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Right To Play in Mali

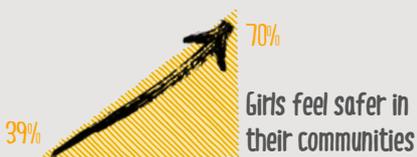


Right To Play in Mali works with government, civil society organisations, communities, teachers, and parents to improve access to quality play-based education, protect children, promote gender equality and address challenges they face in their communities.

Since 2002, we have made a significant impact by integrating play-based learning into the national curriculum through strategic collaboration with the Ministry of National Education.

We have supported children and youth in building social-emotional skills and psychosocial well-being through play. More than 400 teachers and principals from grades 1 to 6, including persons with disabilities, have been trained in inclusive and gender-sensitive teaching methods for reading. We lead with play, using it as a powerful tool to help thousands of children in Mali overcome adversity, and have become recognised leaders in both play-based learning and education.

Right To Play is a global organization that protects, educates, and empowers children to rise above adversity using the power of play. We work with children in some of the most difficult and dangerous places on earth to help them to stay in school and graduate, resist exploitation, overcome prejudice, prevent disease and heal from the trauma of war.



The number of girls reporting feeling safer in their communities increased from 39% to 70% after the implementation of our child protection programme.



The number of children reporting child labour in their community decreased from 83% to 35% after our programme.



Fewer children were punished physically at school. 91% of teachers were able to keep order in their classrooms without resorting to corporal punishment.



Strategic Ambition

Our 2024-2026 strategic plan focuses on two thematic areas:



Primary Education



Psychosocial Well-Being

During this period, we are committed to strengthening children's learning, well-being, and social-emotional development through gender-sensitive, play-based approaches in primary schools. We also provide play-based psychosocial support to improve the overall well-being of children and young people—especially in fragile and crisis-affected settings. We do this through:

- ✓ Train teachers to help children affected by conflict resume their education;
- ✓ Help girls claim their rights and challenge harmful social and gender norms;
- ✓ Empower parents and educators to support their children's early learning and development through play;
- ✓ Provide psychosocial support to children in emergency situations;
- ✓ Document and share lessons learned on how play promotes learning and well-being;
- ✓ Work closely with governments, education stakeholders and local organisations to reach more children and young people.

Achievements worth celebrating...



Community-based organisations (CBOs) have demonstrated a growing and influential role in promoting quality, inclusive and gender-sensitive education in the project's areas of intervention.



Educational alternatives have been introduced to reintegrate 338 out-of-school children, including 169 girls, into the formal education system.



Teachers and instructors at our partner schools and Early Childhood Development Centre report that the Play-Based Learning method allows children to connect their knowledge to their life experiences while developing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.



School canteens have increased retention for 3,314 children affected by displacement, including those with disabilities, by providing hot meals and a safe and protective learning environment.



More than 60,335 children, including those with disabilities, regularly take part in recreational activities that promote inclusive education and emotional well-being.



Technical services at the national and local levels are equipped with tools for the protection and prevention of child labour in artisanal mines.

Where we work



Current Projects

- EMPOWER
- Femme Enfant des Communautés Minières Artisanales (FEMA)

Mali Country Office

Bamako, Missabougou, Route de 3ème Pont, at the intersection following the Total petrol station, 30 metres maximum on the right.

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