

Building a Cadre of Experts in Routine Health Information

Improving data quality and use for sound decision making

Good data management provides Mali evidence for meeting health needs.



Building a professional pathway from the ground up

MEASURE Evaluation

provides tools, research, training and mentorship, and strategies to help countries improve their health information systems and the data they contain to guide country planning for improved health.

Where Data Start

Routine health information systems (RHIS) are the origin of health data. Facilities collect client data accessible to district and national levels, where health planning occurs.

Where Mali Stood

Mali had no in-country RHIS training institutions or career path for people working with routine data.

Need

- Lack of people skilled in managing the RHIS challenged health system performance.
- Lack of RHIS resources and tools to support data collection, analysis, and use—essential for decision making.

Support

- MEASURE Evaluation began in 2015 to support Mali's RHIS.
- MEASURE Evaluation and the University of Bamako School of Medicine's School of Public Health began in 2017 to discuss providing in-country training on RHIS.

What happened

- Initially planned as a short course, high demand after the first round led to creating a two-year, regionally recognized degree program.
- A training for trainers revealed needed course revisions.
- 31 people were trained, creating a pool of RHIS experts in Mali.

RHIS-competent faculty and trainers

A demand for the course from Mali and other countries

Strong relationship with MOH and the University for future capacity