

# **MALI**

Mali, like other countries in the Sahel, faces complex and multifaceted problems that continue to evolve. Droughts, floods, conflicts, and the resulting displacements have led to a deterioration in food security conditions, worsening malnutrition, and disruption of livelihoods. Much of the displaced population struggles to access basic services, humanitarian assistance, and markets.

In Mali, IMA World Health integrates our health expertise and resources with our fellow Corus organization Lutheran World Relief's nearly 40 years of experience working in country to respond to humanitarian needs and build climate-resilient rural livelihoods. Together, we partner with rural communities to address the root causes of poverty and lay the groundwork for greater food and nutritional security.

We specialize in supporting internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities at the nexus of humanitarian response and development — meeting immediate life-saving needs and supporting longer-term recovery with interventions that build future resilience and better health outcomes, especially for women and children. We currently work in the Mopti, Ségou, and Sikasso regions of Mali and have local partners in Gao and Timbuktu.



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### **OUR GLOBAL APPROACHES**

### **Health Systems Strengthening**

IMA works with governments and local partners to provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening to increase engagement, services and investment in a country's health system.

#### **Maternal and Child Health**

IMA improves the access to and availability of high-quality, person-centered maternal, newborn and child health services and voluntary family planning and reproductive health care in fragile and conflict affected settings.

#### **Disease Treatment & Prevention**

IMA aids in the treatment and prevention of deadly diseases that disproportionately affect people living in poverty, such as malaria, NTDs, HIV/AIDS and Ebola.

#### Nutrition

IMA implements evidence-based, multi-sector approaches targeting a range of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive factors to prevent malnutrition and reduce stunting.

#### **WASH**

IMA improves water and sanitation infrastructure and promotes education in healthy WASH practices at schools and health centers.

#### **Gender-based Violence**

IMA strengthens community-based prevention of and response to GBV and improves the quality of and access to holistic care for survivors.

#### **Global Health Security**

IMA supports countries and communities in preventing, preparing for, detecting and responding to outbreaks or pandemics in accordance with the Global Health Security Agenda.

## **Project Highlights**

# **Emergency Food and Nutrition Response and Recovery** in Sikasso - Djigisigi

With funding from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), IMA's fellow Corus organization Lutheran World Relief and local partner Union Locale des Sociétés Coopératives de Producteurs de Maïs (ULSCPM) support the nutritional needs and build the resilience of displaced households and host communities in the Sikasso Circle (Sikasso Region in Mali) experiencing food insecurity to prevent them from resorting to negative coping mechanisms. The project is targeted to reach 1,500 vulnerable individuals, including children under five as well as pregnant and breastfeeding women within IDP sites.

#### **Mali Emergency Nutrition and Food Security Response**

In collaboration with local partners ADENORD and FUSC, Lutheran World Relief is improving food security and enhancing the nutrition of populations living in the regions of Gao, Timbuktu, and Mopti. The project, which is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is providing children (0-59 months) and women with lifesaving food and nutritional supplementation.

# USAID Keneya Nieta/ Household and Community Health (HCH) Activity

The USAID Keneya Nieta Activity increases the capacity of Malians in Segou, Sikasso, and Mopti to plan, finance and manage their own health at the individual, household, and community levels. The IMA-supported activity, which is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and led by the University Research Co, LLC (URCC), also increases individual and household adoption of healthy behaviors and demand for and use of health services to sustainably reduce maternal, neonatal, and child (MNC) mortality.

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#### **MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience**

IMA World Health leads the five-year, USAID-funded MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience program, which is part of a suite of innovative MOMENTUM awards designed to holistically strengthen quality voluntary family planning, reproductive health, and maternal, newborn, and child health in host countries around the world including DRC, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, South Sudan, Sudan, Benin, Haiti, Tanzania, Mozambique, and Yemen. Working alongside local organizations, governments, and humanitarian and development partners in fragile settings, the project helps accelerate reductions in maternal, newborn, and child illness and death by increasing the capacity of host country institutions and local organizations—including new and underutilized partners—to introduce, deliver, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based, quality care.

#### The Corus Effect

Founded in 1960, IMA World Health is a leading public health organization that delivers solutions to health-related problems across the developing world. We work with local partners and governments to strengthen existing health systems, prevent and treat diseases, improve maternal and child health, promote nutrition and WASH, respond to sexual and gender-based violence, and contribute to global health security.

IMA World Health leads global health programming at Corus International, an organization that unites an array of world-class nonprofits and businesses, each with specialized expertise. Our reach and capabilities are amplified by the other global leaders in our Corus International family, including Lutheran World Relief, CGA Technologies and Ground Up Investing. Together, we bring the multi-dimensional, holistic needed to truly achieve lasting change.

