



MALI



Country Facts



- ACORD has been working in Mali since 1976.
- ACORD works in the regions of Kayes, Gao, Timbuktu, Kidal, Ségou, Mopti and the District of Bamako.
- ACORD partners with 19 civil society organizations in Mali.
- The ACORD team in Mali is comprised of 20 staff, 95% of whom are Malian.
- Last year, ACORD programs touched the lives of 36,513 Malians in the most marginalized, hard to reach communities.



ACORD (Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development) is a Pan-African non-governmental organisation that has been working for social justice and development in Africa since 1976. Our work is guided by a number of fundamental values and working principles, chief amongst these is our belief that people themselves are the primary actors in their own development.

ACORD works in common cause with people who are poor and those who have been denied their rights to obtain social justice and development and, ultimately, to become part of locally-rooted citizen movements. ACORD has facilitated the emergence of over 2000 strong and autonomous grassroots organisations across Africa.

Country Priorities

In Mali, ACORD's overarching goal is to contribute to the food security of marginalised communities through strengthened sustainable livelihoods in an environment of peace.

RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

- **Specific Objective 1:** Strengthening resilience capacities of rural or marginalised communities and their rights to access services, production factors and the market so that they can ensure sustainably their food security.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROMOTION

- **Specific Objective 2:** Strengthening women's and youth rights to access resources, information, market, production factors and set up mechanisms to fight against gender-based inequalities and violence.
- **Specific Objective 3:** Better access to health and reduction of HIV-Aids prevalence among rural communities and ACORD staff.

PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- **Specific Objective 4:** Peace consolidation through dialogue, mechanisms for good governance of natural resources and citizenship-building.

OUR PARTNERS:

ACORD works in Mali in collaboration with AZHAR, ADENOR, GRDR, CAEPHA, and CN-CIEPA. ACORD's funding partners in Mali include the European Union, CCFD Terre Solidaire, UN Peacebuilding Fund, and Caritas Suisse.

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ACORD in Mali

In Mali, ACORD has been working since 1976 in several areas of the country, including the three northern regions (Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal), initially through humanitarian intervention, and progressively through local sustainable development projects. ACORD works in particular on food security and livelihoods issues for agro-pastoral communities, the promotion of women's rights, and conflict management and transformation at community level, in particular with regards to natural resource management.

As a result of ACORD's gender sensitisation activities, pastoralists and agro-pastoralists demonstrate more respect for the role of women and girls in relation to food security, are more concerned about women's welfare, and recognise their rights. Other spheres of development that put women in focus such as social equilibrium within households, schooling, health and child care have equally received support from community elders and decision makers.

Our livelihoods programme trains community members on sustainable techniques for agricultural production, conservation and transformation and enhances sharing of local knowledge in a bid to improve livelihoods and resilience to climate change.

ACORD supports peace and reconciliation at the national level by training key stakeholders (national and local northern NGOs, members of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission, of the Ministry of Gender, and UN peacekeeping force MINUSMA representatives) on local conflict resolution strategies and the Community Social Peace and Recovery model and at the local level by fostering local community dialogue and joint initiatives for concerted resource management and the peaceful resolution of conflict.

In the past three years, ACORD's actions and support in Mali have reached 181,895 direct beneficiaries (73,937 women). ACORD works in partnership with local authorities and local structures such as traditional leaders and community-based organisations to ensure local ownership of all initiatives and to guarantee the sustainability of its interventions.

Project Spotlight

Young People's Actions in Favour of the Consolidation of Inclusive Peace and the Fight Against Violent Extremism:

ACORD is promoting youth participation in peacebuilding and in countering violent extremism in Mali through capacity-building and sensitization on the peace process, the implementation of the National Peace Agreement and UNSCR 2250 on youth participation in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

ACORD is also working to promote joint actions of young people towards strengthened participation and representation in the peacebuilding process as well as a strengthened social dialogue and economic opportunities for young men and women to prevent radicalisation and extremism.

Project Spotlight

Strengthening resilience of rural communities in the Kita district and their access to market systems:

ACORD is strengthening the adaptation capacities of 5,905 small producers (including 1,772 women) to the effects of climate change and ensuring sustainable access to inputs and market, by:

1. Strengthening the access of rural communities to market systems through semi-intensive production systems with locally-adapted seeds and the establishment of a production and diffusion system;
2. Supporting the integrated management of natural resources and production systems;
3. Supporting the development of market and value-chain systems to ensure that small producers have competitive access to market; and
4. Reducing disaster risk by strengthening communities' capacities to avoid and reduce the negative impact of hazards and adapt livelihoods to climate change.

2016 Impact in Numbers:

16,547

Women were reached

23

Civil Society Organizations have enhanced capacities

7,697

Individuals have increased access to basic services

9,341

Beneficiaries have adopted enhanced livelihoods strategies

