



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, disrupting livelihoods and limiting access to basic services, humanitarian assistance, and markets. That is why Lutheran World Relief continues to serve in Mali in pursuit of our mission to put an urgent end to poverty, suffering and injustice wherever they afflict humanity, with passion, partnership and sustainable expertise.

Lutheran World Relief began working in Mali in 1986 to address drought-related famine and continues to partner with rural communities to address the root causes of poverty and lay the groundwork for greater food and nutritional security. We center our current programming on resilient livelihoods by improving local agricultural production and promoting equitable access to resources to ensure rural families can withstand the new realities of climate change. In times of emergency, we work with its national, district-level and local partners to address immediate life-saving needs and longer-term recovery with interventions that build future resilience and sustainable livelihoods. We also bring the integrated expertise of our fellow Corus International



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OUR GLOBAL APPROACHES

Agriculture

Lutheran World Relief helps rural communities develop productive, resilient and stable economies through a market systems enterprise development approach that engages the private sector at multiple levels, creating profitable partnerships that benefit families and promote rural livelihoods and agriculture value chains. We train farmers in climate smart agricultural practices, post-harvest processing and storage as well as in other value-adding skills. We strengthen the capacity of cooperatives and unions that serve these farmers through training in governance and financial management, facilitating joint negotiation of credit and other services, and boosting collective marketing and sales.

Climate Resilience

Lutheran World Relief works with rural communities to adapt to and mitigate the effects of a changing climate on their agriculture-based livelihoods. We emphasize environmental rehabilitation through the implementation of soil and water conservation works and watershed management on community land, as well as tree seedling production for community-led reforestation.

Humanitarian Assistance

Lutheran World Relief meets the immediate needs of households, IDPs, and refugees affected by conflict, natural disasters, and food and water crises through food, material resources, and cash assistance as well as shelter and WASH support. As immediate needs are met, we seamlessly transition to providing the knowledge and resources they need to start, diversify, and strengthen livelihoods and reduce their vulnerabilities in the future.

organizations, including IMA World Health, to holistically address the interconnected challenges of poverty, health care access and climate change in Mali. We currently work in the Mopti, Ségou, and Sikasso regions of Mali and have local partners in Gao and Timbuktu.

Project Highlights

Emergency Food and Nutrition Response and Recovery in Sikasso - Djigisigi

With funding from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), 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 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. Lutheran World Relief's fellow Corus organization IMA World Health is part of the implementing consortium of this activity.

MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience

Lutheran World Relief's fellow Corus organization 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 by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II to serve refugees, Lutheran World Relief has grown into a leading humanitarian assistance and development organization that specializes in analyzing market systems, strengthening agriculture value chains and the capacities of enterprises, and promoting livelihood diversification, rural financing, climate smart and improved agriculture practices, and sustainable water and land management.

Lutheran World Relief is a part of the Corus International family, an ensemble of long-serving, global leaders in international development and humanitarian assistance committed to ending poverty and building healthy communities across Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Africa. Alongside communities and local partners in fragile settings, Corus' dedicated experts across the family of organizations integrate disciplines, approaches and resources to overcome global health challenges, develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of climate change, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.



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