swiss International Development Cooperation (SDC), EMERGE strengthens the capacity of citizens to participate in Mali’s electoral processes as voters, activists, observers and candidates. It also enables stakeholders to more effectively advocate for key elections and political process reforms and improved governance following elections. EMERGE leverages two decades of institutional partnerships formed with Malian civil society, including women’s organizations, media, and political parties, to enhance citizen engagement and transparency in Malian electoral processes.

FOR INCLUSIVE AND PEACEFUL ELECTIONS

Aligned with Mali’s national polls (2018, 2020, 2021-22), the program is establishing stronger linkages between the government and citizens to improve civic engagement, electoral transparency and government accountability. Drawing on women and youth as drivers of change, EMERGE empowers local partners to lead key activities. The program has four components:

• Promote informed citizen participation throughout the electoral process, with a particular focus on voters who are women, youth and from other traditionally marginalized groups.

• Promote citizen oversight over elections and political processes and increase transparency and integrity in electoral administration.

• Support civil society and political parties to increase women’s leadership and political participation, in keeping with the 2015 gender law.

• Support political parties to contribute to peaceful electoral processes.

BUDGET TO DATE: $15 million

PROJECT CYCLE: 2018-2023

TARGET AREAS: National

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS: National Democratic Institute in partnership with Internews and 12 Malian civil society organizations.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

• 11,075,673 (3,555,044 women) received accurate information on the voting process.

• 9,584,374 citizens (nearly half women) received civic education messaging.

• 5045 domestic election observers and/or party agents (2000 women) trained and deployed to observe electoral and political processes.

• 2,011 women trained on leadership and political skills in order to support implementation of the gender law.

• A women’s policy agenda developed with key priorities for Malian women.