



Increased Utilization of High Impact Health Services in Mali

Objectives

Abt Associates is leading a five-year Increased Utilization of High Impact Health Services project in the Republic of Mali. Funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), this multi-faceted project provides technical assistance, training, policy analysis, and commodity support to the Malian Ministry of Health (MOH) to strengthen health systems and improve the delivery and use of priority maternal and child health services.

Principal Activities

The project focuses on both the supply side (delivery) and demand generation for high-impact health services. It is intended to strengthen MOH systems that support high-impact services such as immunization, Vitamin A supplementation, nutrition, control of diarrheal disease, malaria, family planning and reproductive health programs, maternal and neonatal health, and behavior change communication. Abt Associates is developing tools and strategies to improve the use of high-impact services and is providing targeted short-term technical assistance to the MOH to support the multi-donor health sector reform process and the Health Sector Development Strategy.



Progress to Date

Since it began in October 2003, the project has been instrumental in assisting the MOH in:

- Scaling up innovative practices such as National Nutrition Weeks which have routinely provided Vitamin A to over 2.2 million children twice a year since 2003. Most recently deworming of children was included in the NNWs on a national scale.
- Updating the MOH's "Policies, Norms, and Procedures for Reproductive Health," including maternal and child health with new policies and state-of-the-art guidance. These policies and procedures will soon be disseminated at the community health center level nationwide.
- Producing a radio series to promote child and maternal health to be broadcast nationwide in fourteen episodes.
- Training over 200 trainers and health providers in new policies and techniques for counseling and family planning delivery.
- Evaluating key programs such as vaccination, nutrition, and family planning and applying lessons learned and recommendations from these at a national scale.

Client: USAID

Duration: 2003-2008

Project Team:

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