



## Mali Project – Beseya Blon

Together, we will bring clean water and good hygiene to a health centre serving communities of the Bla and Kati districts in Mali. With clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene, communities will be able to stay healthy, break free from poverty and thrive.

**Why support?** Mali is one of the poorest – and hottest – countries in the world. Scorching heat and unreliable rains make life very tough for many families. What little water exists is under great demand – for people to use at home, for their crops and animals, and for businesses.

More than half the population lack a decent toilet and many go in the open. Poor hygiene means diseases spread quickly. Mothers have no option but give their children dirty water to drink. Doctors work in health centres with nowhere safe to wash their hands or equipment. Girls and boys go to school without water to drink, or anywhere to go to the toilet. This shouldn't be normal.

**What will you be funding?** With your support, vulnerable communities in the districts of Bla and Kati will get the clean water they need to build a better life. You'll help us build and rehabilitate water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in one health centre, constructing new water systems and training health care workers on the management of the facilities as well as good hygiene practices.

**Together we will work in health care facilities** so that medical staff can wash their hands, wards can be kept clean, and patients have decent toilets.

**The impact you can have** Over the past year, we've carried out preliminary design studies in the health centre, developed technical guidelines for handwashing systems and begun construction work to build the new water points. We've also delivered training covering hand hygiene, cleaning of health centre environments and medical equipment, and use of PPE. Thanks to your support, over 100 people have taken part so far, and good hygiene practice education is being put to use already.

### How your Zakat can help

**£9** will help to buy three water taps

**£60** will help to buy a clean water tank

**£144** will help to pay to build a toilet

**£500** will help to install handwashing stations

**£1,000** will help to build a rainwater harvesting system

