

# **EMPOWER**

Partnering for  
Sustainable Growth

# **MALI**



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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2018**

**Partnering for Sustainable Development  
and Building a Brighter Future For Our Young Minds in Mali**

## Message From The Empower Mali Board

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.

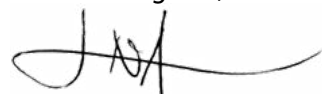
We thank you for being a part of the Empower Mali family. The year 2018 has seen many great projects being instituted thanks to your generosity. In 2018, we:

- Completed construction of the JP DEJORIA Academy in the village of Banko Koumantou. Impact: 150+ children from 7th, 8th and 9th grade per year
- Partnered with Building Youth Around the World to install an electric playground and 40 solar lamps in the rural village of Fanterela. Impact: 2000+ population.
- Installed solar water pumps in the areas of Bougouni, Ouelessebougou and Baguineda Impact: 3100+ population.
- Donated Days of Girls kits to girls aged 11-18 in the villages of Falla, Ferekoroba and Dongorona.
- Partnered with boy scout Grant McAfee to donate 45 to 50 solar LUCI lamps per village and five soccer balls to the villages of Marako, Dongorona, Beneko and Kolena Impact: 3000+ population;
- Donated two tractors to farmers in the county of Bougouni Impact: 10000+ population;
- Partnered with Building Youth Around the World to break ground on our newest primary school in the village of Dovong Impact: 150 children primary aged children per year.

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,



James Arrington  
Board Chair



# Help us empower Mali today!

### 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.



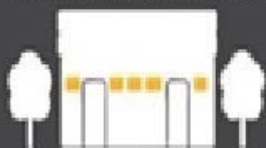
## OUR PROGRAMS :

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.





# OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH MALIANS SINCE 2013



- Five tractors donated in the villages of Beneko, two areas in the commune of Bougouni, San, and Garalo
- Eight schools serving 150+ children were built in the villages of Ferekoroba, Dongorona, Falla II, Katele, Dovong, Fanterela, Marako and Koumantou Banko
- Four Teacher housing in the villages of Ferekoroba, Dovong, Fanterela and Dongorona
- Two Electricity generating Playgrounds with 40 solar lanterns in the villages of Fanterela and Ferekoroba
- 200 Luci Lights distributed to the villages of Marako, Dongorona, Beneko and Kolena;
- 500 Days for Girls kits donated and distributed
- Three solar water pumps installed in Ouelessebougu
- Textbooks for the BYAW Academy of Ferekoroba
- Twenty Tablets donated
- 19 Scholarships to the Wasatch Academy High School, Mt. Pleasant, Utah
- 1 scholarship to an Agricultural School at Fundacion Paraguay in Paraguay
- 4 Scholarships for Malian students to study English at Nomen Global in Provo, Utah
- A Conference Center in Ouélessébougou
- A water purification system for the village of Dongorona
- Funding for APP Chicken farm
- A Basket Ball Court in Kalaban Coura



# 2018 PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

## BANKO KOUMANTOU



The JP DEJORIA Academy of Banko Koumantou was finished. The school will host 150 students from Banko Koumantou and surrounding villages that attend grades 7-9. The school comes fully equipped with desks, a director office and separate toilets for girls and boys. Thank you to the Peace Love and Happiness foundation!!!

## DOVONG



We broke ground on a new school for the village of Dovong. Dovong is one of the farthest villages we have ever built in and is the last village on the Mali-Cote-d'Ivoire border. The village with a population of 3360 is in dire need of the school because currently their primary school building houses two class grades per room. Grade 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 are together. The new school will be a 3-classroom primary school to accommodate 170 children (92 boys and 78 girls).

The school when completed will be named the Val and Jeanne Christensen Building Youth Around the World Academy of DOVONG.

## FANTERELA



The village of Fanterela in the Sikasso region received its own electricity producing playground. The village leaders, teachers and school director also received an extensive training on the 40 solar lanterns and science kits that were part of the playground unit. Thank you Building Youth Around the World (BYAW)!!



# 2018 PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

## MARAKO, DONGORONA, BENEKO AND KOLENA



The villages of Marako, Dongorona, Beneko and Kolena each benefited from 45 to 50 solar lamps and five soccer balls. Thank you to boy scout **Boyd McAfee** for raising the funds for this project.

## FEREKOROBA, FALLA AND DONGORONA



Donation of 500 Days of Girls kits to girls aged 11-18 in the villages of Ferekoroba, Falla and Dongorona

## COMMUNE OF BOUGOUNI



Two tractors donated to farmers in two communities in Bougouni region

## OUELESSEBOUGOU CITY, BOUGOUNI AND BAGUINEDA



Installation of three Solar water pumps in Ouelesseboucou City , Bougouni and Baguineda.



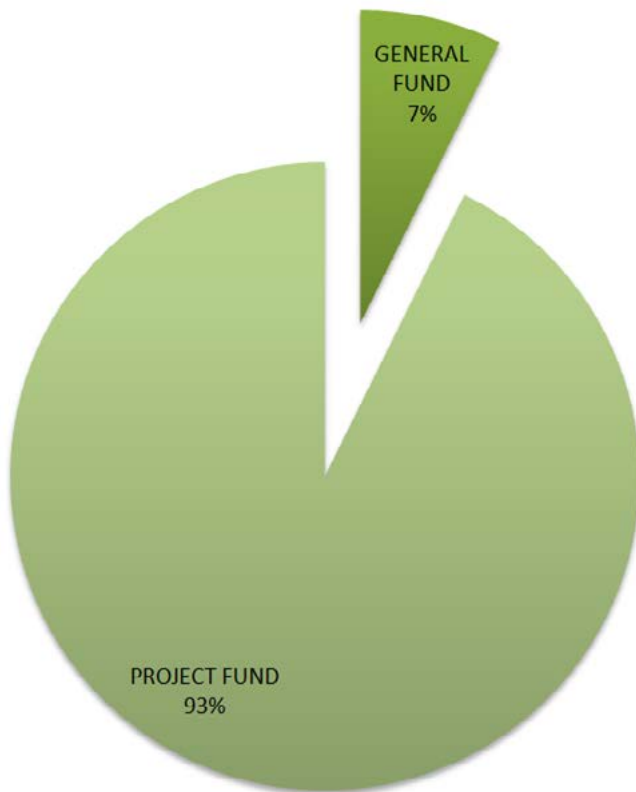


# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

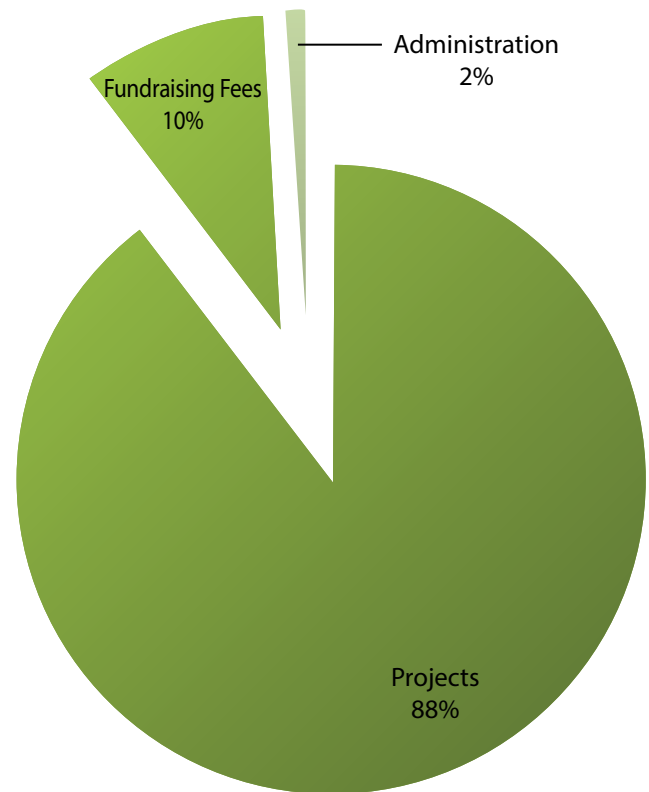
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDING 2018

The Foundation's income for FY2018 was \$108,491 not including In-kind donations.

### REVENUE



### EXPENSES



# Thank You



**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY TO  
MAKE AN IMPACT IN MALI IN 2018.**

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

**WE HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2019!**

