

## **Final Report to Jersey Overseas Aid Commission Emergency and Disaster Relief Fund**

**Agency:** Tearfund  
**Implementing Partner:** Association Protestante de la Santé au Mali (APSM)  
**Relief Project Title:** Projet d'Appui Humanitaire dans le Cercle de Douentza (PAHCED)  
**Project Location:** Urban commune of Douentza, rural communes of Hairé (Boni) and Hombori in the circle of Douentza, region of Mopti  
**Amount of Grant Given:** £ 30,000  
**Date Grant Received:** 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
**Date of Final Report:** 23 September 2014

### **Project Progress:**

#### **Introduction:**

Mali is a landlocked country in West Africa, listed among the extremely poor countries in the world, and ranked 174 in the UN HDI. About 43.6% of its 14.5 million people are living under the national poverty line<sup>1</sup>. The recent conflict in the North and successive food crises have seriously affected the livelihoods of the most vulnerable people, reducing their capacity to recover and their resilience to the on-going lean season. Many social and economic indicators are rated red for the whole North of Mali, including the Mopti region, especially Douentza, which happened to be the last commune occupied by the terrorists in 2012 in their progress towards Bamako. This extreme poverty situation is facilitating the enrolment of many youths of Douentza, Hombori and Hairé in terrorist groups.

The combined effects of the armed conflict and the food crisis of 2012 in northern Mali have greatly affected the local population, severely limiting access to food and livelihoods of the most vulnerable. More than 800,000 people are in need of emergency assistance. Poor harvests from the last two years and the ongoing unstable security environment continue to increase the vulnerability of populations. In July 2013, a report by the World Food Programme (WFP) already pointed out that 75.2% of households were food insecure in the regions of Gao, Timbuktu, Kidal and Mopti, specifically in the circle of Douentza. This proportion has been increasing in recent months, and is expected to deteriorate further in the coming year. The partner, APSM, has specifically responded to previous requests from the local authorities in Douentza.

#### **Project Aims & Progress**

This project had two main aims:

1. To provide food to 335 vulnerable households (2,680 people) in Douentza, Hairé and Hombori;
2. To reinforce the capacity of 45 farmers, breeders, church members, technical services and local authorities on a sustainable response to the disasters.

Vulnerable beneficiaries in each location were selected through a committee of 5 persons assisted by a staff member of APSM. The committee provided lists of beneficiaries who had been selected according to previously agreed and publicised vulnerability criteria. Beneficiary lists were then verified by APSM and an identification tag was given to each representative in order to access the distribution.

Distributions took place in areas with plenty of shade and access to water for those waiting for their food packs. For security purposes, distributions in all three sites took place under the supervision of local government authorities and APSM staff members.

The project met its target of distributing 335 bags of millet, 335 bags of rice and 335 bottles of 5 litres of cooking oil to vulnerable households in Douentza, Hairé and Hombori throughout June and July 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> UNDP (2013) <http://www.ml.undp.org/content/mali/fr/home/mdgoverview/overview/impact-de-la-crise-au-mali/>,

The general objective of the project was to respond to the basic needs of 335 vulnerable households in the communes of Douentza, Hairé and Hombori by the end of August 2014. In total 335 households of 2680 members, out of which 1675 were children and 1005 adults, have received essential foods which helped them to survive for at least four months to prevent and fight against malnutrition in the communes of Douentza, Hairé and Hombori.

In addition, 15 people per commune and local authorities have been trained on Sustainable responses to disasters in Douentza, Hairé and Hombori area. The project was completed on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 with the training of these 45 people (Farmers, breeders, church members, technical services and local authorities) on sustainable response to the disasters.

### Outcomes:

S/N	Items	Planned quantity	Distributed quantity	Comments
1.	Rice	335 bags of 100kg	335 bags of 100kg	Achieved
2.	Millet	335 bags of 50kg	335 bags of 50kg	Achieved
3.	Cooking Oil	335 bottles of 5 litres	335 bottles of 5 litres	Achieved

### Activities

Project Component	Planned Activities	Actual Activities
Food Distribution	335 households of 2680 persons supplied with emergency food.	Achieved
Training	45 people trained on sustainable response to disasters.	Achieved

### Budget:

Expenditure on the project was as follows:

#### *Budget*

Budget Line	Approved Budget (£ Sterling)	Funding from JOAC (£ Sterling)	Total Actual Expenditure (£ Sterling)
Food rations, Storage and Safety costs	22,323	22,260	22,260
Transport costs	2,012	1969	1,969
Storage and safety costs	754	754	754
Communication costs	151	143	143
Training costs	2,640	2,754	2,754
Monitoring & Evaluation costs	503	503	539
Administration costs	2,838	1617	2,767
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>31,221</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>31,186</b>