

# Mali takes deliberate steps to improve health information

## Measuring Improvements in the Routine Health Information System



Assessing and improving health data systems enables better outcomes.

## How a Performance of Routine Information System Management (PRISM) assessment guided Mali's strategy

### MEASURE Evaluation

provides tools, research, training and mentorship, and strategies to help countries improve their health information systems (HIS) and guide health planning.

### Need

When routine data are lacking or are not used, services are lower-quality, disease prevention and control are weak, and skilled staff and medicines are not where they are needed most. Health suffers.

### Intent

In 2013, the project supported Mali to conduct a study to develop evidence of gaps and challenges in its HIS and recommendations for improvement. The findings guided Mali's steps to strengthen its HIS.

### Process

1. Map HIS stakeholders.
2. Develop costed plan.
3. Customize DHIS2 platform.
4. Train trainers to train users.
5. Mentor users; sustain data use.
6. Provide guidance and continue quality assessments.

### Result

In 2018, a second assessment showed major accomplishments in data accuracy at the service level, data completeness and timeliness in reporting, a functioning system integrated from the local to the national level, and suggestions for improvements.

Integrated health information tells the whole story.