

# EMPOWER

Partnering for  
Sustainable Growth

# MALI



# EMPOWER MALI ANNUAL REPORT 2017

**Partnering for Sustainable Development**

# Messages

## Marissa Coutinho, Board Member

## Yeah Samaké, Field Consultant

We here at Empower Mali have so much to be thankful for this year. Many of the projects we have successfully implemented this year have been made possible through many kind, generous hearts.

- We thank you for being a part of the Empower Mali family. The year 2017 has seen many great projects being instituted thanks to your generosity. In 2017, we:
- Partnered with Building Youth Around the World to complete construction on a teachers housing for the village of Fanterila. Fanterila already has a middle school. A teachers housing will ensure the village of Fanterila can host teachers that are well trained.
- Dedicated the Micah Shea Watkins Academy of Dongorona. This middle school will bless the lives of 150+ 7th, 8th and 9th grade students from the village of Dongorona, who otherwise would walk 5 miles to a neighboring village, increasing the dropout rate.
- Partnered with the Watkins family to complete construction on a teachers housing for the village of Dongorona.
- Partnered with a Utah anonymous donor to donate a tractor to the village of Beneko as part of EM's agricultural food security program. The tractor will enable mechanization and faster, greater turnover of crops that can be harvested and sold.
- Two more scholarships to the prestigious Wasatch Academy.
- Rebuilt the destroyed classroom of the Marako Middle School. The school can now be fully used.
- Through the generous donation of the Watkins family, we will donate two tractors in 2018 to Malian villages as part of a food security program

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 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!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and beneficiaries of Empower Mali, we thank you for your support!

Warmest Regards,

Marissa Coutinho  
Board Member



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

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Field Consultant

Empower MALI

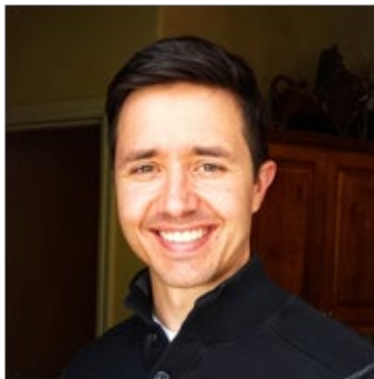


## MONTHLY RECURRING DONATION

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](http://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.



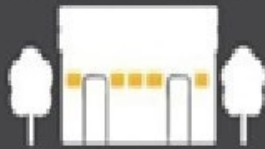
## OUR PROGRAMS :

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

## OUR 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.

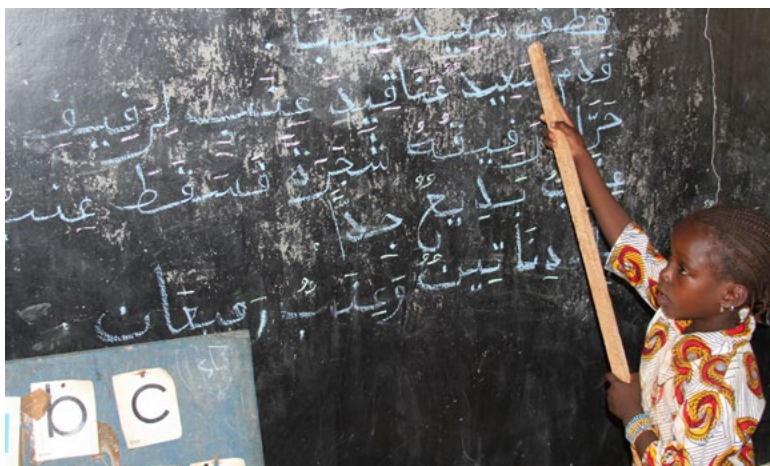
## 2. EMPOWERMENT

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.





# 2017 PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

## FANTERILA



The Building Youth Around the World Academy of Fanterila now has a teachers housing providing a stable home for teachers and their families. Most times these teachers are well trained and sent by the government but do not stay for lack of good housing in the village.

## BENEKO



A new tractor for the village of Beneko! As part of the Food Security program, the tractor will enable mechanization and faster, greater turnover of crops that can be harvested and sold.

## DONGORONA



We thank the Watkins family for formally dedicating the Micah Shea Watkins Academy, of Dongorona that will serve more than 200 children



The Micah Shea Academy of Dongorona now has a teachers housing in the village providing a good quality housing situation for teachers sent by the government. This encourages well trained teachers to remain in the village

## MARAKO



Marako Middle School that was destroyed by a truck.



2017: Repaired Marako Middle School.

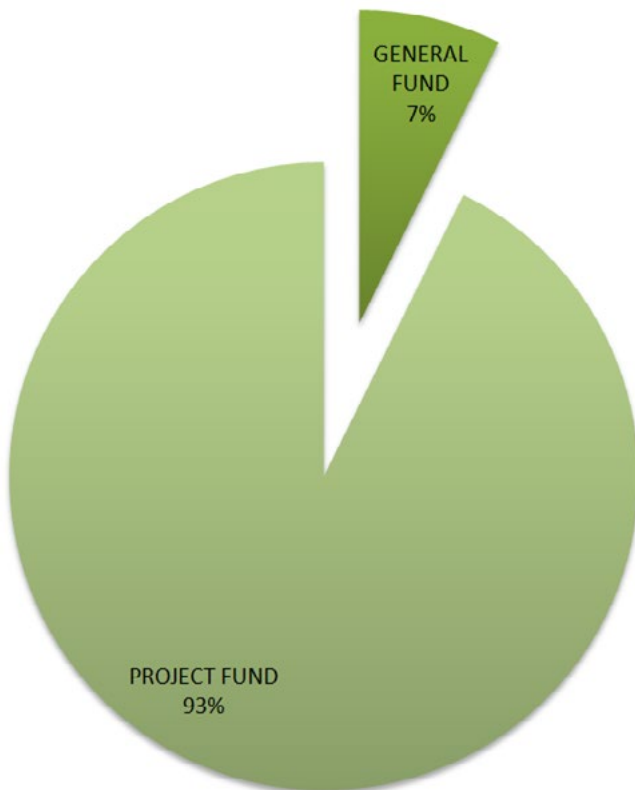
A safe middle school for the village of Marako. One classroom of the Marako Middle School had been destroyed by a truck.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

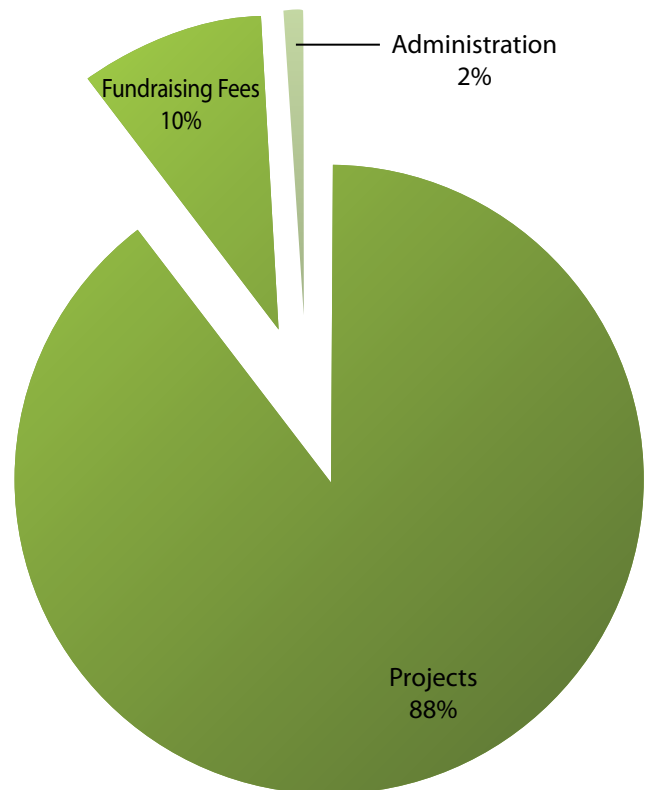
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDING 2017

The Foundation's income for FY2017 was \$222,014 not including In-kind donations.

### REVENUE



### EXPENSES





# Thank You



**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY TO  
MAKE AN IMPACT IN MALI IN 2017.**

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

**WE HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2018!**

