

Mali

International Medical Corps has worked in Mali since 2013, following a coup d'état that caused mass displacement and the disruption of many public services, including healthcare.

Violence and insecurity in the north aggravated already fragile health and nutritional conditions in the region, while women and girls became increasingly exposed to acts of sexual violence.

To support those affected by continuing conflict, International Medical Corps provides lifesaving assistance to address the immediate needs of vulnerable populations in north, central and south Mali. Interventions focus on nutrition; mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS); maternal, newborn and child health; child protection; and services related to violence against women and girls (VAWG), including the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. We currently operate in nine regions, supporting 142 health facilities and five mobile clinics that serve almost 1 million people.



HEALTH SYSTEM SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Today, while we continue to meet the urgent needs of populations affected by the ongoing crisis, we also contribute to the resilience of the local health system in nine of Mali's 20 regions. Nationwide, we support 146 primary healthcare facilities, in addition to 22 other healthcare facilities and service providers, to provide a combination of health, livelihood, MHPSS, nutrition and VAWG services.

To ensure that women and adolescent girls can access maternal and newborn health services, our team is implementing

development projects in the regions of Bougouni, Koutiala, San and Ségou. These projects also improve coordination among decentralized teams and government ministries to provide essential social services and help women through livelihood programs that reduce their vulnerability to VAWG.

Meanwhile, extreme weather events are a growing public health problem in Mali, causing health problems and affecting people's livelihoods. To help communities prepare for the increased risks and challenges associated with floods and heatwaves, our team is implementing a project in the Timbuktu region, where we have:

- ▶ trained 34 volunteers in risk communication and community engagement on the effects of extreme weather;
- ▶ trained 10 health center technical directors on the health effects of floods and heatwaves;
- ▶ supported the development of a flood and heatstroke preparedness and response plan, in coordination with the Timbuktu Regional Disaster Control Committee; and

in 2024, reached more than 52,000 people with weather-related health information and services.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY HEALTH

International Medical Corps' health and nutrition programs in Mali address deficits and inequities in healthcare delivery by improving healthcare services and meeting the growing demand for access to such services, especially in remote areas. International Medical Corps is one of the few organizations operating mobile teams and supporting referrals among the community and healthcare facilities in the Gao, Douentza and Timbuktu regions. In 2024, despite the geographical complexity of the area and the unstable security situation, our team in Mali reached more than 361,000 people with health services.



HEALTHCARE TRAINING

Preparing the health workforce is a key objective of our mission in Mali. International Medical Corps trains healthcare personnel and provides on-the-job coaching and supervision. In 2024, we helped the Ministry of Health train more than 60 health workers on healthcare skills, including treatment for malnutrition, emergency obstetric and newborn care, infection prevention and control, health information system management, the WHO's Integrated Management of Childhood Illness and more. In addition, we trained 30 community health volunteers and more than 80 nutrition-support-group members in health promotion, nutrition screening and the care-referral process.



RESTORING HEALTHCARE TO CONFLICT AREAS

Our health response in northern Mali promotes quality curative and preventive health services in areas severely affected by conflict. Since 2013, International Medical Corps has helped local healthcare systems in the Gourma Rharous and Timbuktu districts regain self-reliance and credibility by rehabilitating and supplying community health centers, recruiting and training health workers, and strengthening emergency response and disease surveillance.

International Medical Corps supports a mobile clinic that provides maternal, child and newborn health services in such remote areas as Taoudéni and Timbuktu. We support rapid response teams that provide emergency assistance when mass displacements occur—services that helped nearly 37,000 internally displaced people in 2024. We also have enhanced WASH facilities in all the health centers that we support, providing such essential equipment as water pumps, tanks, handwashing stations and latrines.

NUTRITION

International Medical Corps supports community health centers and secondary healthcare facilities in the northern and central regions of Mali, battling high rates of malnutrition. In 2024, we reached nearly 86,000 people with nutrition services by:

- ▶ strengthening referral systems from community health centers to regional health facilities and hospitals, including providing vehicles in Timbuktu to ensure the transfer of complicated cases from primary healthcare facilities to secondary healthcare facilities and regional hospitals;
- ▶ training healthcare providers in the treatment of malnutrition through a preventive and curative approach, with a focus on the community-based management of malnutrition;
- ▶ providing nutrition supplies and medication to 37 health facilities for the treatment of acute malnutrition in its different



stages, including ready-to-use therapeutic foods, medicines and medical equipment; and

- ▶ forming nutrition support groups, and training pregnant women and mothers on how to identify malnutrition.

Because the first 1,000 days of life are critical to a child's growth and development, we engage with partners, families and communities to confront the conditions that cause childhood malnutrition, supporting cost-effective and capacity-building interventions. We work within a multi-sectoral framework to ensure that key services—including WASH and health education—are integrated into our nutrition programs. In 2024, we reached more than 2,380 women through nutrition support groups.



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

In 2022, International Medical Corps began the first integrated mental and primary health program in Mali—a pilot of the World Health Organization’s Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP)—in 18 health structures. By May 2023, our team had extended the mhGAP approach to more than 30 health structures and provided nearly 3,000 consultations for people living with mental health issues. In 2024, we reached more than 23,000 people in Mali with MHPSS services.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Because sexual violence causes painful social disruptions among families and communities, we focus on building community resilience and on providing support to survivors through static facilities and mobile clinics in Bourem, Diré, Gao, Gourma Rharous, Mopti and Timbuktu. We also work in partnership with community-based organizations, ensuring sustainability by training community volunteers and local health staff, and designing referral paths to other relevant services. In 2024, we reached nearly 26,000 people in Mali with VAWG services.



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A pre-eminent first responder since 1984, International Medical Corps delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions. We also train people in their communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, chart their own path to self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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