

Walaikum Project

Funded by USAID, the Mali Walaikum project for conflict mitigation and peace building is implemented in the regions of Tombouctou, Gao, and Kidal.

Goal of Project

The primary goal of Walaikum is to create a sustainable network of peace agents who will influence the behaviors of key actors in northern Mali to promote and choose peace.



Project Activities

- ✓ Identification of key players (women and youth associations, community leaders, religious leaders, USAID-supported community radio)
- ✓ Training key players on their roles and responsibilities in conflict mitigation and peace building
- ✓ Facilitation of information & sensitization workshops on project activities by key players
- ✓ Organization of peace debates via community radio
- ✓ Organization of exchange and awareness meetings in project target communities
- ✓ Organization of peace discussions on community radio & during religious services
- ✓ Organization and facilitation of 12 peace days at 12 targeted project communes
- ✓ Development and implementation of 21 micro-projects funded by the project in three regions

Significant Results

- 3,742 community members recruited by the Walaikum project in 2010
- 3,170 community members trained in conflict mitigation & peace building
- 109 religious and community leaders trained in conflict mitigation & peace building
- 233 public activities and education events promoting conflict mitigation and peace building have been initiated at the community level
- 5,896 people have participated in conflict mitigation and peace reconciliation activities and educational events at the community level
- 1,355 people from at-risk groups have been affected by conflict mitigation and peace building project activities
- 6,825 youth have participated in community development around conflict mitigation and peace reconciliation
- 75 nongovernmental and community-based organizations have been strengthened in the areas of conflict mitigation and peace reconciliation
- 22 radio personalities from 12 project-supported stations have been trained
- 380 programs on conflict mitigation and peace have been produced and disseminated by women, youth, religious leaders, and community radio stations
- 253,450 people live in areas covered by radio programs that support the peaceful resolution of conflict
- 97 religious and community leaders trained in the dissemination of peace and conflict mitigation messages via community radio
- 1,251 community members have participated in cultural peace building days
- 46 CBOs create of community plans for conflict mitigation and peace building
- 21 micro-projects implemented by 14 women's & 7 youth groups affected by conflict
- 65% of women & youth affected by conflict have increased income-generation powers



Walaikum Project: Strategic Axis of Intervention

