

Current data helps Mali track health services and performance

Health data — in time, accurate, and complete for Mali



Population health statistics are a reliable basis for Mali's health planning.

How Mali Solved the Issue of Late Health Statistics

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provides tools, research, training and mentorship, and strategies to help countries improve health information systems—plus mobilizes donor resources where needed.

Challenges

- Yearbooks arrived too late for planning
- Not enough financial resources
- Data housed in multiple, unlinked systems
- Need for multiple yearbooks, both regional and national

What was done

- February agreed to as a hard deadline for yearbooks
- Hypertext links facilitated data extraction from multiple sources
- Maps and graphics added for data visualization
- Regional yearbook development workshops and standardized production

Results

- Draft yearbooks produced with compiled data from local and national disease surveillance and other health data—plus indicator analysis of performance by health sectors
- Final validation, printing, and dissemination in time for planning

Going forward

- Mali benefits from established agreements on how to produce annual statistical yearbooks
- Health data producers will work jointly to compile, review, interpret, and exchange data every year.

Inform:
smart decisions

Suggest:
program scale-up

Guide:
allocation of scarce resources