



Security and Rule of Law

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Result area 1 - Peace Processes & political governance

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RESULTS

Despite an overall deteriorating security situation and delays in delivering on the promises contained in the 2015 peace agreement, some notable progress was made in strengthening inclusive and accountable governance processes in target regions (Segou, Timbouctou, Mopti, Gao). Through an approach centered around engaging youth in local conflict resolution, community services and public debate, the number of debates organized by local authorities to discuss management of public services and the local budget increased, as well as community level participation. The project also measured an increase in the level of transparency of public services management, increased access to certain services (water points), and a steady increase in confidence amongst youth in local authorities (perception survey). This shows gradual but promising progress towards enhancing the social contract at local level. This framework of dialogue and youth engagement will now need to be complemented by accelerated implementation of the decentralisation process.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_d) Number of initiatives by (local/national/regional) authorities to hold public consultations on laws and policies	94	145	130	26993

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 1

Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	Whilst slightly below the annual target (due to indicator calculation changes), sufficient progress (90%) on annual basis, with 74% realisation of the final (2020) target. Mostly due to: enhanced awareness of citizens rights amongst youth calling for these public consultations, technical accompaniment/coaching, and creation of incentives for local authorities (a 'transparency competition' amongst communes).
Implications for planning.	No implication for planning

Result area 2 - Rule of Law

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Modest but steady progress in enhancing the rule of law at local level, through investing in both the 'supply and demand' side of the justice equation: at the one hand, strengthening quality justice services (across the criminal justice chain) and at the other hand, enhancing access to those services through legal information, consultation and representation services. Through the work of paralegal networks, more than 268.332 community members (67% women) were informed of their rights, received legal advice and were referred to services. At the institutional level, the number of initiatives implemented (at decentral level) to address obstacles in justice services delivery were higher than the initial target, thus contributing to improved effectiveness of the criminal justice chain as a whole. Whilst not featured in the result data below, these interventions were complemented by a significant investment in improving conditions of detainees (in alignment with international human rights standards) through both prison rehabilitation, strengthening prison management and social reintegration activities. This investment is part of a holistic approach (involving all actors in the criminal justice) to address (i.a.) the high level of pre-trial detention, a significant human rights issue in Mali. With NL support, detention conditions in 26 prisons were improved during the reporting period, exceeding the annual target of 20. Despite a fragile security situation and stagnating peace process, implementation continued to be on track. This can partly be explained by the fact that interventions were designed with a certain level of flexibility and strong involvement of the target groups. As a result, implementation was less influenced by institutional or political constraints at central level, and able to adjust to changes in a volatile operational environment.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
SP_[Old Resultsframework] No. of beneficiaries who have improved awareness of their rights and/or of how to address justice problems (claim, defend, and or recover rights)	0	0	600836	26888
SP_[Old Resultsframework] No. of inclusive law reform initiatives advanced with NL support, that are relevant for Rule of Law, human rights protection, access to and administration of justice 2.2.5	0	6	6	29663
ST_2.1.1 a) Number of beneficiaries (f/m) with access to justice (separate out: no. of women who present cases of sexual violence or domestic abuse)	271329	271329	0	26888; 4000002069
ST_2.1.1 b) Number of people (f/m) reached through justice awareness campaigns	0	0	264735	4000002069; 26888
ST_2.2.1 d) Number of (formal/informal) justice institutions strengthened in terms of fairness, effectiveness, accountability or independence	0	60	70	28241; 29543

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 2	
Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	See below: partly due to approach taken by projects to engage at community level, coupled with sufficient implementation capacity amongst partners.
Implications for planning.	No implications for planning. However, some attention needs to be paid to strengthening formulation of SMART indicators, baselines and targets that align with the Ministry's results framework.

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