

EMPOWER

Partnering for
Sustainable Growth

MALI



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ANNUAL REPORT

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Partnering for Sustainable Development

James Arrington, Chair

Messages

Yeah Samaké, Field Consultant

We are truly amazed and humbled by the great work that we are accomplishing together. Thanks to you we have been able to brighten and bring hope to many people in Mali this year as well. Our focus has remained on improving access to education in the rural villages of Mali. We believe education remains the powerful force that can bring impact the future of generations of young Malians. In 2016 through the support of generous donors, we:

- Completed construction on our Building Youth Around the World Academy of Fanterila. Thank you to the Building Youth Around the World Foundation and Ian McCracken!! School has started for the children of Fanterila!
- Completed construction on the Conference Center / Auditorium of the Agricultural Vocational School. This is the first of many buildings that will become part of our massive Agricultural Vocational School that will serve 55000+ residents in the city of Oueléssébougou.
- Constructed a basketball court for a middle school in Daoudabougou, Mali.
- Partnered with Fundacion Paraguay to send one Malian student to Paraguay on a three year scholarship at an Agricultural Vocational School.
- Dedicated the Micah Shea Watkins Academy, our middle school in the village of Dongorona. Thank you to the Watkins Family! School has started for the children of Dongorona!
- Partnered with Wasatch Academy to send one Malian student on a full three year scholarship to the prestigious high school in America.

We thank you for helping us to be the catalysts for change in Mali. We hope you will continue to support the great projects that will lift a nation one community at a time. Now more than ever Mali needs you! We are grateful for the support of our Malian communities and donors that make our projects a success.

Thank you for caring!



James Arrington
Chair



Dear Friend of Mali,

Access to quality education, healthcare, clean water, clean energy and leadership training are the leading challenges to sustainable development in Mali. Of all these, quality education remains the greatest and fundamental needs to ensure development in Mali. With Mali having only a 31% literacy rate, in 2015 we continued our efforts to impact change in the field of education by improving access to a quality education in some of the most rural areas, where schools were not within reach and access to education posed a serious challenge.

With your help and the help of many generous donors, our foundation was able to accomplish many great projects. All this would not have been possible without the many kind donors who have invested in Mali's future. We thank you for helping us to be the catalysts for change in Mali. We hope you will continue to support the great projects that will lift a nation one community at a time. Now more than ever Mali needs you!

Thank you for your investment in our children and people in Mali. We are grateful to have you onboard!

Thank you for caring!!

Yeah Samaké



Field Consultant

Empower MALI



MONTHLY RECURRING DONATION

Imagine the power of numbers. If 1000 people give \$10 monthly using our automatic monthly donation then every 6 months we build a new school... Now multiply that by 10 or 100! Do you see the potential? Can you give monthly? Visit EmpowerMali.org and set up a recurring donation today. Thank you for your generosity.



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WHY FOCUS ON MALI?



69%

**OF THE MALIAN
POPULATION IS
ILLITERATE**

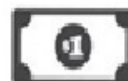
Access to education remains a serious problem. Lack of schools, poorly trained teachers and lack of supplies makes a good education a challenge for many children.



76%

**OF THE MALIAN
POPULATION LIVES ON
LESS THAN \$1.25/DAY**

80% of the Malian population relies on agriculture for their food and livelihood. Changing climates and markets have led to a lower income for many households.



< 1%

**POPULATION IN
THE VILLAGES
HAVE ACCESS
TO ELECTRICITY**

80% of Mali's rural population depend heavily on firewood and charcoal to provide energy needs.



66%

**OF DRINKING WATER
IS CONTAMINATED**

1/3 of Malians do not have access to clean drinking water and over 15,000 children die each year from diarrhea brought on by poor sanitation.



52 YEARS

**AVERAGE LIFE
EXPECTANCY**

In rural areas one doctor will serve about 20,000 people. Mali also has one of the highest infant mortality rates with 111 per 1000 births.



OUR PROGRAMS :

We are fighting against illiteracy, poverty and limited access to basic amenities. We emphasize working closely with the citizens in the areas we serve because when equipped with the proper tools and resources, they will have the power to help their whole family escape poverty and become sustainable



HEALTH PROGRAM

- Train Healthcare Workers
- Bring Healthcare Expeditions



EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Build Schools
- Train Teachers
- Raise School Supplies



CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

- Install Water Pumps/Tanks
- Dig Wells/Boreholes



CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

- Install Solar panels
- Introduce Solar Lanterns & other clean energy solutions

MISSION

Empower Mali believes that the citizens and communities of Mali have the right to become self-reliant. The focus of the foundation is not to give a hand out to these communities, but rather to work side by side empowering these communities to meet their own needs by sharing with them the resources and tools to get it done. Empower Mali works closely with community leaders and the citizens of Mali to ensure that projects are self sustainable and that the work can continue even after EM leaves the village. We commit our resources and efforts to affect change in the areas of:

- Education
- Healthcare
- Clean Energy
- Clean, accessible water
- Leadership Training

Our Strategies to Empower Sustainable Development



1. LOCAL INITIATIVE

As part of our partnerships, we expect the Malian communities where we work to initiate the demand for the project and also to contribute to the project whether it is 20% of the cost of the project and/or land or labor.

2. EMPOWERMENT

We utilize the existing capacities and resources of the villages.

3. PARTNERSHIP

The collaboration with the government and community stakeholders ensures that our projects are adequately staffed and receive long-term sustained support.

By getting the communities involved in both the needs assessment and financial portion, the project becomes self sustainable. The villagers are more likely to maintain the project because of their own investment and role in bringing the project to their community.



2016 PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

FANTERILA



The Building Youth Around the World Academy of Fanterila serves more than 150 children from FANTERILA and surrounding villages.

DONGORONA



Micah Shea Watkins Academy, our new middle school in the village of DONGORONA serves more than 200 children.

OUELÉSSÉBOUGOU



Completed Conference Center/Auditorium of the Agricultural Vocational School. This building is the first of many buildings of the Vocational School that will serve 55000+ residents in Oueléssébougou, Mali.

PARAGUAY



We sponsored one Malian student "Jaja" to PARAGUAY on a 3 year scholarship at an Agricultural Vocational School.

UTAH



One more Malian student came on a full three year scholarship to the prestigious high school in Utah, USA: Wasatch Academy.

DAOUDABOUGOU



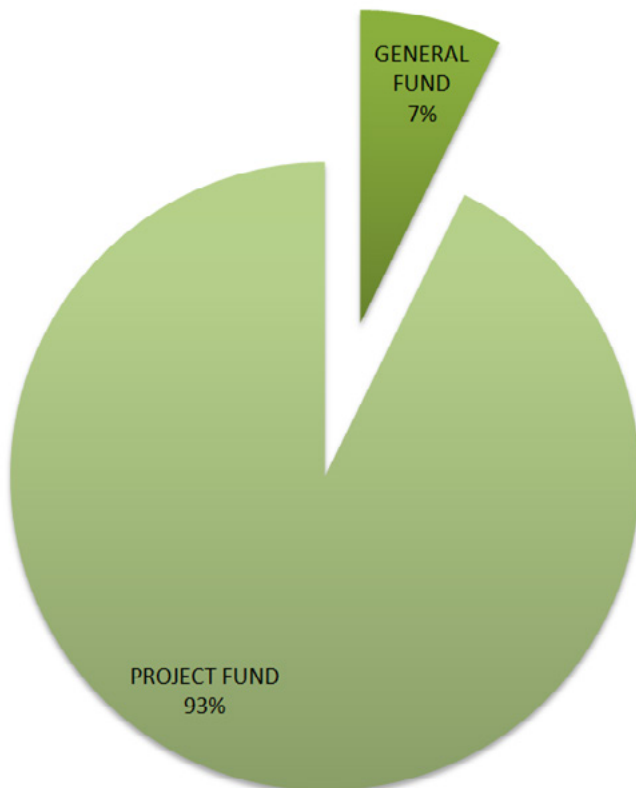
A new basketball court for a middle school in Daoudabougou, Mali.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

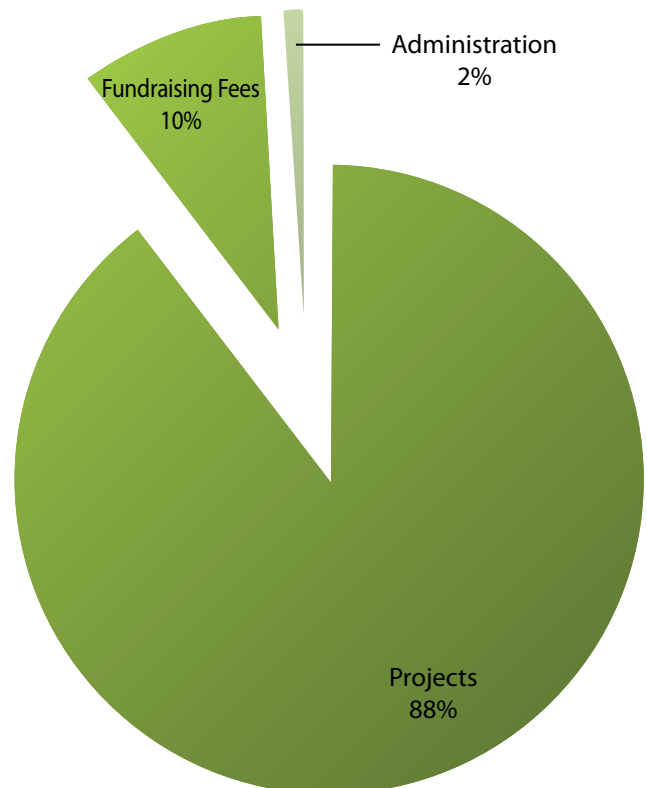
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDING 2016

The Foundation's income for FY2016 was \$191,159 not including In-kind donations.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Thank You



**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY TO
MAKE AN IMPACT IN MALI IN 2016.**

**YOUR HELP WAS INSTRUMENTAL TO BETTERING
THE LIVES OF MANY MALIANS IN RURAL VILLAGES.**

WE HOPE TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT IN 2017!

