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EMPOWER MALI

Partnering for Sustainable Growth



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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

Message from Niankoro Yeah Samake, Field Director

Dear Friends of Empower Mali,

As the Field Director of Empower Mali, I have had the great pleasure of seeing the continued effect of our projects in the villages and communities they serve. Increased access to education, clean water and basic healthcare remains Mali's greatest needs. It remains my strong conviction that the Empower Mali foundation is serving those needs in the communities across Mali.

The year of 2022 has been another great year for the Foundation. We have seen the following achievements:

- Fed 1,200 families each having 8-10 members. Each month, in the region of Mopti, 50 different families in the community of Mopti, 20 families from the community of Socoura and 30 families in the village of Begnemato benefitted from 50kg of rice, 50 kg of millet, 5 liters of oil, 5 kg of sugar and powdered milk. These families have been displaced due to insecurity in Mali's northern Mopti region.
- Partnered with the Peace Love and Happiness Foundation to complete construction of a three-classroom pre-school, directors office and toilets in the city of Badalabougou in Commune V of the capital Bamako. The preschool will serve children aged 3-5 years. This is the first preschool Empower Mali has built.
- To combat overcrowding in the middle school of Sibiribougou, we completed construction of a fully equipped three-classroom middle school with directors' office and toilets in Sibiribougou, a populated city in Commune IV of the capital city.
- Completed construction of a 3-classroom middle school in the rural village of Pogosso, 368km (229 miles) from the capital city.
- Ongoing construction of a massive building having 9 new classrooms in Ouélessébougou city (80 km from the capital) that will alleviate overcrowding in this fast-growing community.
- Completed construction of a 3-classroom preschool in the village of Kankrougou where there was only a dilapidated structure that the children used to use.
- Received the NSA Foundation's Art Berg Fund \$5,000 grant that allowed us to purchase 20 HP Chromebooks that will be donated to schools to improve computer literacy.
- Inauguration of the William Carr Academy and teacher housing in the village of Zekoun.
- Completed installations of 12 complete solar powered water systems equipped with a 5000-Litre tank, pump and multiple faucets in the communities of: Diolia II, Bomboty, Lecko, Bogoda Kassaro ,Guaranko, Samanko, Ouelessebougou Soccer Field, Sibleni (funded by JP's Peace Love and Happiness Foundation), Dogotou and Tiemba, (funded by the Watkins family) and Manabougou and Koulouba (funded by Gerber Construction). We also started new installations in 5 other communities of Zangosso, Kokan Hameau de Oumar Diarra, Hameau de Bekaye, Hameau de Sarra and Pokosso Porna Goita (in Koutiala region)

2022 has been filled with amazing opportunities and advancements for the people of Mali. The positive effect of your generosity can be seen in the lives of Malians where Empower Mali has been. I thank you for your continued support of all our projects. We could not do this without our donors, volunteers and partners.

2023 promises to see more schools, water projects and increased access to healthcare. Together we can empower Malians through bettering opportunities and affecting living choices.

Warmest Regards,



Niankoro Yeah Samaké
Co-Founder/Field Director, Empower Mali



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 handout 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.

We commit our resources and efforts to affect change in the areas of:

- **Education:** Empower Mali supports education in Mali by building and renovating schools, providing school supplies and materials, and funding teacher salaries. The foundation also offers scholarships to students who otherwise wouldn't have access to education.
- **Healthcare:** Empower Mali partners with local healthcare providers to improve access to healthcare services in Mali. The foundation supports the building of clinics, training of healthcare workers, and providing medical supplies and equipment.
- **Clean Water:** Empower Mali helps to provide clean water to communities by building wells, water pumps, and water treatment systems. The foundation also educates communities about proper water management and sanitation practices.
- **Clean Energy:** Empower Mali supports the use of clean energy in Mali by building solar-powered systems for homes, schools, and clinics. The foundation also provides training on the maintenance and repair of these systems.

In all these domains, Empower Mali works closely with community leaders and citizens to ensure that projects are sustainable and can continue even after Empower Mali leaves the village. The foundation focuses on empowering communities to take charge of their own development and to create a better future for themselves and their children.



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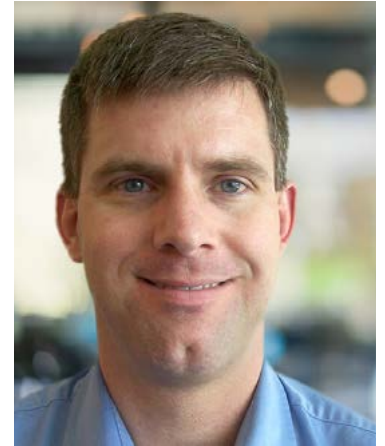
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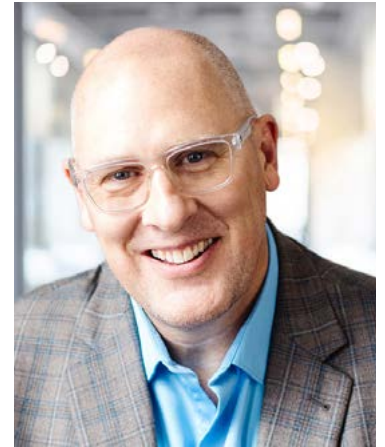
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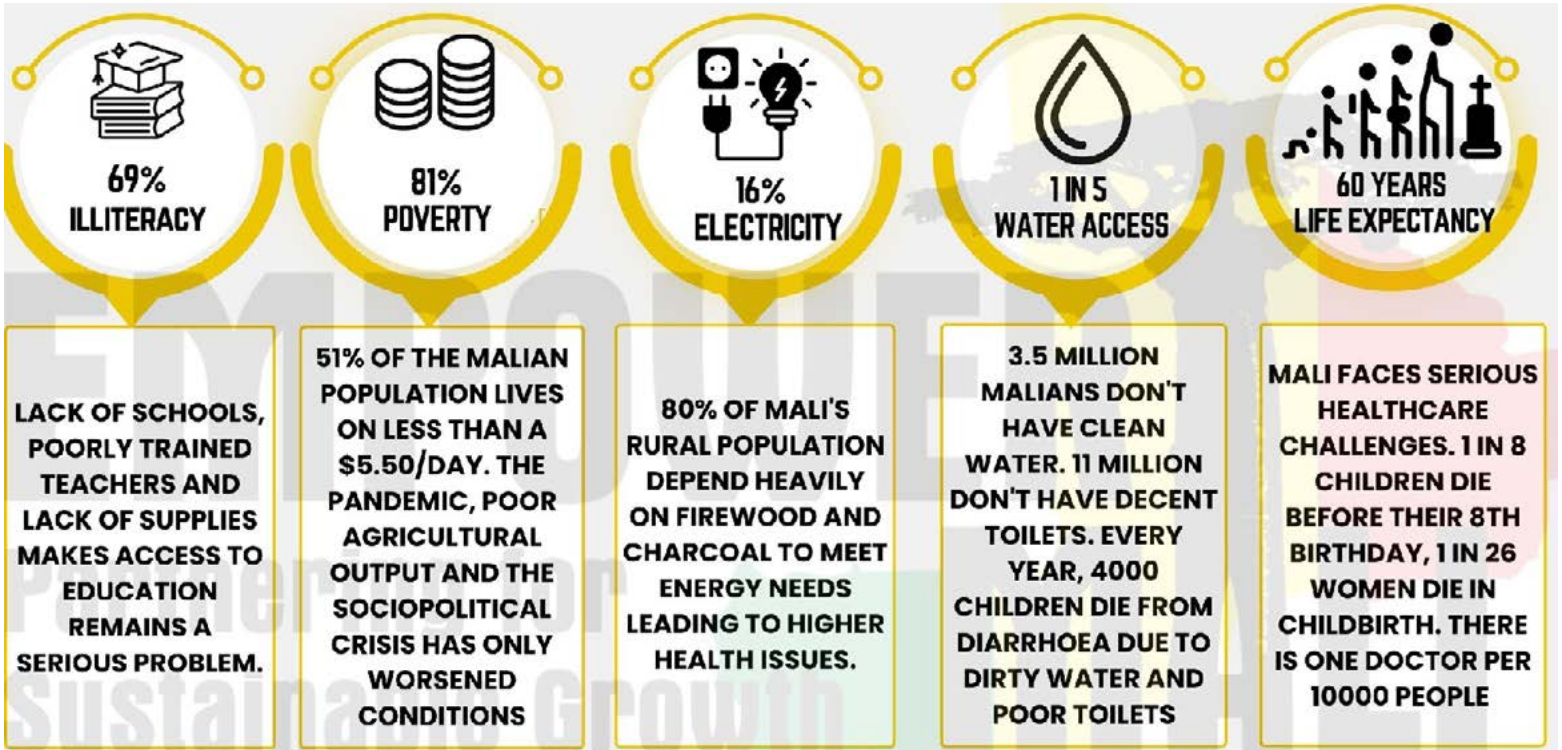
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MALI BY THE NUMBERS



Empower Mali is fighting against illiteracy, poverty and limited access to basic amenities. We emphasize working closely with the citizens in the areas we serve. We believe when equipped with the correct tools and resources, Malians will be empowered to help themselves and their families escape the throes of poverty.

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



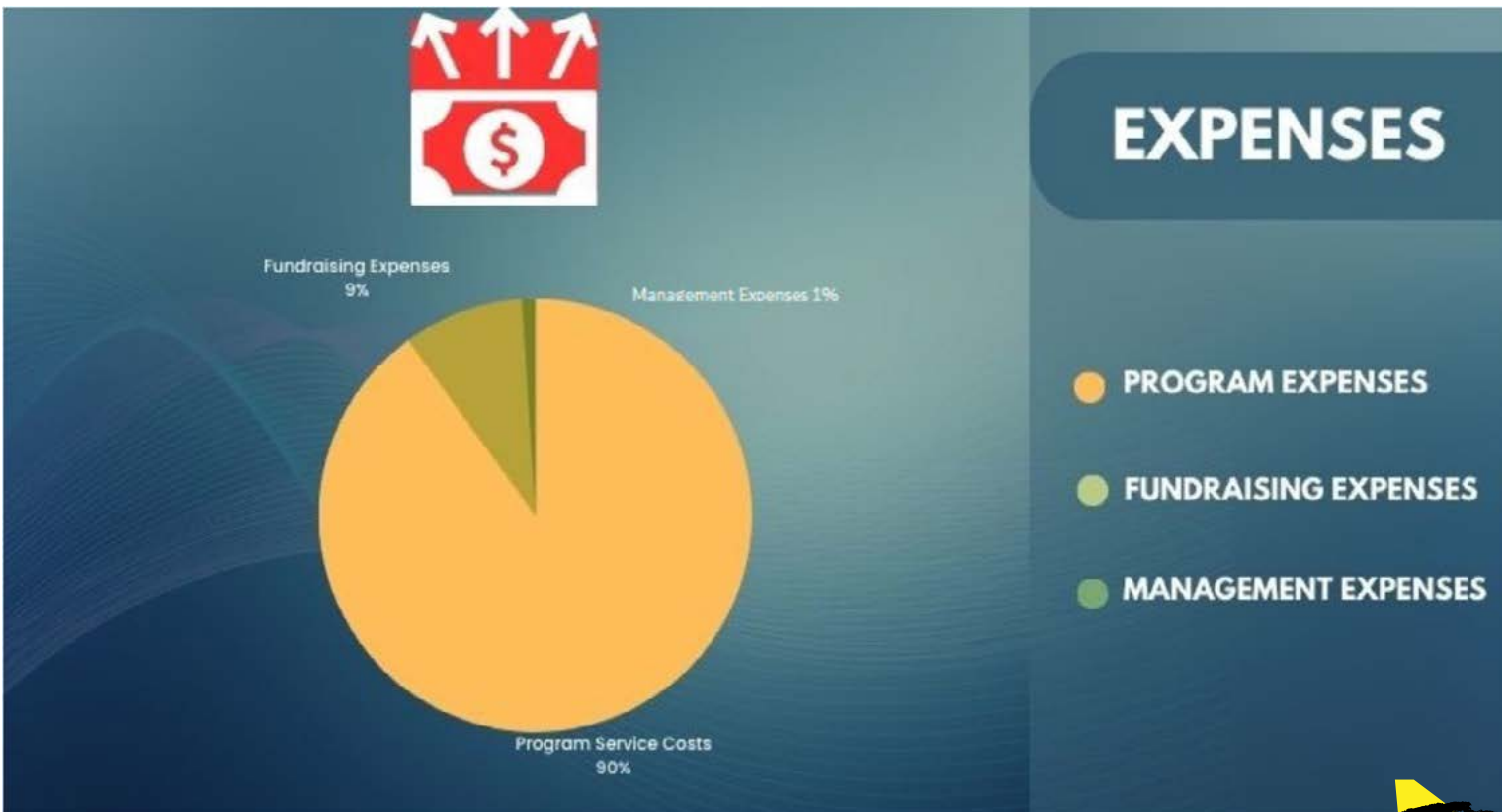
- 20 schools serving 150+ children each year built in the rural villages of Ferekoroba, Dongorona, Falla II, Katele, Dovong, Fanterela, Marako, Koumantou Banko, Moro-Moro, Zekoun, Ouelessebougou, Karagouan, Siemen, Pogosso, Badalabougou Pre-School, Oueléssébougou Primary School (1st-6th grade), Oueléssébougou Middle School (7th-9th), Sibiribougou and Kankrougou.
- 8 blocks of three 2-room Teacher housing for teachers and directors in the villages of Ferekoroba, Dovong, Fanterela, Dongorona, Siemen, Karagouan, Moro-Moro and Zekoun.
- As part of the food security initiative, six tractors to farmer co-ops in the villages of Beneko, Bougouni town, San town, Garalo, Sikasso town and N'Tentou
- Two Electricity generating playgrounds with battery packs and 40 solar lanterns in the villages of Fanterela and Ferekoroba;
- 200 Luci Lights and soccer balls distributed to the villages of Marako, Dongorona, Beneko, Kolena and Dovong
- 500 Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits donated and distributed.
- 33 solar water pumps (8 in progress) serving tens of thousands installed in the communities of N'Tentou, Ouelessebougou, Sibleni, Baguineda, Bougouni N'Godonina, Quartier Tripano, Dioila, Sanankoro Djitoumou, Bougouni N'Dogonina, Kabalcoro Baguineda, Sibleni, Kontoumoun, Madina, Hameau de Moro-Moro, Sangarebougou Guereboukin, Bandjougoubougou Niena, Quartier Mali, Badalabougou, Oueléssébougou School, Dioila II, Oueléssébougou City Soccer Field, Samanko Kolondieba, Guaranko, Manabougou, Koulouba Sibleni, Tiemba, Dogotou (completed) Lecko, Bomboty, Bogoda Kassaro, Zangosso Hameau de Oumar Diarra, Kokan Hameau de Drissa Coulibaly, Hameau de Bekaye, Hameau de Sarra, and Pogosso Porna Goita
- Textbooks in all subjects for six schools BYAW Academy of Ferekoroba, Micah Shea Watkins Academy of Dongorona, Coates Academy of Falla II, Peace Love Happiness Academy of Moro-Moro, Coates Academy of Siemen and BYAW Academy of Karagouan. Each school serves 150 students each year.
- 100 Tablets donated in 16 impoverished middle schools in Kalabancoro, Bamako.
- 20 four-year high school scholarships to the Wasatch Academy High School, Mt. Pleasant, Utah
- 1 three-year university scholarship to an Agricultural School at Fundacion Paraguay in Paraguay
- 4 English language 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 a Chicken Egg farm which has created jobs and a source of fresh food.
- A Basketball Court in KalabanCoura



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDING 2022

The Foundation's income for FY2022 was \$493,734 not including In-kind donations.
The Foundation's expenses stood at \$467,839.



2022 INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

A generous \$200,000 donation from Matthew McConaughey, allowed us to donate monthly, from July 2022 to February 2023, a 50kg bag of rice, 50kg of millet, 5 litres of oil and 5 kg of sugar to 100 different families in the communities of Socoura, Begnemato and commune of Mopti, where many displaced families are living having fled the violence in the region. Total impact for the year was 1200 families each with about 8-10 members.



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in Mali, it is estimated that only 4% of children have access to any form of early learning. Empower Mali partnered with the JP Peace Love and Happiness Foundation and the Mayors Office of Commune V in the capital city of Bamako to build our first preschool. Children would originally have to travel to the neighboring community of Torokorobougou costing families time and travel money.

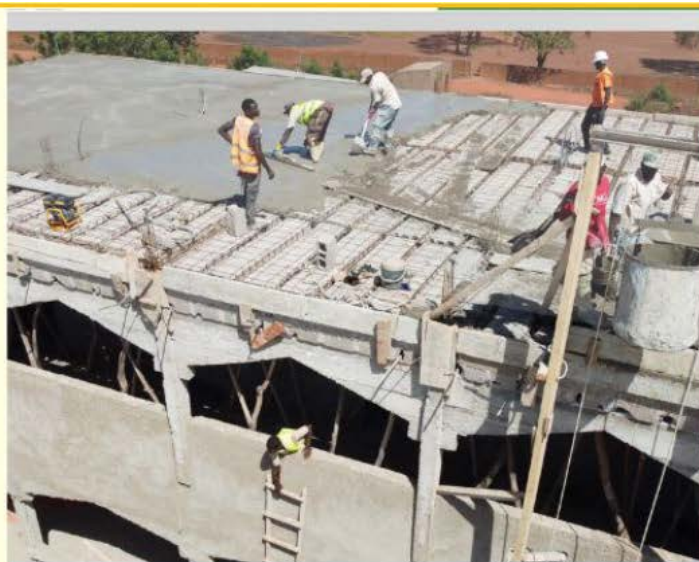
The preschool has three classrooms that will give children aged 3-5 years an opportunity to get an early start on education. It also has been enclosed to provide a safe and secure environment and has its own canteen so children and teachers can eat at the school.

This preschool will help the children of the community build a strong foundation in social, pre-academic, and general life skills that will give them a leg up in school and beyond.



2022 INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

A generous donation from JPs Peace Love and Happiness Foundation allowed us to continue construction on a 9 classroom school in the city of Ouelessebougou, When completed, it will provide quality education for children from 1st grade to 9th and help alleviate the overcrowding in this fast growing community,



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We completed construction of the Vickie Rae & Juanita May Academy of Kankrougou. Empower Mali partnered with our board member Katie Pearce who sold enough cookies through her Giving Cookie venture to build a fully equipped three classroom middle school with a directors office and 6 toilets in the village of Kankrougou. a rural village located about 10km from the big city of Koutiala in the Southern region of Sikasso. The new school will bring great relief to the children of Kankrougou.



Kankrougou's current school is a tiny one room, dilapidated building. It doesn't accommodate all of the children so most students have to walk to neighboring villages 5-10 miles away.

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We completed construction of the BH Roberts Academy of Pogosso. Empower Mali partnered with the Coates Family at the B.H Roberts Foundation to build a fully equipped three classroom middle school with a directors office and 6 toilets in the village of Pogosso. a very rural village located about 45km from the big city of Koutiala in the Southern region of Sikasso.

The village chief was extremely grateful for this wonderful addition to the village that will help grow the literacy of the community, especially among girls. Many of their children had dropped out due to the distance they had to travel through wild areas to the school in a neighboring village.



2022 INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

We completed construction of the BYAW Academy in Sibiribougou. Empower Mali partnered with the Building Youth Around the World to build a fully equipped three classroom middle school with a directors office and 6 toilets in Sibiribougou. Sibiribougou is located in the heart if Commune 4 of Bamako and is quite underdeveloped in terms of infrastructure in education, clean water and electricity.

The school was in a constant battle to accommodate the high number of middle school students. On average each class held between 60-80 students. Some were so overcrowded that the administration had to arrange for the students to come at different times. The three 7th-9th grade classrooms will meet the need for more classrooms to alleviate the severe overcrowding



2022 INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

We had an official inauguration of our middle school, the William Carr Academy and the teacher housing of Zekoun! The school and teacher housing was generously donated by the Coates family and will serve the community of 1400 families. Zekoun is an impoverished community not far from the Ivory Coast border that lacks access to basic amenities due to its distance.

The representative of the Minister of Education Gérard Dackouo, the education authority of Misseni, Bourama Samake and several authorities (administrative, school, traditional, religious, etc.) and local opinion leaders were also present at this grand ceremony which was also covered by the media.

The school is made up of three (3) equipped classrooms, six (6) latrines, and a directors office with a storehouse. The teacher housing is a collection of three (3) homes, each having two rooms and a living room.



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CLEAN WATER
8 completed systems

Eight water systems funded by JPs Peace Love and Happiness Foundation completed in:

- Diolia II
- Guaranko
- Samanko
- Sibleni
- Ouelessebougou Field
- Bomboty
- Bogoda Kassaro
- Lecko

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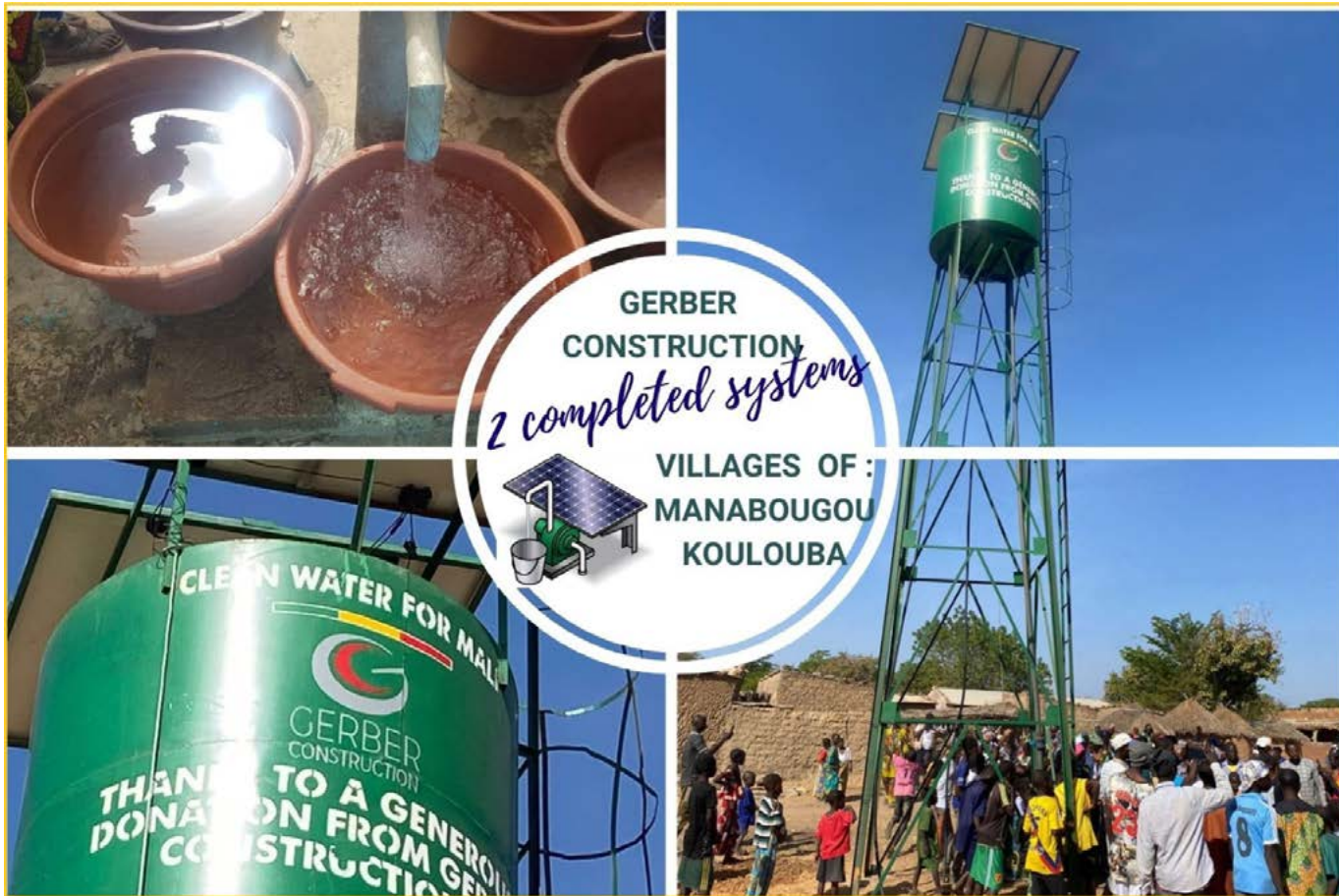
WATKINS FAMILY
2 completed systems

VILLAGES OF :

- TIEMBA
- DOKOTOU



2022 INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



OUR PARTNERS & DONORS

In 2022, EM partnered with many individuals, companies, and non-profits to meet the growing challenges that people in rural Mali are facing. We would not exist without the dedicated commitment of our partners. We thank all the individuals, companies and partners that have made our projects a success! We are grateful for your generosity and your commitment to help Malians create sustainable growth opportunities in Mali.



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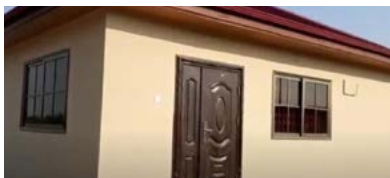
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We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity and the profound impact it has had on the lives of numerous individuals. The achievements made possible thanks to your kindness are truly remarkable, and we are excited about the potential to fulfill the needs of many more malians in the coming year of 2023.

Your donations have the power to make additional projects a reality. Do not underestimate the influence of one individual. We look forward to your continued support as we move forward into the future.

