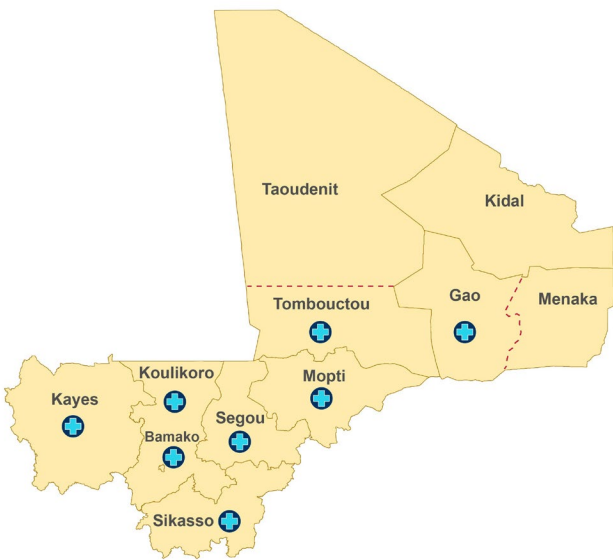PHOTO CREDIT: USAID Mali

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PEACE, DEMOCRACY, AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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The Peace, Democracy, and Governance Office addresses peacebuilding and promotes democratic governance in Mali. This includes a focus on key U.S. Foreign Assistance priorities to advance peace, democracy, and human rights.

ELECTIONS

USAID Mali's election support activities assist with Mali's political transition to institutionalize more effective and democratic political governance. These activities improve the capacity, inclusivity, integrity, and transparency of Mali's electoral system to hold credible elections allowing citizens to select their leaders peacefully and democratically. USAID's support leverages decades of institutional partnerships with Malian civil society including women's organizations, media, political parties, and electoral management bodies to enhance citizen engagement and transparency in Malian electoral processes. Additionally, USAID's partnerships with local organizations help to prevent and mitigate disputes and conflict related to electoral processes.

CIVIL SOCIETY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

USAID Mali strengthens citizens' advocacy and leadership skills to be active and effective partners in policy development through the planning and implementation of community development action plans. USAID also focuses on citizens' understanding of their rights and responsibilities to support the full engagement of local authorities in all community development activities, especially during periods of crisis. Interventions are inclusive, with a focus on women, youth, and vulnerable populations.

CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY

USAID's Conflict Prevention and Recovery activities contribute to peace and reconciliation in Mali by supporting vulnerable communities as they build capacity at the local level to address and mitigate conflict and violent extremism. USAID continues to support communities experiencing conflict at a time of ongoing violent incidents. Our efforts help to provide alternatives to conflict by supporting community leaders, youth, and women to promote peace, reconciliation, and inclusive governance.

MEDIA LITERACY

USAID addresses disinformation by tracking inaccurate information and influence campaigns, improving the supply of timely, relevant, and accurate information, and improving media literacy for all Malians. Our efforts optimize the reach of high-quality information in Mali, increasing media veracity and minimizing the reach and impact of harmful and inaccurate information.