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PROMISAM

PROJECT TO MOBILIZE FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVES IN MALI

(Projet de Mobilisation des Initiatives en Matière de Sécurité Alimentaire)

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PROJECT SUMMARY

In September, 2004, USAID/Mali took a major step to support the Malian government's efforts to strengthen sustainable food security. In response to a request from the Malian government, the Mission worked with Michigan State University to design a project to provide technical support to the Malian Food Security Commission (*Commissariat à la Sécurité Alimentaire*, or CSA) in the Office of the President.

The resulting Project to Mobilize Food Security Initiatives in Mali—PROMISAM (*Projet de Mobilisation des Initiatives en matière de Sécurité Alimentaire au Mali*)—began in mid-September, 2004. Its objective is to help support Mali implement its new national food security strategy, or SNSA. Initially financed for one year by USAID/Mali's Accelerated Economic Growth program, PROMISAM is implemented by Michigan State University through the Food Security III Cooperative Agreement. PROMISAM had three objectives during its first year:

- Provide advice and capacity development services to help establish the coordination and technical advisory bodies charged with implementing the SNSA. PROMISAM particularly emphasized (a) helping the newly created *Commissariat à la Sécurité Alimentaire* (CSA) in the Office of the President strengthen its analytic and operational skills and (b) working with CSA to help *communes* (townships) and *cercles* (counties) in the Gao and Sikasso regions to develop their own local food security plans.
- Help develop an integrated and vibrant Malian national food security plan. At the same time, help build the analytical capacity of the CSA and its local partners to develop local action plans and performance monitoring plans.
- Create and strengthen a food security documentation center at the CSA.

Key indicators of PROMISAM's success during the year 2004-2005 include:

- The Malian government, through the CSA, reaffirmed that achieving *long-term, sustainable* food security is *the* central objective of Mali's development strategy.
- All key implementing entities for the SNSA at the national level were established and are functional, as well as all regional and local entities in the Gao and Sikasso region.
- The CSA successfully began implementing elements of SNSA aimed at building long-term, structural food security while simultaneously managing a very severe food crisis during 2004/05.
- All 24 communes and 4 *cercles* in the Gao region completed draft 5-year local food security action plans. 152 communes and 24 *cercles* in the Sikasso region are currently completing their local plans.
- 843 local participants (188 women and 655 men), including all mayors in the Gao and Sikasso regions, took part in 3 days of training on the concept of food security and its use as an analytic framework for guiding local development efforts. These participants then returned to work with their local communes and *cercles* to develop the local food security action plans.
- The CSA, with strong input from PROMISAM, produced a revised National Food Security Plan (PNSA), which has been endorsed by the Malian government, donors, and Malian civil society.

- The CSA developed and adopted a set of food security performance indicators and a strategy for their regular updating.
- The CSA's Documentation Center is functional, including its website (www.csa-mali.org), which was officially inaugurated in August 2005 by President Amadou Toumani Touré.

Full details of PROMISAM's activities and copies of all its key reports are available at the project's website, http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/index.htm .

Based on its performance during 2004/05, USAID/Mali, in consultation with the CSA and MSU, have extended PROMISAM's funding through September 30, 2006 and broadened its scope of activities. During 2005/06, PROMISAM will (a) extend support for the development of local-level food security plans to the communes and *cercles* in the regions of Kidal, Tombouctou, Mopti and Kayes; (b) help strengthen the CSA's food security monitoring capacity (including feeding key indicators into the regional SAKSS), (c) reinforce the CSA's Communication and Information Service's outreach efforts through further strengthening of the Documentation Center and work with local journalists to improve their understanding of food security issues, and (d) work with the market information service (OMA) and the early warning system (SAP) to improve the timeliness and quality of their publications on the food situation in Mali.