

Key results

In 2016-2017, Canada continued to support Mali's national health policies and implementation plans to improve access to quality health services. For example, Canada contributed to improvements in maternal health indicators such as the rate of births attended by qualified personnel. The rate has increased from 26% in 2012 to 53% in 2015.

In 2016-2017, Canada supported immunization programs that increased immunization coverage rates against tetanus and diphtheria (Penta 3). The programs were targeted to children under the age of one in Mali's Sikasso, Ségou and Kayes regions. Immunization coverage rates resulting from these programs increased from 87% in 2012 to 90% in 2015.

Canada contributed to economic growth in Mali by supporting agricultural production and the processing and marketing of agricultural products. Through various projects in 2016-2017, Canada helped develop an additional 4,500 hectares of irrigated land and produce 23,800 metric tonnes of cereals, including 16,000 metric tonnes of rice. These projects helped produce 15,000 metric tonnes of market garden crops as well. In 2016-2017, Canada also contributed to the more than 457,000 women receiving microcredit services in rural Mali.



In 2016-2017, Canada continued to support the quality of, and access to, primary and preschool education and vocational training in Mali. Between 2014 and 2017, Canada's contribution to education helped to increase enrolment by nearly 289,000 students (46.6% of whom were girls and women). This increased the number of first cycle primary schools by 3.8% and the gross enrolment ratio from 60.5% to 66.7%. During the same period, the completion rate for girls at the first-cycle primary level increased from 64.8% to 82.4%. This indicated that more girls are enrolled in school and stay longer than before.

In 2016-2017, Canada supported UN-led efforts to advance implementation of the peace process, and professionalize and reform Malian security services. These efforts also helped extend state authority and stabilize conflict-affected regions of the country. Canadian initiatives in Mali are helping to:

- foster dialogue;
- connect populations to the government;
- deliver essential services; and
- lay the foundations for a durable and inclusive peace.