



## FACTS

- **Operational presence** in Mali since 2013
- **Offices:** Coordination in Bamako, Field Office in Sévaré, Sub-bases in Bankass, Djenné, Douentza and Niafunke
- **25,000 Beneficiaries in 2021**
- **Turnover in 2020:** More than EUR 2,16 million
- **4 active projects in 2021**
- **Employees:** 32 staff (28 national, 4 expats)
- **Strong national partnerships** with AJCAD, AAPOR, ASDAP, FEJEDENOM, TASSAGHT and SOLIDEV

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT::



Mali has been experiencing instability and conflict since the military coup in 2012 and the subsequent occupation of the northern regions by armed groups. The two coups d'état in less than one year, in August 2020, and in May 2021 have led to further uncertainty, while the state remains largely absent in the northern and central regions of Mali.



Consequently, intra and intercommunal armed violence has been rising and increasingly fuelled by easy access to weapons as well as the creation of communal self-defence militias and the stronghold of radical armed groups, which have negatively affected traditional conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms and resulted in dozens of casualties and deaths.



The widespread contamination from explosive remnants of war, the growing threat from Improvised Explosive Devices and the proliferation of weapons continue to be a constant safety threat to large parts of the Malian population, besides obstructing the delivery of humanitarian aid, freedom of movement, and efforts to stabilize and rebuild the economy.



With 5.9 million Malians in need of humanitarian assistance across multiple sectors, including 2.2 million who are food insecure, 3.5 million in need of protection and almost 400 000 internally displaced persons (HNO 2021), while Mali is 184th/189 on the HDI, Mali faces both a conjunctural and structural crisis with negative perspectives of evolution.

## WHAT WE DO:

DCA Mali seeks to build safer communities and contribute to social cohesion, resilience and peaceful coexistence in Central Mali.

- At the **individual level**, this is achieved by supporting vulnerable individuals through the provision of Explosive Remnants of War & Small Arms and Light Weapons Risk Education, livelihood projects and cash grants to improve their ability to cope with the effects of armed violence and enhance their economic resilience.
- At the **community level**, DCA supports and builds the capacity of local civil society organizations, so these networks can effectively represent their members, identify and prevent safety concerns and protection issues, and engage with local authorities.
- At **regional and national levels**, DCA works with CSOs to facilitate their involvement in decision-making processes and their implementation of policies and activities that tackle protection and safety issues.

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## HOW WE WORK:

DCA in Mali applies a **holistic approach** linking programmatic pillars with cross-cutting themes to work towards a coherent, integrated, impact-focused, regional and cross-border response.

### Humanitarian Mine Action

**Objectives:** Strengthen national NGOs on HMA activities, Improve people's safety, basic rights and socioeconomic development, Prevent risks of injury or death, Provide emergency assistance.

**Activities:** Capacity building and provision of training on Explosive Ordnance Risk Education and first aid, Non-Technical Surveys, psychosocial support, medical referrals and coverage of costs, individualised socioeconomic support.

**Supported populations:** Local partners, community focal points, victims of explosive ordnance and small arms/ light weapons related accidents, children, youth, men and women from host and internally displaced communities.

### Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding

**Objectives:** Strengthen and foster networks within and between communities; Identify common ground for peaceful coexistence, action planning and access to resources, Promote community resilience.

**Activities:** Capacity building and provision of training on conflict and gender sensitivity analysis, community action planning, conflict prevention, non-violent communication, dialogue facilitation, advocacy.

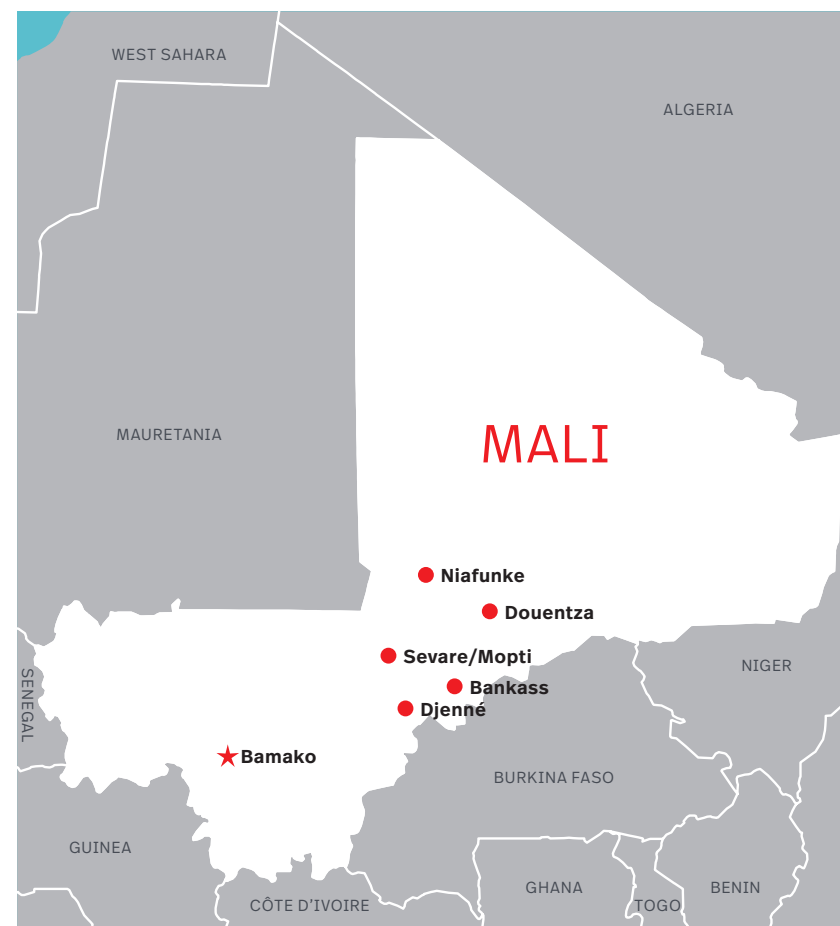
**Supported populations:** Local partners, community leaders, civil society organisations, local authorities, youth, women and vulnerable groups.

### Food Security and Livelihoods

**Objectives:** Strengthen national NGOs on FSL activities, Improve people's basic rights and socioeconomic development, Build community resilience, Provide rapid response assistance.

**Activities:** Capacity building and provision of training on climate change adaptation techniques (agroecology), natural resource management, sustainable and resilient agropastoral livelihoods and businesses, multipurpose cash distributions, community loans.

**Supported populations:** Local partners, rural farmers and herders, youth-led and women-led cooperatives and businesses, vulnerable households from host and displaced communities.



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