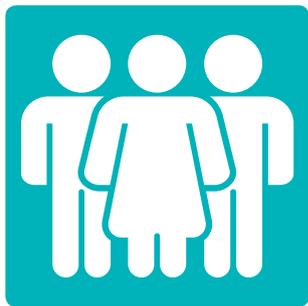




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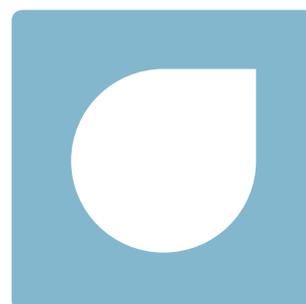


# WaterAid Mali Annual Report



# We Are WaterAid Mali

Welcome to our  
Annual Report



This report presents an overview of our work over the 2017/18 financial year, as we helped improve the lives of 132,505 poorest and most marginalized people in Mali through access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are still not a normal part of daily life for millions of people in Mali.

In a world with so many competing priorities, WaterAid remains resolutely focused on tackling these three essentials because they transform lives. Investment in water, sanitation and hygiene is an essential first step to unlocking socio-economic development.

Installing taps and toilets is essential, but we do so much more. To make lasting change happen on a massive scale, we:

- influence governments to change laws;
- link national and international policy makers with people on the ground;
- change attitudes and behaviours;
- work with others to pool knowledge and resources; and
- rally support from people and organisations around the world.

We make a bigger impact because we bring people together, actively encouraging collaboration so that many voices can be heard and ideas can spread. Together, we change millions of lives.

There is still a lot to do, but together we're making real progress. We can and will change normal within a generation.

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## Overview of our impact

**We have continued to work in the District of Bamako and in the Districts of Bla (Segou), Koro (Mopti) and Kati (Koulikoro).**

Strong partnerships are essential and are at the heart of our working approach. By bringing people together, we combine the knowledge and expertise needed to bring solutions to the problems of our communities. Last year, we collaborated with the following organizations:

**ALPHALOG** (Association Libre pour la Promotion de l'Habitat et du Logement)

**AMASBIF** (Association Malienne pour la sauvegarde du bien-être familial)

**APROFEM** (Association pour la promotion de la femme)

**ARAFD** (Association Recherche Action Femme et Développement)

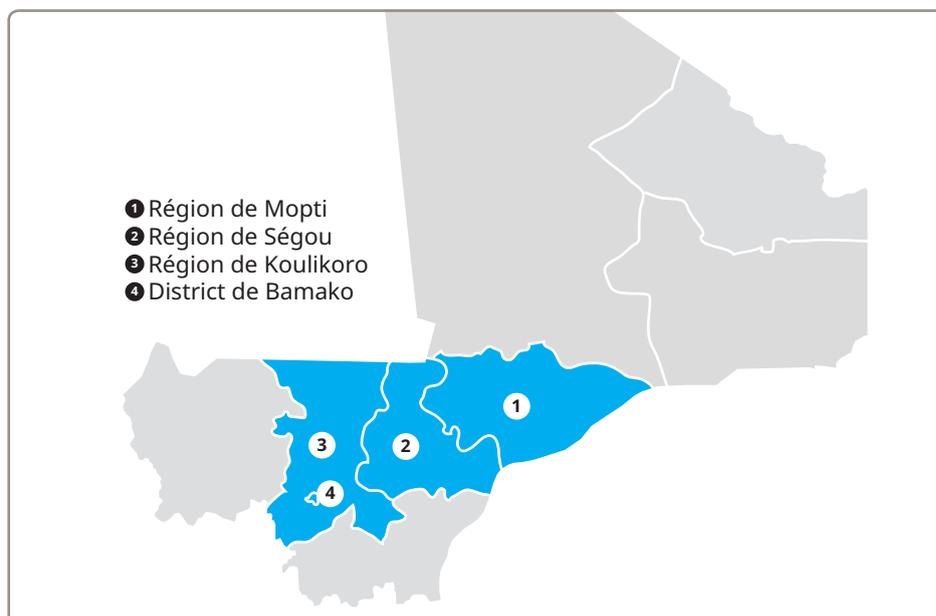
**CARP Mali** (Convergence d'Action pour la Réduction de la Pauvreté au Mali)

**CAEPHA** (Coalition Nationale pour l'Eau Potable, l'Hygiène et l'Assainissement)

**CN-CIEPA** (Campagne Internationale pour l'Eau Potable et l'Assainissement)

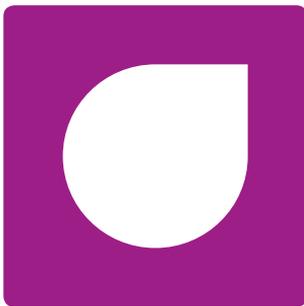
**Le Centre Culturel Kôrè**

**SDI** (Service de développement intégré)





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**35,512**  
people had  
access to  
drinking water



**62,876**  
people were  
sensitized in  
hygiene



**34,117**  
people received  
adequate sanitation  
services

# Highlights of the Year



Everything we do, contributes to achieving sustainable development Goal 6. Here is a summary of our work on our strategic focus areas.

## Reducing inequalities in access to WASH

To increase the voice of the most vulnerable, we have created accountability spaces (citizen jury) so that citizens can directly question elected officials about their water and sanitation rights and influence the implementation of policies that favour vulnerable groups at local level.

We supported six new women and youth groups with WASH-related income-generating activities. This contributes to improving their living conditions and promoting good hygiene and sanitation practices in our intervention areas.



## Building stakeholder capacity and improving systems for sustainable services

We supported the Government of Mali to prepare the annual SWA (Sanitation and Water for All) report, and to participate to the high-level meeting in New York. Together, a roadmap has been developed to monitor these commitments with the various stakeholders.

We worked with the National Directorate for sanitation to start reviewing the national sanitation policy to align it with the Sustainable Development Goals targets.

We celebrated four world days (Menstrual hygiene, hand washing with soap, toilets, water) to call the government to urgent action for the most disadvantaged. The mobilization of citizens for sanitation through SANIYATHON has made it possible to build 65 family latrines.

## Mainstreaming WASH in Health and Education Sectors

We have contributed to the development and adoption of a WASH strategic plan for health centres and schools by the government. This year, we intervened in 23 health centres to help them meet the minimum WASH package requirements. Our “Healthy Start” campaign also aims to reduce malnutrition, neonatal and child mortality through the consideration of access to clean drinking water, hygiene and sanitation in health programmes and policies. Our advocacy for nutrition has led MPs and the High Council of LGs to commit to the inclusion of WASH in nutrition programmes and policies.



## Driving behaviour change

This year, we certified 26 CLTS villages. This process was supported by marketing sanitation through the creation of four slab production centres, to inspire people to build their own latrines.

We continue to explore the Social Art approach for sustainable behaviour change. Therefore, we produced shows about several themes related to good hygiene practices, but also radio programmes, short films or paintings on facilities. Based on local inspiration, these products raise awareness and mobilize communities to positively influence their habits.

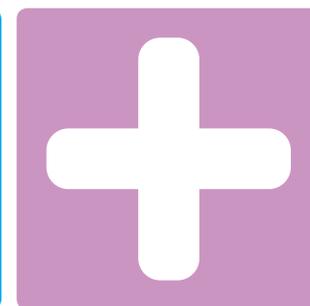
## They support us!

This year, we were supported by:

- Professor Dioncounda Traoré, former President of Mali
- Mrs. Cissé Mariam KAIDAMA SIDIBE, former Prime Minister of Mali
- The SONGHOY BLUES, Music Group
- Mr. Mamou DAFFE, The Director of the Niger River Festival,
- Salif Keita, singer

As Goodwill Ambassadors for access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation, they have agreed to make this cause their own, among their peers, citizens, communities and policy makers.

## Case study



### **Access to clean water, sanitation and the adoption of good hygiene practices have contributed to improving the quality of healthcare and preventing infections in the Bla health district: the case of the Kéméni Community Health Centre (CSCoM).**

Located in the region of Ségou (centre of Mali), there are 30 health centres in the District of Bla, with the majority of them facing difficulties to access clean water, hygiene and sanitation. To respond to these difficulties and contribute to the prevention of infections in health centres, WaterAid Mali, with funding from the Conrad Hilton Foundation, has implemented the pilot “Improving access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation in health centers” project in 12 health centres in the District of Bla. The Kéméni Community Health Center (CSCoM) is one of the beneficiaries of this project.

#### **What was the situation before the project?**

Created in 1994, the Kéméni health centre served eight villages of 13,965 inhabitants by 2015.

The center was characterized by difficulties of access to water, poor management of medical waste, or the presence of animal excrement in the courtyard;

Failure to observe good hygienic practices in the care units and the absence of handwashing points with soap were factors favoring the risk of infection transmission.

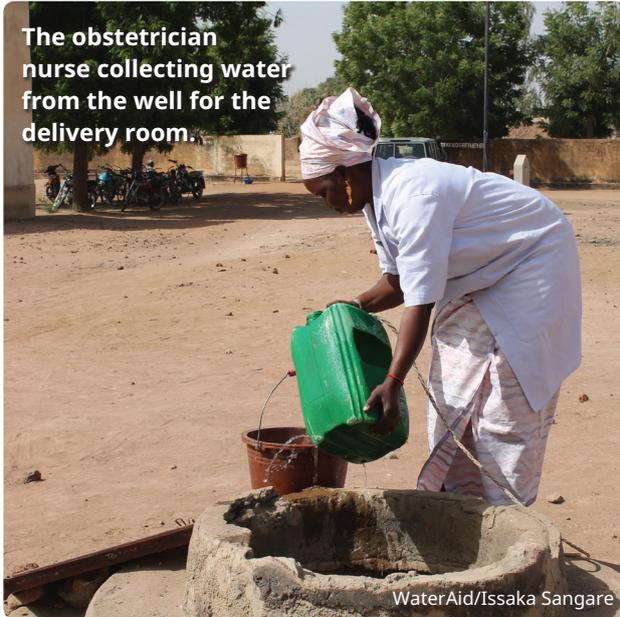
#### **What is WaterAid Mali’s intervention package?**

##### **In terms of access to clean water:**

In each of the health centres where we work, we build a small-scale water supply system and install taps to supply clean water to the care wards, consultation rooms and delivery rooms;

##### **In terms of access to sanitation:**

- We provide inclusive, separate latrines for men and women; as well as a sewerage system to collect waste water from the care wards;
- We provide the health centre with bins for sorting and collecting medical waste; we install an incinerator for disposing medical waste;
- And finally we train health workers on medical waste management and ComHAs on the Environmental Health Management Plan (EHMP).



**In terms of hygiene:**

- We set up handwashing stations with soap; and provide health centres with disinfectant.
- We train health workers on good hygiene practices;
- We carry out awareness-raising activities for patients and carers on handwashing with soap;

**What change has WaterAid’s intervention brought?**

“I’ve worked here for five years. Before WaterAid Mali’s intervention, we had difficulties accessing clean water, hygiene and sanitation. I collected water from a traditional well, then from a pump located a hundred meters from the delivery room. After childbirth, I would bring water to women who did not have caregivers. Not only was it tiring, it was also a waste of my time. We found that the consumption of unclean water was the cause of diarrhoeal diseases in some patients” Today, this belongs to the past thanks to WaterAid’s intervention. We now have drinking water in all rooms. After childbirth and care, we simply



need to turn on the tap to wash our hands. In short, access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation has not only improved our working conditions in our centre, but has also contributed to the prevention of infections, especially among new-borns.

**Mariam Coulibaly**, Kéméni CCom Obstetrical Nurse

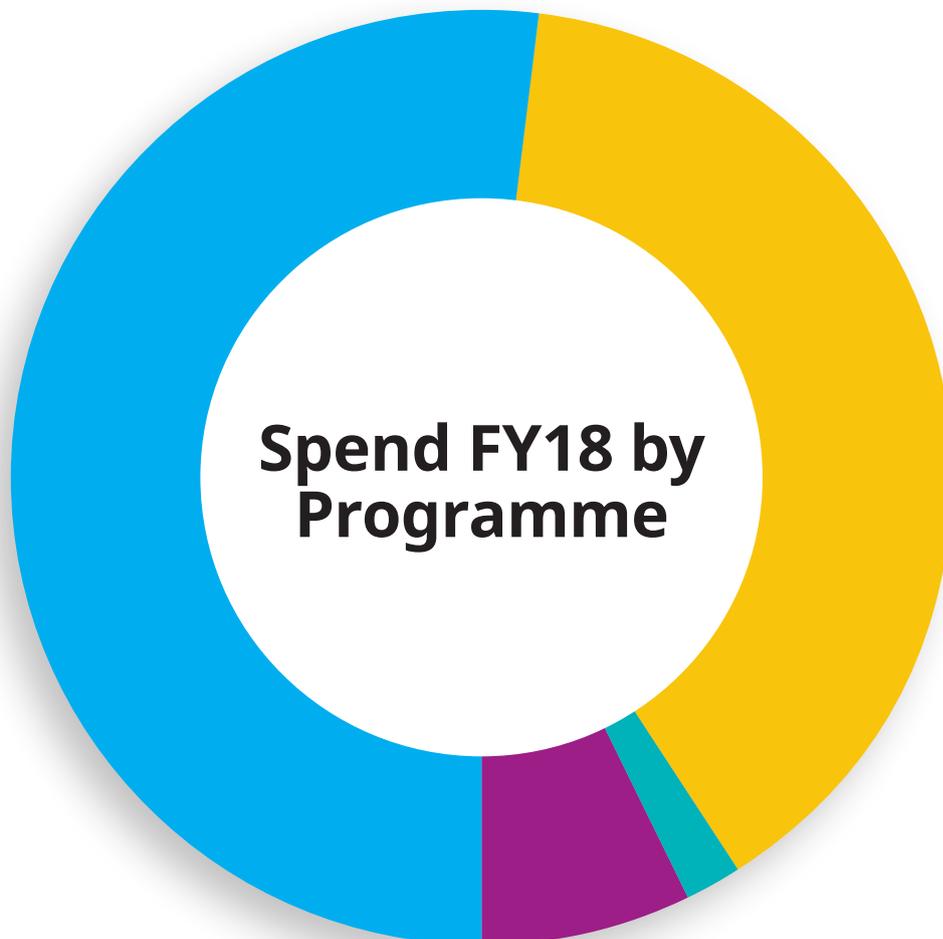
# Financial Review

Everything we accomplished during the 2017/18 fiscal year was made possible thanks to the generosity and commitment of our supporters and donors.

The money invested through WaterAid is never a drop in the ocean. Our work sparks lasting change to what's normal for people, communities and economies.

We extend our warmest thanks and deepest gratitude to all our donors:

- Conrad N.Hilton Foundation
- Margaret A. Cargill Foundation
- One Drop
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



**52%**  
Rural Programme

**39%**  
Organizational Effectiveness

**7%**  
Influencing and Strengthening the Sector

**2%**  
Urban Programme

## Our priorities for next year



**In 2018-2019, we will continue to make transformational changes in the sector to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6.**

We will continue to implement our programmes: urban, rural, policy influencing and sector strengthening. We will improve organizational effectiveness.

Our priorities for the coming year will be to:

- Consolidate our achievements in health centres;
- Conduct a hygiene promotion campaign;
- raise more resources to achieve our goals.

We have the commitment, experience, resourcefulness and connections to change millions more lives until everyone, everywhere has what so many of us take for granted.

We started because no charity like us existed. We'll end when no charity like us is needed.

**Together, we can achieve this goal by 2030.**

**Join us with your vision and commitment.**

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