

Access to water for domestic, agricultural and stockbreeding use in Mali

Intervention areas

Mali, Kayes region

Main topics

Drinking water, hygiene and sanitation in schools, households and public places, hydro-agricultural infrastructure, advocacy, research, action and capitalisation



Beneficiaries

- 7,911 people in total have gained access to drinking water
- 351 pupils and their teachers have access to drinking water at school
- 3,811 people have improved access to sanitation
- 2,950 farmers and stockbreeders have access to hydro-agricultural infrastructure
- 140 people have been trained in water advocacy and 70 people were trained in conflict management
- 35,910 people have benefited from increased awareness about good hygiene and sanitation practice

Strategies, methodologies and approaches

- Collection and updating of relevant data
- Technical support for developing water and sanitation infrastructure (actions based on community priorities)
- Development of operation tools for managing water and capacity-building
- Community awareness-raising
- Promotion of good local practice (communities learn from one another)
- Use of local radio and community health posts
- Research-action and water advocacy
- Participatory studies and appraisal
- Capitalisation
- Consultation and alliance-building between various community actors
- Technical support from Caritas Suisse



Lessons learnt

- The introduction of the Community-Led Total Sanitation approach (CLTS) changed attitudes to sanitation issues.
- Sanitation committees have greater capacity to mobilise (both social and financial for the implementation and perpetuation of infrastructure and the project), allowing more participation by local people.

Good practice

- Incorporation of the strategic municipal plan for access to water/hygiene/sanitation into the municipal development plan

Budget (in CHF):

Total 641,739
SDC: 481,304
Caritas / Acord: 160,435

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Advocacy & political dialogue

- Participation in the workshop to reflect on advocacy for fair access to water, hygiene and sanitation
- Set-up of inter-municipal committees to manage conflicts over natural resources
- Capacity-building for community leaders on water advocacy