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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

A&E	Architectural and Engineering
AQIM	Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb
AU	African Union
COP	Chief of Party (AECOM)
CR	Country Representative (OTI)
DDGS	Direct Distribution of Goods and Services
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EM	Engagement Manager
FY	Fiscal Year
GATIA	Groupe autodéfense touareg Imghad et alliés
GNI	Global News Intelligence
GUC	Grant Under Contract
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MINUSMA	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali <i>Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation au Mali</i>
MNLA	National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad <i>Mouvement National pour la Libération de l'Azawad</i>
MTI	Mali Transition Initiative
MUJAO	Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa <i>Mouvement pour l'unicité et le Jihad en Afrique de l'Ouest</i>
NAG	Northern armed groups
OTI	Office of Transition Initiatives
PAT-Mali	<i>Programme d'Appui à la Transition du Mali</i>
PMU	Program Management Unit
RPM	Regional Program Manager
SFAM	Senior Finance and Administration Manager
SOM	Senior Operations Manager
SOW	Scope of Work
STTA	Short Term Technical Assistance
TAP	Transition Activities Pool
UN	United Nations
UNHCR	United Nations High Council for Refugees
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In January 2013, USAID/OTI launched the Mali Transition Initiative (MTI), also known as, Programme d'Appui à la Transition du Mali (PAT-Mali), to help support the transition to democracy and long-term development. In line with the rapidly evolving situation in Mali and in support of U.S. Government's foreign policy objectives, USAID/OTI's overall goal is to assist Mali in finding a peaceful resolution to the conflict. OTI's objectives in support of Mali's transition have evolved over the life of the project to reflect changes in Mali's political landscape, and include:

- Increasing the supply and demand for a peaceful resolution to the conflict;
- Restoring a sense of normalcy in strategic areas in the North;
- Countering violent extremism through inclusion of marginalized communities.

During Fiscal Year 2015, MTI largely achieved its country objectives, notably with the signing of a Peace and Reconciliation Agreement between the Malian Government and the armed groups, which put a formal end to more than three years of conflict. A total of 102 new activities were cleared in FY2015, bringing the total funding commitment to over 10 million USD.

COUNTRY SITUATION & POLITICAL UPDATES

The most significant political event of Fiscal Year 2015 was the signature of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement in Mali by the Malian government and armed groups on June 20th, 2015. Some of the critical political and security events which had a significant impact on the Malian context include:

- Oct 2014
 - Third round of negotiations in Algiers between the Malian government and the armed groups.
 - First case of Ebola confirmed in Mali: a two-year girl from Kayes dies shortly after having recently returned from Guinea.
- Nov 2014
 - Fourth round of negotiations in Algiers.
 - Two new cases of Ebola confirmed in Bamako. Prominent private clinic Pasteur shuts down after a doctor and a nurse are found to have been contaminated, sparking panic in the capital.
- Dec 2014
 - Malian health authorities contain the Ebola epidemic, and only eight cases were declared total.
- Feb 2015
 - A fifth round of peace negotiations began in Algiers on February 16th. All parties sign a new ceasefire agreement on February 19th.
- Mar 2015
 - On March 1st, the Algerian government presents a final Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for signature by all parties. The Malian Government, the pro-Mali armed groups and the international community immediately initial the 30-page document, but the CMA expresses the need to consult their base before doing so.
 - On March 17th, following consultations held in Kidal and despite intense diplomatic pressure, the CMA declares that the March 1st Agreement does not meet their expectations and therefore refuses to move forward.
- Apr 2015
 - Pro-Mali armed group GATIA seized the town of Menaka from the CMA, in full breach of the existing ceasefire.
- May 2015
 - CMA conducts several retaliatory attacks throughout northern Mali, including in the towns of Lere, Dire and Goundam.
 - The Malian Government organizes a first grandiose signature ceremony of the Peace Agreement in Bamako on May 15th, with several heads of state in attendance. The CMA remains absent.

- Jun 2015
 - In Algiers on June 5th the CMA and the government sign a new ceasefire agreement as well as a security arrangement to resolve the situation in Menaka.
 - In Bamako on June 20th the CMA and the Malian government sign the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement in Mali, officially putting an end to more than three years of conflict.
- Sep 2015
 - Local elections, initially scheduled for October 25th, are postponed due to ongoing insecurity and lack of progress in the implementation of the peace agreement.

BUDGET INFORMATION

December-15	Amount Approved	Amount Spent To Date	Balance
Operations (Including TAP Fees)	\$12,592,263	\$10,029,720	\$2,562,542
TAP	\$10,550,000	\$8,433,811	\$2,116,188
Total	\$23,142,263	\$18,463,531	\$4,678,731
Percentage Operations	54%	54%	20%
Percentage Activities	46%	46%	20%

In September 2015, MTI received an increase in funding of \$1,792,263, thereby increasing the total program obligation from \$21,350,000 to \$23,142,263. This incremental funding was entirely allocated to cover operations costs (including TAP Fees) up until February 2015. It is expected that a final obligation will be required to cover the remaining costs of close-out.

During FY2015, MTI was able to significantly raise its monthly TAP expenditures, while keeping Operations costs under control. The program spent a total of \$5,160,187.94 in TAP, for a monthly average of \$430,000, while keeping Operations costs at a monthly average of \$337,000.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

In FY2015 MTI invested primarily to increase the supply and demand for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. The program translated the Agreement into the 13 national languages, recorded it for radio audiences, and printed and distributed over 40,000 copies of the document. The program also put pressure on armed groups to sign the Peace Agreement through a series of pro-Mali rallies throughout the Timbuktu and Gao Regions, efforts which were heralded by Mali's President. In an evaluation of the program's activities undertaken in support of the peace process, external consultant Andrea Barbosa wrote:

“PAT-Mali's activities were successful in addressing these issues and ultimately achieved its overarching goal. With a large information campaign and the support to the MNR, PAT-Mali was able to increase the supply of information and build an informed populace. As the supply of peace documents and the content explanation increased, the information campaign gained ground across the country. Communities began to engage in informed dialogue about the peace process rather than defaulting to violence; ethnic and social divisions began to mend; and a unified message of peace began to resonate in most regions. As the population became more informed and understood the contents of the accords, it became more supportive of the peace process and finding a peaceful negotiated solution. Consequently, PAT-Mali helped amplify the individual demands from the communities, and successfully took them from the grassroots level to the national stage. The result was a stronger unified national demand for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.”

MTI also continued investing in its Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) pilot program in Gounzoureye Commune of Gao. Its community approach to CVE gathered significant international

attention with US Ambassador Samantha Powers discussing the work of consultant Zineb Benalla and the book club activity (MTI170) in a speech at the UN Security Council. The program also made significant progress on its infrastructure activities, with signature projects such as Douentza High School and Gao Independence Plaza now completed.

ACTIVITY APPRAISAL & UPCOMING AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES

MTI cleared **20** activities valued at **\$865,444** during the July to September 2015 period, for a total of **102** activities valued at **\$4,059,938** for FY2015. These results for FY2015 are broken down by objective in the below table. A total of **221** activities have been committed from the inception of the program through September 2015.

OBJECTIVE	NUMBER	AMOUNT USD
To counter violent extremism through inclusion of marginalized communities	18	\$847,741
To increase the supply and demand for a peaceful resolution to the conflict	60	\$2,005,665
To restore a sense of normalcy in strategic areas in the North	24	\$1,206,533
Total	102	\$4,059,938

FUNDING SOURCE	NUMBER	EST ACTIVITY AMOUNT USD	DISBURSEMENTS
CCF	42	\$1,859,450	\$1,616,899
DA	9	\$339,471	\$211,585
ES OCO	13	\$596,306	\$263,731
TI	38	\$1,264,711	\$617,455
Total	102	\$4,059,938	\$2,709,669

As of September 30th, 2015, the total funding available for program activities is **\$10,550,000**, out of which **\$10,326,668** is already committed. The remaining activity funds, **\$223,332**, will require careful management to ensure that they can meet last minute demands from the US Mission and be implemented in a timely manner.

OBJECTIVE I: INCREASING THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT

In FY2015 the program implemented 60 new activities aimed at increasing the supply and demand for peace in Mali. Under DDGS activities MTI162 alone, the program translated the Peace Agreement documents in 13 national languages, and printed and distributed over 40,000 hard copies of the Agreement to the Malian Government, civil society groups, the UN Mission and local authorities throughout Mali. The program also recorded the text of the Agreement in all languages, aired it on radio stations, and developed radio dramas to explain the contents to the Malian people (MTI163). The program worked with civil society to organize over 100 events throughout the country to explain the contents of the Peace Agreement, including with JCI (MTI207) and the Platform for Peace (MTI155, MTI189, MTI190). The program also supported local civil society organizations throughout Timbuktu and Gao regions to organize a series of 11 massive rallies in favor of the Peace Agreement, as a means to push the armed groups to sign.

The program continued its partnership with the Ministry of National Reconciliation, funding a \$250,000 communication campaign on the peace process (MTI203) that included a large scale Caravan which toured the southern regions of Mali to explain the contents of the Peace Agreement to the population.

Throughout FY2015, the Platform for Peace (the #Ensemble campaign) consolidated its organizational development, becoming an autonomous structure with its own board of directors and internal rules and regulations (MTI142). In parallel, MTI supported the creation of a think tank, Think Peace, through a series of capacity building activities (MTI099, MTI196). This new organization was quickly able to implement a series of activities, notably a training course for civil society leaders in Gao (MTI253) and a high profile debate on the role of the UN Mission in Mali (MTI265).

In the last quarter of FY2015 the program partnered with UNHCR to deliver 20,000 hard copies and 2,700 USB keys containing the Peace Agreement document to refugee camps in Mauritania, Burkina Faso and Niger (MTI260).

The program also identified a new programming opportunity in the town of Menaka (pop. 12,000), located 300 km east of Gao Town. In April 2015, the pro-Mali militia GATIA seized Menaka from the hands of the CMA, in full breach of the existing ceasefire agreement. This action prompted a violent reaction of rebel groups and threatened the signature of the Peace Agreement. After further negotiations in Algiers, GATIA accepted to leave Menaka in the hands of MINUSMA, paving the way for the signature of the Peace agreement on June 20th. The departure of armed groups from Menaka offered the possibility to restore the authority of the Malian government as well as basic services in a town that had been left without functioning water and electricity since 2012.

MTI conducted two scoping missions in Menaka, and quickly cleared three activities valued at \$396,140: the rehabilitation and upgrading of Menaka's Aadar radio station (MTI251), a cash-for-work activity (MTI252) as well as the re-equipment of the town's electricity production and distribution systems. This last activity is seen as critical by all stakeholders in Menaka, including the UN Mission, which supports the program by offering flights to staff and consultants.

OBJECTIVE 2: RESTORING A SENSE OF NORMALCY IN STRATEGIC AREAS IN THE NORTH

Under this country objective, the program was able to clear and implement several new small-scale construction activities, including the rehabilitation of Gao Independence Plaza (MTI151), the re-equipment of radio stations in the towns of Goundam (MTI204), Dire (MTI205), Ansongo (MTI180) and Gossi (MTI183), as well as the restoration of water service in Gossi (MTI178) and N'Takhaka (MTI157). AECOM greatly improved the efficiency of its procurement mechanism over FY2014, allowing for faster implementation of these infrastructure projects.

Following the signature of the Peace Agreement, MTI also identified in the last quarter of FY2015 the opportunity to start implementing new activities in the town of Ber, a village which had been at the heart of the conflict in Timbuktu and was previously too insecure to approach. As a form a peace dividend benefiting the entire population of this strategic location, the program cleared a grant to rehabilitate two wells in order to increase the availability of water (MTI254).

Under this objective, MTI also continued supporting the Timbuktu Renaissance initiative, with the production of a short film in English, French and Arabic. These films intended to leverage support for the initiative and increase awareness of the pivotal role that culture plays in countering violent extremism (MTI184). Timbuktu Renaissance succeeded in attracting actor Morgan Freeman to narrate the English version, thereby significantly raising the profile of this film. In the last quarter of FY2015, MTI supported the design and launch of a multilingual website (MTI256), as well as the travel of Timbuktu Renaissance member Salif Niang (MTI262) to New York the present the short film during events organized on the margins of the UN General Assembly.

OBJECTIVE 3: COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM THROUGH INCLUSION OF MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

During FY15, consultant Zineb Benalla was invited to participate in several high profile international conferences and events on CVE, including the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism in February 2015, a US Institute of Peace workshop on community-based approaches to

CVE in July 2015 in Washington, DC, and the Global Youth Summit Against Violent Extremism, as well as the Leaders' Summit on Countering ISIL and Violent Extremism in New York in September 2015 on the margins of the UN General Assembly. Her participation in those last two events received US and international press coverage.

In the fourth quarter of FY2015, MTI continued to implement activities aimed at breaking the isolation of reformist communities in Gounzoureye commune, notably a cash-for-work activity for women, as well as a meeting of 400 youth, including youth leaders from Gao Town, on the island of Kadji-Darsalam.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

In FY2015 the MTI program spent considerable efforts in consolidating its monitoring and evaluation strategy at the activity level, expanding the use of its activity hotline, 13 activities made use of it for evaluation purposes. A total of 1,015 phone surveys were administered by two hotline agents.

In order to better understand the impact of its pilot CVE activities in Gao Region, the MTI program invested in a social network analysis (SNA), through two grants (MTI173 and MTI174). A local survey firm, under the supervision of American PhD candidate Jake Cramer, administered over 2,500 surveys in Gounzoureye's 13 villages in February 2015. The SNA aims to examine the impact of social networks on the opinions of individuals on key topics of interest, such as women's rights, security, and religious conservatism. A second round of data collection, planned for October 2015, will evaluate any changes in perceptions and attitudes over time, and capture the potential impact of the MTI programming in Gounzoureye.

Over the past year the program also evaluated two of its activity clusters, using third party consultants: the Ensemble Nous Sommes Un Peuple (or Platform for Peace) Campaign and the Peace Process. The evaluation of the #Ensemble Campaign, which covered 20 activities totaling \$681,220 found that the cluster delivered the right pro-peace message at the right time in a way that increased and fortified a strong network of civil society organizations. The Peace Process cluster evaluation, which reviewed 52 activities, concluded that the program successfully and increased both the supply of information on the peace process, and the demand for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

In the first quarter of 2016, MTI will complete its final cluster evaluation with a third party look at the CVE activities in Gao Region. This will pave the way for the final program evaluation in January 2016.

MANAGEMENT CHANGES & HUMAN RESOURCES CHALLENGES

FY2015 saw some shifts in the staffing of the MTI program in Mali. In December 2014 Olivier Girard, previously Operations Manager (OM) and RPM, assumed the role of Chief of Party, and Raven Smith was recruited as OM. In May 2015, both the Timbuktu RPM Michael Kauder and the Senior Finance and Administration Manager Alpha Koroma announced their intention to leave the program. The Gao RPM Alejandro Carnero now assumes the leadership of both the Timbuktu and Gao field offices, and local Finance and Accounting Manager (FAM) Jean-Pierre Diallo, who has been with the program since the Mali Regional Option program in 2013, initially replaced Mr. Koroma.

With the program close-out scheduled for March 2016, the program has begun experiencing the challenge of retaining its local staff. In the last quarter of FY2015, three Bamako-based professional staff members left for longer-term positions with other programs, including the FAM Jean-Pierre Diallo. The program reorganized its Finance Department by promoting Compliance Officer Dicko Traore to the FAM position, and promoting Finance Specialist Aminata Kone to a Finance Officer position. As a mitigation measure, the program also requested and obtained permission from USAID to offer all local staff members an end of program retention bonus of 2% of employees' gross total base salary received over the course of their employment provided that they remain with the project through the end of their contract. In September, the program has also begun offering English language classes to its local staff.

ANNEX A: ACTIVITIES CLEARED BY COUNTRY OBJECTIVE

ACTIVITY NUMBER	ACTIVITY TITLE	AWARDEE	EST ACTIVITY AMOUNT USD	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
Increasing the supply and demand for a peaceful resolution to the conflict						
MTII42	Organizational Development Support to the Platform for Peace	The Platform for Peace	\$27,711	Closed	2014-12-10	2015-10-30
MTII43	Boosting Ministry of Reconciliation ICT Capacity through STTA	STTA ICT Consultant	\$31,169	Cleared	2014-10-15	2015-10-13
MTII49	Supporting Effective Ministry of Reconciliation Communications through STTA	STTA Communications Consultants	\$68,050	Cleared	2014-10-06	2015-11-06
MTII55	Creating Momentum for peace: public debates for Women on the Peace Process	Ensemble Nous Sommes Un Peuple Platform	\$19,780	Closed	2014-11-07	2015-02-11
MTII56	National Radio Debates on the Peace Process	DDGS - Studio Tamani Synchronized Radio Debate	\$13,737	Closed	2014-11-05	2015-01-12
MTII59	Cash for Work Herder-Trail Demarcation Activity in and around Lere Town	Sous-Prefecture of Lere Commune	\$46,737	Closed	2014-11-28	2015-05-21
MTII61	Empowering Platform Discussions around Peace Agreements	The Platform for Peace	\$11,236	Closed	2014-11-26	2015-05-08
MTII62	Translation, Printing, and Recording of the Peace Agreement	DDGS for Peace Accords Dissemination	\$253,428	Closed	2014-11-28	2015-09-30
MTII63	Radio Messages for Communication about the Peace Agreement	DDGS for Peace Accords Dissemination	\$58,843	Closed	2015-01-01	2015-07-31
MTII64	Increasing Civil Society Demand for Peace through the Bamako Press	The Platform for Peace	\$1,933	Closed	2014-11-21	2015-03-30
MTII76	Support to Celebration of Peace Concert in Bamako	Festival au Desert	\$59,224	Closed	2015-01-30	2015-02-24
MTII87	Promoting Social Cohesion by Increasing Supply of Positive Radio Drama Programs	DDGS - Radio drama production and distribution	\$154	Cancelled	2015-03-10	2015-12-31
MTII89	Informal debates about the peace agreement during women gathering "Ton"	AFLED, FENACOF-MALI, FBN, JCI-MALI	\$18,254	Closed	2015-03-21	2015-06-30
MTII90	Youth public debates on peace agreement	Ensemble Nous Sommes Un Peuple Platform	\$29,977	Closed	2015-03-04	2015-05-21
MTII91	Exposition of the Platform for Peace at the festival on the Niger	The Platform for Peace	\$6,451	Closed	2015-01-29	2015-03-09
MTII96	Think Tank Training for Civil Society Leaders	DDGS - Arab Center for Scientific Research	\$39,764	Closed	2015-02-16	2015-04-30
MTI202	Building the Ministry of National Reconciliation's Social Media Presence	Ministry of Reconciliation	\$5,794	Completed	2015-02-23	2015-08-31
MTI203	Communication Campaign on Peace Agreement	Ministry of National Reconciliation	\$235,286	Closed	2015-02-27	2015-07-31
MTI207	Increasing Civil Society Support for the Algiers Peace Process	Youth Chamber of Mali (JCI)	\$42,404	Closed	2015-03-09	2015-05-14

ACTIVITY NUMBER	ACTIVITY TITLE	AWARDEE	EST ACTIVITY AMOUNT USD	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
MTI208	Increasing Civil Society Support for the Algiers Peace Process in Gao Region	DDGS - Local authorities	\$19,097	Closed	2015-03-09	2015-04-30
MTI209	Civil Society Event in Support for the Algiers Peace Process	Conseil Regional des Jeunes de Gao	\$28,502	Closed	2015-03-20	2015-04-10
MTI210	Study of Kidal	DDGS - NAVANTI	\$34,322	Closed	2015-03-23	2015-04-24
MTI211	Research Support to Cluster Evaluations	Andrea Barbosa	\$33,000	Cleared	2015-07-21	2015-12-31
MTI212	Mass Rally in Ansongo in Support for the Algiers Peace Process	Conseil de la Jeunesse de Ansongo	\$15,672	Closed	2015-03-27	2015-04-10
MTI213	Leveraging Support for the Algiers Peace Process in Timbuktu Ville	DDGS - Conseil Local de la Jeunesse de la Commune de Tombouctou	\$3,478	Closed	2015-03-27	2015-04-08
MTI214	Leveraging Support for the Algiers Peace Process in Goundam	Goundam Local Youth Council	\$5,689	Closed	2015-03-30	2015-04-08
MTI217	Mass Rally in Bourem in Support for the Algiers Peace Process	Conseil Local de la Jeunesse de Bourem	\$17,340	Closed	2015-03-30	2015-04-10
MTI218	Leveraging Support for the Algiers Peace Process in Niafunke	Niafunke Local Youth Council	\$8,290	Closed	2015-03-30	2015-04-08
MTI219	Leveraging Support for the Algiers Peace Process in Dire	Dire Local Youth Council	\$6,248	Closed	2015-03-30	2015-04-08
MTI220	Leveraging Support for the Algiers Peace Process in Lere	Lere Local Youth Council	\$6,358	Closed	2015-03-30	2015-04-08
MTI221	Leveraging Support for the Algiers Peace Process in Gourma-Rharous	Gourma-Rharous Local Youth Council	\$7,236	Closed	2015-03-30	2015-04-08
MTI222	Rally in N'Tillit in Support for the Algiers Peace Process	Conseil de la jeunesse pour Ntillit	\$17,028	Closed	2015-04-01	2015-04-10
MTI223	Rally in Gossi in Support for the Algiers Peace Process	Conseil Communal des Jeunes de Gossi	\$6,766	Closed	2015-03-31	2015-04-10
MTI224	Increasing Student Support for the Algiers Peace Process	Ministere de l Enseignement Superieur et de la Recherche Scientifique	\$9,657	Closed	2015-04-23	2015-05-08
MTI225	Civil Society Discussion on Peace Agreement with Minister of Foreign Affairs	JCI Bamako Elite	\$3,997	Closed	2015-04-24	2015-07-15
MTI226	Diplomatic offensive for Peace Agreement by Malian Women in Nouakchott	Association Alcarama	\$0	Cancelled	2015-04-24	2015-05-31
MTI227	Caravan and Rally in Gao in Support for the Algiers Peace Process	Conseil Regional des Jeunes de Gao / Woman Leaders Association	\$19,171	Closed	2015-04-27	2015-07-30
MTI228	Rally in Tessit in Support for the Algiers Peace Process	Conseil Communal des Jeunes de Tessit	\$11,928	Closed	2015-04-24	2015-05-15
MTI233	Civil Society Organizations calling for an immediate ceasefire	DDGS - Civil society organizations	\$1,354	Closed	2015-05-28	2015-06-30
MTI235	Civil Society Candlelight Vigil in Support of the Peace Process in Timbuktu	Timbuktu Regional Youth Council	\$659	Closed	2015-06-17	2015-06-20
MTI238	Caravan and Rally in Support for the Peace Process in Timbuktu Town	Conseil Regional de la Societe Civile de Tombouctou	\$11,858	Closed	2015-06-13	2015-06-13

ACTIVITY NUMBER	ACTIVITY TITLE	AWARDEE	EST ACTIVITY AMOUNT USD	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
MTI240	Increasing Women Support for the Algiers Peace Process in Timbuktu	Coordination des Associations et ONG Féminines du Mali	\$6,409	Closed	2015-06-12	2015-06-16
MTI241	Civil Society Candlelight Vigil in Support of the Peace Process in Bamako	JCI	\$9,788	Closed	2015-06-15	2015-06-20
MTI242	Civil Society Candlelight Vigil in Support of the Peace Process in Gao	Conseil Regional des Jeunes de Gao / Woman Leaders Association	\$2,300	Cancelled	2015-06-17	2015-06-20
MTI243	Promoting the Peace Agreement in Timbuktu Region at the village level	Groupe d' Action pour Barrer la Voie a l' Injustice	\$65,411	Cleared	2015-06-29	2015-09-30
MTI244	Connecting Grass-Roots Leaders with Policymakers	DDGS	\$1,223	Closed	2015-06-26	2015-07-06
MTI246	Leveraging Traditional Malian Cultural Ties to Mediate Conflict	GINNA DOGON x	\$4,038	Closed	2015-07-08	2015-07-31
MTI247	Creating Momentum for Peace accord implementation through TV Show Maxi Vacances	Ensemble Nous Sommes Un Peuple Platform	\$21,922	Closed	2015-07-23	2015-09-30
MTI248	Promoting the Peace Agreement in Gao Region at the village level	Association Malienne des Droits de l'Homme	\$64,746	Cleared	2015-07-29	2015-10-31
MTI251	Rehabilitation and Upgrading of Menaka's Aadar Radio Station	Radio Aadar Menaka	\$70,176	Cleared	2015-07-27	2015-12-31
MTI253	Gao Summer University : Role of Civil Society Organizations	Think Peace	\$6,408	Completed	2015-07-28	2015-08-31
MTI255	Activities Support Hotline phase III	DDGS	\$12,411	Cleared	2015-09-01	2016-01-31
MTI256	Production of Timbuktu Renaissance Website and Digital Publishing Platform	DDGS - Timbuktu Renaissance Action Group	\$95,000	Cleared	2015-07-31	2015-12-31
MTI257	Carnival for Peace and National Reconciliation in Bamako	SIDA-FOOT	\$67,730	Cleared	2015-08-07	2015-10-19
MTI258	Equipping Menaka's Electricity Distribution Network	Mairie de Menaka	\$247,983	Cleared	2015-09-10	2016-01-31
MTI259	Promoting Positive Attitudes For Peace in Mali Through Radio	Search For Common Ground	\$35,578	Cleared	2015-08-24	2016-01-31
MTI260	Printing and Distribution of Peace Agreement to Refugee Camps	DDGS for Peace Accords Dissemination	\$38,683	Cleared	2015-08-20	2015-09-30
MTI262	Supporting Timbuktu Renaissance Presence at the UN General Assembly	DDGS - Timbuktu Renaissance Action Group	\$8,723	Cleared	2015-09-03	2015-09-30
MTI264	Civil Society Youth Debate on Role of the UN Mission in Mali	Think Peace	\$8,809	Cleared	2015-09-21	2015-10-05
MTI265	Independence Day Concert in Bamako to Promote the Peace Process	Ensemble Nous Sommes Un Peuple Platform	\$744	Cleared	2015-09-21	2015-09-22
Total			\$2,005,665	60		
Restoring a sense of normalcy in strategic areas in the North						
MTII 46	Reading and Debate Clubs in Timbuktu Region High Schools	Academie Enseignement (AE) de Tombouctou	\$85,671	Cleared	2014-10-08	2016-01-31
MTII 51	Rehabilitation of the Independence Plaza in Gao	Gao Town Council	\$242,848	Cleared	2014-12-01	2015-10-31

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MTII53	Logistical Support for Regional Economic Development Conference in Timbuktu	Timbuktu Regional Council	\$17,915	Closed	2014-10-28	2014-12-10
MTII57	Rehabilitation of the Water System in the village of N'Tahaka	Village Council of NTahaka	\$50,280	Closed	2014-12-01	2015-07-31
MTII58	Support for Camel Race and Traditional Festival in Goundam	Goundam Urban Commune and Ras El Ma Mayors Office	\$13,518	Closed	2014-11-28	2015-10-31
MTII60	Timbuktu Social Cohesion Storytelling Pilot Activity	Réseau des Communicateurs Traditionnelles pour le Développement	\$4,944	Closed	2014-11-28	2015-03-30
MTII67	Support of Inter-community debates among women in Ansongo town	Mouvement des Femmes pour la Paix	\$29,915	Closed	2014-12-10	2015-01-06
MTII68	Conference and Commemorative ceremony for the Ansongo crisis committee members	Ansongo Prefect	\$4,947	Closed	2014-12-01	2014-12-29
MTII69	Rehabilitation of the water and electricity systems of Ansongo high school	Ansongo Cercle Local Government	\$52,624	Cleared	2014-12-10	2015-11-30
MTII75	Riverside Festival Series	Timbuktu Regional Council	\$50,980	Closed	2014-12-29	2015-03-30
MTII78	Repairs to Gossi Water Supply System	Commune rurale de Gossi	\$34,801	Closed	2014-12-29	2015-05-21
MTII80	Rehabilitation and Upgrading of Ansongo's Koukia Radio Station	Radio Aadar Koukia	\$45,150	Cleared	2015-01-10	2015-09-30
MTII82	Emergency Repairs to the Ansongo Ferry	Bourra commune and Tessit commune	\$17,563	Closed	2015-02-01	2015-11-30
MTII83	Rehabilitation and Upgrading of Gossi's Radio Station	Gossi Bohanta Radio Station	\$90,818	Cleared	2015-01-22	2015-09-30
MTII84	Production of Timbuktu Renaissance Short Film	DDGS - Timbuktu Renaissance Action Group	\$30,000	Closed	2015-04-10	2015-08-31
MTII88	Promoting social cohesion through Cash for work in Ansongo	Ansongo Commune Mayor	\$69,351	Closed	2015-02-02	2015-05-14
MTII99	Network of Leaders and Activity for Reconciliation in Bourra	Bourra Commune	\$9,492	Closed	2015-03-04	2015-07-15
MTI201	Rehabilitation of the Harber Maiga Cultural Center in Niafunke (Completion)	Direction Régionale de la Culture de Tombouctou	\$80,276	Cleared	2015-02-23	2015-10-31
MTI204	Restoring FM Radio Service in Goundam Cercle by Renovating Radio Jimba-Bodo	Radio Jimba-Bodo	\$64,715	Cleared	2015-03-23	2015-11-15
MTI205	Restoring FM Radio Service in Dire Cercle by Renovating Radio Diiri	Radio Diiri	\$66,715	Cleared	2015-03-23	2015-11-15
MTI245	Meeting of leaders and forum for Reconciliation in Ouattagouna	Mairie de Ouattagouna	\$15,250	Cleared	2015-07-10	2015-10-30
MTI249	Practical training for women beneficiaries of the Timbuktu Peace Garden	Timbuktu Urban Commune	\$7,263	Closed	2015-07-27	2015-09-30
MTI252	Promoting social cohesion through Cash for work in Menaka	Mairie de Menaka	\$77,981	Cleared	2015-07-27	2015-09-30

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MTI254	Rehabilitation of Two Water Wells in Ber	Ber Rural Commune	\$43,518	Cleared	2015-07-27	2015-12-31
		Total	\$1,206,533	24		
Countering violent extremism through inclusion of marginalized communities						
MTII37	Survey of Gao Madrasa Education Facilities	Centre de Animation Pedagogique de Gao	\$21,003	Cleared	2014-11-01	2015-09-30
MTII47	Youth Reconciliation Initiative in Goundam Cercle	Club de la Jeunesse du Monde	\$17,230	Closed	2014-10-15	2015-01-31
MTII50	Rehabilitation of Women's Market Garden in the ultra-conservative Kadji area	Dar-Al-Salaam Neighborhood in Kadji Village	\$16,985	Closed	2014-11-03	2015-08-20
MTII54	Network of Leaders and Activities for Reconciliation in Gounzoureye	Gounzoureye Rural Commune	\$109,917	Cleared	2014-11-15	2015-11-05
MTII70	Reading and Debate Club in Gounzoureye	Gounzoureye Rural Commune	\$48,906	Cleared	2014-12-23	2015-12-18
MTII72	Research on the "Reformist" Movement Along the Niger River	DDGS to Navanti	\$59,857	Closed	2014-12-15	2015-02-27
MTII73	Social Network Analysis Consultant	STTA Consultant	\$50,635	Cleared	2014-12-10	2015-12-31
MTII74	Local Firm to Support Gao Social Network Analysis	DDGS - Social Network Analysis Local Firm	\$60,000	Cleared	2015-01-06	2015-11-30
MTII79	Dialogue Tour for Kaji Youth Leaders	Gounzoureye Rural Commune	\$13,675	Closed	2015-01-01	2015-02-04
MTII81	Women's awareness campaign on social cohesion along the Niger River	Mouvement des Femmes pour la Paix	\$32,042	Closed	2015-01-12	2015-05-30
MTII94	Promoting social cohesion through Cash for work in Gounzoureye	Gounzoureye Rural Commune	\$78,515	Cleared	2015-05-01	2015-10-31
MTII95	Seminars on the Economics of Liberty for Civil Society Actors	DDGS - Arab Center for Scientific Research	\$81,950	Cleared	2015-03-03	2016-01-01
MTI230	Youth Community Center in Gounzoureye	Gounzoureye Rural Commune	\$90,852	Cleared	2015-05-25	2015-12-31
MTI231	Theater Competition for Young Women in Gounzoureye	Gounzoureye Rural Commune	\$55,816	Cleared	2015-05-25	2015-10-31
MTI232	Empowering Gounzoureye Women through Multifunctional Platforms	Gounzoureye Rural Commune	\$74,350	Cleared	2015-06-01	2015-11-30
MTI236	Participation of Zineb Benalla to Countering Violent Extremism Events	STTA Consultant Zineb Benalla	\$17,357	Cleared	2015-06-05	2015-09-16
MTI239	Empowering women of Kaji-Darsalam through cash-for-work	Dar-Al-Salaam Neighborhood in Kadji Village	\$13,169	Cleared	2015-06-15	2015-10-30
MTI261	Youth Conference in Kadji Village	Youth Association of Kadji-Dar Salaam	\$5,481	Cleared	2015-09-07	2015-10-15
		Total	\$847,471	18		

ANNEX C: SUCCESS STORIES



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USAID/OTI: Radio Rehabilitation for access to information on time reduced community conflicts in Ansongo.



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Following the occupation of the town of Ansongo in Gao Region in 2012, the community radio station of this city was ransacked and looted by violent extremists. Since then, the radio had been unable to play a role in passing along critical information on the post-conflict situation, security, and inter-ethnic conflict. In order to allow the radio to resume its role as a key provider of news in the area, the Mali Transition Initiative (MTI) supported the community radio with a much needed rehabilitation. The rehabilitation allows the radio to increase its broadcast hours from four to fourteen hours per day, and extend transmission range up to 65km.

According to the director of programming, "The station just prevented a conflict in the nearby village of Mozonga where rumors were threatening to incite two clans to violence. Once the radio was alerted to the problem, we sent a reporter to get the facts from the Sub-Prefect and to diffuse it on the radio. Both clans came to thank to radio for this work."

In addition, the increased airtime has allowed the station to add new shows, including a show based on Mali's tradition of "joking cousins", which plays on cultural inter-connectedness of all Malians. The emission seeks to rebuild social cohesion by including a call-in portion which allows callers to air grievances and request forgiveness for wrongs committed during the 2012 occupation.

Finally, as the peace process advances in fits and starts and the security situation remains fluid, the radio can provide real-time information to the citizens of Ansongo, "The radio plays an important role during times of insecurity, above all in addressing rumors about the security situation. I can stay home and become informed about the real situation, and plan my travels accordingly," reported one Ansongo trader.

To ensure longer-term support to the radio, MTI also supported the station in becoming affiliated with the Hirondelle Foundation's Studio Tamani project which seeks to build professional capacity and self-sustaining community radios in Mali.

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Restoring an Important Public Space in Gao: Rehabilitation of Independence Plaza



Independence plaza of Gao. Photo by Yaya Bouare



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During Mali’s 2012 conflict, Gao saw some of the most intense fighting as extremists attempted to expand territorial control throughout the north. The city’s main public space, Independence Plaza, was center stage for this struggle as the site of violent repression by Islamic extremists, as well as pro-peace marches by citizens opposing their control. The rehabilitation of the plaza, completed with the support of the Mali Transition Initiative (MTI), aims to provide a public symbol of the city’s recovery and to restore this space to its positive civic use.

According to Gao resident Said Hassan, “When I see this place, it reminds me of a moment during the occupation when the terrorists cut off the hand of someone accused of theft here, and showed it to the crowd to warn them. But this rehabilitation – it will allow the population of the city, especially the youth, to forget those bad days.”

When the project began, Gao youth were skeptical of any intervention on the important plaza, “At the beginning of the construction, the youth of Gao thought that they might build something in this area that would prevent us from undertaking our daily activities here, but by the end of the work we realized that the construction will actually improve things and we’ll meet here more often” said Maiga, a young basketball player.

The rehabilitation, which includes installation of covered meeting spaces, an improved basketball court, and creation of gardens and walkways will provide a meeting space for young and old alike in Gao for years to come, and help to erase the memories of the days when violent extremists terrorized citizens.

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