**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
- 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

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