



Recovery of the local economy and community support in northern Mali



INTRODUCTION

The programme covers 30 municipalities in the regions of Gao and Timbuktu, Taoudenit and Menaka. Both plan to meet the material needs of communities in terms of equipment and rehabilitation of social and community infrastructure: schools, health centres, water points and town halls. Moreover, it aims to revive activities through support for local economic projects.

Intervention municipalities:

- Gao region:
 - Gounzoureye, Anchawadji, Sony Aliber, Gabero and Gao municipalities for the Gao circle,
 - Bourra, Bara, Ouattagouna, Tessit and Ansongo municipalities for the Ansongo circle, and the Taboye municipality for the Bourem circle;
- Menaka region: Menaka municipality;
- Timbuktu region:
 - Tindirma, Tienkour, Arham, Kirchamba and Tingeriguef municipalities for the Diré circle,
 - Alafia, Lafia, Ber, Timbuktu and Bourem Inaly municipalities for the Timbuktu circle,
 - Hanzakoma and Rarhous municipalities for the Gournna-Rarhous circle, and
 - Goundam, Douékiré and Doukouria municipalities for the Goundam circle;
- Taoudenit region: Agouni municipality.



10 YEARS OF SUPPORT IN NORTHERN MALI

2012

Crisis in Northern Mali
 Military coup and occupation of part of the territory by armed groups
 Establishment of a Transitional Government
 Intervention of the Malian armed forces with the support of foreign troops

2013

Massive population displacement and deployment of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (UNMISMA)
 Start of the Rapid Support Project for the Malian authorities and essential social services in post-conflict areas funded by the European Union's Instrument for Stability and Peace (IcSP 1) (24 months, EUR 5 million)
 Organisation of presidential elections - Newly elected President

2015

Signing of the Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali resulting from the Algiers process

2016

Start of the Project for the Recovery of the Local Economy and Support to 12 Communities in Northern Mali funded by the European Union IcSP 2 (24 months, EUR 5 million)
 Launch of the Local Economic Recovery and Support to 30 Communities in Northern Mali Project financed by the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (36 months, EUR 15 million) - ongoing project
 Organisation of local elections

2017

Establishment of Interim Authorities in five regions of Northern Mali (provision of the Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation)

2018

Presidential elections in a deteriorated social and security context - Past President re-elected for a new 5-year term

2019
2022

Approval of the action sheet of the Support Project for Local Economic Development in Timbuktu and Gao Regions (SPLED) by the Operational Committee of the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa of the European Union (EUR 13 million, 36 months) - expected to start in October 2019

RAPID SUPPORT TO MALIAN AUTHORITIES AND ESSENTIAL SOCIAL SERVICES IN POST-CONFLICT AREAS

2013 - 2015

Budget: 5 000 000 EUR

Second component of a programme funded through the stability instrument managed by the European Commission, this programme aims to support the Malian authorities and other key actors in their efforts to stabilise the country and the region and thus contribute to creating the conditions necessary for recovery and development.



RESULTS ACHIEVED

-  } The programme supported the redeployment and re-establishment of state and local authority services to enable them to restart their activities in providing basic social services to the populations of conflict-affected areas.
-  } 264 services in 86 municipalities benefited from basic administrative equipment such as desks, cupboards, armchairs, chairs, benches, tables, typewriters, large carts, fixed computers, etc.
-  } 87 public buildings have benefited from small restorations such as installing doors and windows, air conditioning, painting interior and exterior walls, electrification, plastering and installation of interior toilets, etc.
-  } A total of 57 education services received basic administrative equipment.
-  } A total of 55 health services received basic administrative equipment.
-  } 9773 table benches, manufactured locally by the two carpenters and welders, were delivered to 172 schools. This represents an average of 30,000 students who can sit down.
-  } 35 educational buildings have been given small rehabilitations.
-  } 20 health buildings have been given small rehabilitations.
-  } 115 furniture kits provided in the health sector (hospital beds, delivery table, wardrobe desks, chairs, waiting room benches).

RECOVERY OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT – PHASE I (RELAC I)

2016 - 2018

Budget: 5 000 000 EUR

Following the RELAC project, RELAC I is funded by the European Union and covers six municipalities in the Timbuktu region and six municipalities in the Gao region.



RESULTS ACHIEVED



Local authorities have resumed their operations and provide services to the population.



43 local micro-projects were selected following community workshops and validated during the communal sessions.



780,000 EUR were injected into 43 local economic micro-projects.



3,839 households benefited from the programme.



The programme financed equipment and infrastructure rehabilitation up to 922,006 EUR:

- tables-benches for schools;
- wooden furniture for town halls, schools and health centres made locally;
- industrial furniture;
- transport equipment for town halls and health centres (motorcycles and motor-cycle ambulances);
- pirogue-ambulances for health centres;
- computer equipment for town halls and health centres;
- medical equipment for health centres;
- solar kits for health centres;
- rehabilitation of buildings (schools, town halls, health centres);
- repair and replacement of human-powered pumps (water points);
- community workshops with the population and meetings with local authorities;
- studies and control of the rehabilitation works of buildings and water points;
- formation of management committees and provision of materials/products for the maintenance of buildings and equipment acquired by the project.



Elected representatives and municipal officials as well as school management committees, water users' associations and community health associations in the various municipalities have benefited from training on infrastructure management and maintenance and support for the development of maintenance plans aiming to ensure the sustainability of the investments made.



258 people benefited from a training programme that was developed and implemented in each of the 12 municipalities of intervention on the basis of the following themes:

- mobilisation of community resources;
- budget preparation and execution;
- municipal project management;
- procurement procedures;
- judicial police and administrative police;
- administrative drafting;
- financial management; and
- archiving.

RECOVERY OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT – PHASE II (RELAC II)

2016 - 2019

Budget: 10 000 000 EUR

The programme aims to pursue the stabilisation of targeted post-conflict zones by supporting the revitalisation of the local economy and the improvement of services provided by local authorities in 30 municipalities in northern Mali.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- revive the local economy and improve the standard of living of households supported;
- accompany local authorities so that they can best fulfil their missions to the populations.

AREAS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- support for local economic projects contributing to the revival of the local economic fabric;
- meeting the most urgent material needs (equipment/repair of buildings) of local authorities, necessary for their missions to the populations;
- supporting local authorities in carrying out their missions in favour of local populations



RESULTS ACHIEVED



} Environmental impact studies for high-risk actions and implementation of mitigation measures.



} 135 infrastructures (schools, community health centres, town halls, cooperatives, storage facilities, vaccination parks) rehabilitated or being rehabilitated and equipped.



} Initial training of elected officials and municipal agents of 18 new municipalities in the organisation and functioning of local authorities, accountability and control of public action, management of transferred competences, mobilisation of internal resources, public procurement, administrative drafting, archiving and document management.



} Production of 10 videos (3 minutes each) on RELAC's achievements.



} Electrification (photovoltaic systems) of 19 community health centres.



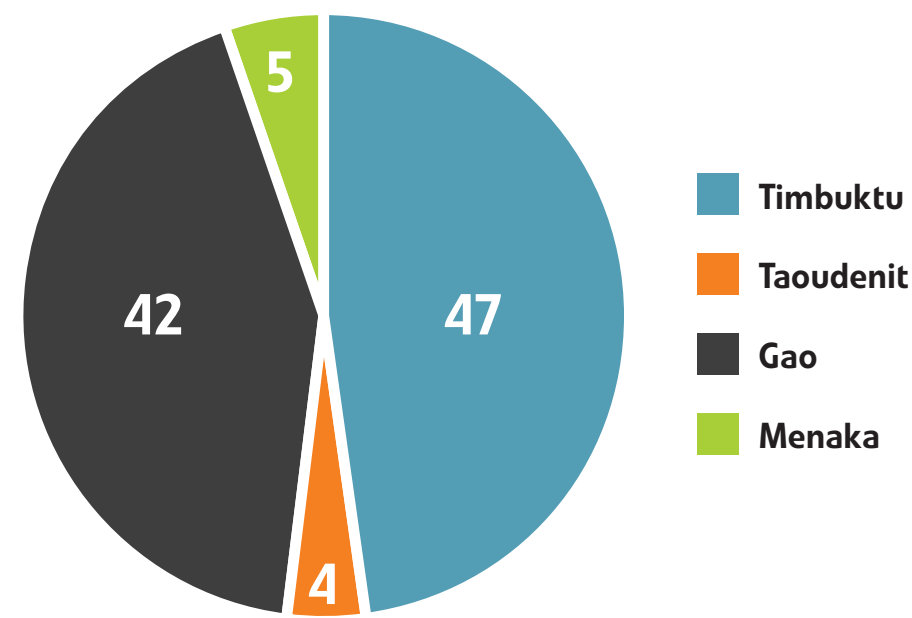
} Capacity building of elected officials and municipal agents of 30 municipalities.



} 21 water points (wells, boreholes, water supplies) rehabilitated.

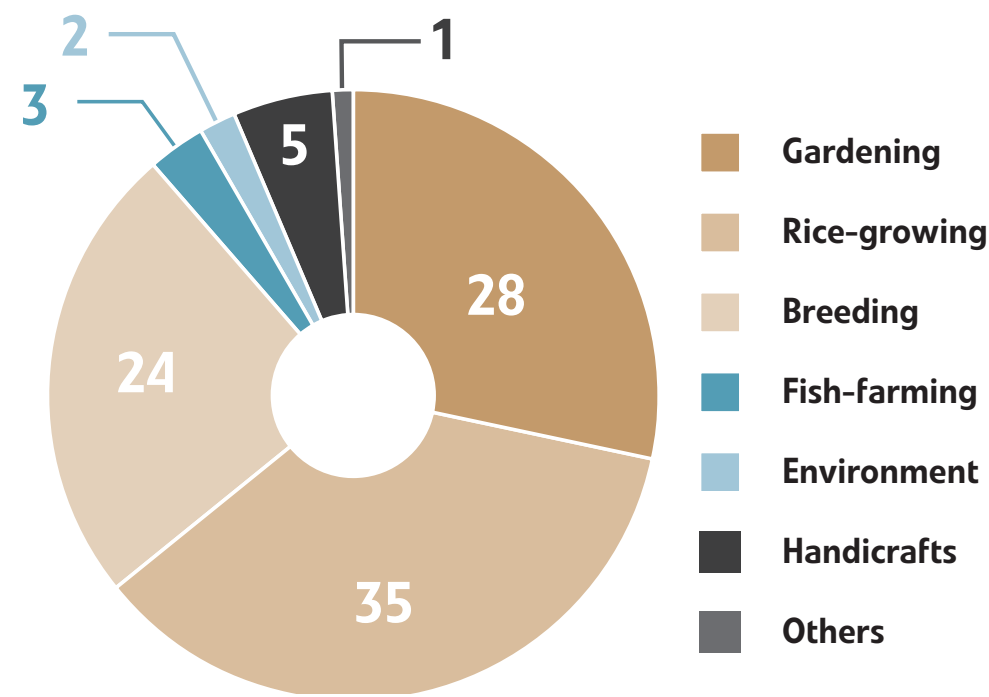
Number of projects per region

✓ 98 local economic projects, analysed and validated by local authorities (regions, circles and communes) implemented in 30 communes and four intervention regions.



98 local economic projects

€ 6691 households benefiting from 98 local economic projects trained and supported in several fields (technical, management and organisation).



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