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USAID MALI JUSTICE PROGRAM

ENHANCING JUSTICE SERVICES

The Mali Justice Program works with the formal and informal justice sectors and civil society to advance institutional reforms, increase access to justice, and reduce corruption, ultimately to enhance delivery of justice services in Mali. This includes improving the capacities of key justice sector institutions, especially the National Direction of Justice Administration and the courts, and increasing availability of information on legal services, citizen rights, and justice-related reforms so that citizens better understand their rights under the Malian legal system. The program also provides targeted legal and advocacy services along key trade routes to reduce the level of corruption.

The Mali Justice Program aims to:

- Increase efficiency, effectiveness, and competence of Malian justice sector institutions that are responsive to the needs of citizens.
- Improve capacity of the government of Mali to implement justice related reforms and policies.
- Reduce roadside corruption along key trade corridors; and
- Increase access to justice through training and deployment of paralegals and legal clinics.

EMPOWERING MALIANS

Three components drive the program forward: Activities under **Component 1** analyze and improve the court administration practices, judicial training center initiatives, and enhanced public outreach activities. Activities under **Component 2** support the deployment of paralegals throughout the country to ensure greater access to justice, especially in underserved communities. Activities under **Component 3** establish a corruption-free trade corridors forum, provide legal support to citizens impacted by corruption, and develop a citizen reporting system. This program is aligned with the Ministry of Justice's Programme d'Urgence pour le Renforcement du Système Judiciaire.

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BUDGET: \$22 million

TARGET AREAS: Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso, Segou, Mopti, Gao, Timbuktu and Bamako

PROJECT CYCLE: 2016 –2022

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

- More than 300 paralegals trained and deployed in ten regions of Mali.
- Creation of the regional platform for fight against corruption in Sikasso for the free circulation of persons and goods.
- Launch of a media campaign on the fight against corruption in Mali.
- Development and implementation of capacity building programs for the Ministry of Justice.
- Development of the human resources management system for the government entire justice sector.
- Rehabilitation of main jurisdiction buildings in Bamako and Kayes.
- The ongoing review of the *Code de Procedure Penal*.

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