



# Situation Report

A year of crisis and response amid ongoing conflict and humanitarian challenges in Mali

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## Key Figures



## Highlights

- In December 2024, Mali continued to grapple with a complex security situation, marked by ongoing military operations, clashes between non-state armed groups and government forces, and frequent attacks on civilians. The populations in the center and northern regions of Mali are the most affected, however, there has been an increase of violent incidents affecting civilian populations in the South Regions such as Sikasso, where

<sup>1</sup> [Humanitarian Response Plan 2024](#)

<sup>2</sup> Based on the MISP calculator.

the women and children were the most affected. Political tensions escalated following the dismissal of the Prime Minister in late November.

- The recent floods and rising waters of the Niger River continued to severely impact the lives of thousands, exacerbating an already dire humanitarian situation caused by the protracted conflict.

## Situation Overview

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- During December 2024, 10 alerts were reported by Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) actors, of which three were related to flood incidents in the Gao region where 16 health centers are declared at risk of flooding. Approximately 12,468 people, of whom more than 70% are women and children, have been affected. UNFPA, under the coordination of the social development service, and in collaboration with its partners, is participating in the rapid needs assessment of these alerts to identify needs and provide assistance in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response.
- Between January to September 2024, there were 8,767 reported cases of GBV affecting women and girls, compared to 2,757 during the same period in 2023, representing a 217% increase.<sup>3</sup>
- There are 378,363 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Mali due to insecurity, military operations, and floods, of which 58% are women and children.<sup>4</sup> This figure marks a 54% increase compared to December 2023.

## UNFPA Response

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During the month of December, UNFPA assisted 9,649 people, of whom 80% are women and girls.

- The SRH and GBV services provided through four mobile teams reached 3,952 people, of which 70% were women and girls.
- 1,125 women and girls participated in awareness sessions and information on SRH, as well as prevention and response of GBV in safe spaces.
- Following the RRM alerts, UNFPA in collaboration with its partners provided integrated SRH and GBV support to 1,215 people, 80% of whom were women and girls. Of these, 940 women and girls of reproductive age received dignity kits.<sup>5</sup> UNFPA has also procured and pre-positioned an additional 4,000 dignity kits to assist women and girls in high-risk areas.
- UNFPA has delivered 21 Inter-Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) Kits to the Ministry of Health and Social Development. The kits will be distributed to 11 reference health facilities (comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care (CEmONC) level facilities) in the regions of Bamako, Koulikoro, Kayes and Sikasso. These kits will support approximately 2,205 cases of obstetric surgery and the management of serious obstetric complications.
- The One-Stop Centers in Gao and Tombouctou provided holistic care to 164 survivors, including 13% cases of rape.

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<sup>3</sup> According to the latest report published in December from the GBV Information Management System.


<sup>4</sup> According to the Displacement Tracking Matrix.

<sup>5</sup> A dignity kit contains essential items to maintain hygiene, health and increase safety. It includes sanitary pads; soap; a torch; socks; underwear; toothbrush and toothpaste; a bag; and a leaflet with key messages on GBV, the prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation, psychosocial support and how to seek help.

- In Menaka, UNFPA organized an advocacy session with 30 community leaders to enhance their roles and responsibilities in preventing and reducing GBV risks. Technical and financial support was also provided to four community radio stations to implement awareness and mobilization activities on GBV prevention and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).
- Official launch ceremony of the 16 Days of Activism against GBV campaign on Friday, December 20, 2024 in Bamako, presided over by the Prime Minister of Mali. The campaign featured a range of activities in both the capital and across the regions of the country, including informational sessions and discussions aimed at raising awareness about GBV, gender equality, reproductive health rights, and women’s empowerment. Over the 16 days, T-shirts, banners, and other visibility materials were prominently displayed to spread key messages. Family planning promotion activities were also held, and youth caravans were organized to engage young people in discussions and advocacy, empowering them to become agents of change in their communities.

## Results Snapshots



	940	Non-food items (such as dignity kits) distributed to individuals
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## Coordination Mechanisms

### Gender-Based Violence:

- Capacity building held for 20 people from civil society and community radios, including 8 women leaders, on GBV, SRH, and community mobilization techniques in Menaka.
- Advocacy session held with 30 community leaders in Menaka to strengthen their roles and responsibilities in the prevention and reduction of GBV risks.
- Identification of women-led organizations through an assessment of their needs in order to support awareness-raising and community mobilization activities for the prevention of GBV in Menaka..
- Orientation session about the online training module on the management of humanitarian projects for the members of the GBV sub-cluster.
- Workshop to disseminate the Inter-Agency Gender-Based Violence Standard Operating Procedures organized by the GBV Area of Responsibility in Mali on December 12 and 13, 2024 in Bamako.

### Sexual and Reproductive Health:

- Training of trainers for 16 members of the national coordination of the SRH Working Group in Sexual and Reproductive Health of Adolescents and Young People in a humanitarian context.

## Funding Status

In 2024, UNFPA appealed for US \$15 million to effectively reach women and girls in Mali with vital SRH services and GBV prevention and response activities. By the end of 2024, US \$10.2 million was mobilized, of which US \$5.6 million were allocated to interventions on GBV and US \$4.6 million were dedicated to SRH interventions. This leaves a funding gap of US \$4.7 million, representing 31% of the total amount required to meet current needs.

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- UN Action (CRSV) MPTF: \$200,000
- Government. of Canada: \$411,445
- Government of USA (USAID/BHA): \$4,500,000
- Government of South Korea (KOICA): \$ 1,150,000 for Year 1 of a multiyear program
- UNFPA Emergency Fund / Humanitarian Thematic Fund: \$500,000
- CERF 1,800,000

