

## Foreword

The Stabilization & Recovery section (S&R) supports the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG), Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Coordinator in his responsibilities to lead the United Nations' contribution to Mali's reconstruction efforts. The section is integrated with the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator and facilitates synergies between MINUSMA, the UN Country Team and other international partners.

Through this monthly bulletin, we will start providing regular updates on stabilization & recovery developments in the north of Mali. The intended audience is the section's main partners including MINUSMA military and civilian components, UNCT and international partners.

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## Donor Coordination and Partnerships

**1.** On 19<sup>th</sup> of February, the technical committee of the "*Commission Réhabilitation des Zones Post-Conflict*" (CRZPC) jointly chaired by MINUSMA and France, held its technical meeting to revitalize the work of the Commission.

The meeting approved the amended TOR of the CRZPC and reviewed a draft work plan to be submitted to a ministerial level meeting scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Recovery & Stabilization section is working with France and the Ministry of humanitarian affairs and reconstruction of the North to prepare the upcoming high-level meeting.

The CRZPC was created in 2013 by donors in order to ensure coordination and coherence of interventions, share information and analysis and facilitate strategic and operational direction to post-conflict reconstruction priorities.

- "Commission Réhabilitation des Zones Post-Conflict" revitalized
- Final Brussels Conference follow-up meeting held in Bamako
- Preliminary findings of a study on the socio-economic impact of MINUSMA in Mali
- Gao's Regional Stabilization & Recovery Plan approved
- More QIPs launched in northern regions

## Main Figures

**QIPs: 31 projects** completed and implemented for a **cost of USD 1,155,006.15** over a budget of **USD 3.9M** (MINUSMA funds)

**Peacebuilding Fund (PBF): 4 projects** started in 2015 for a **cost of USD 9,933,858**

**Trust Fund (TF): 1 project** completed and **4 projects** under implementation out of **13 projects** approved for a **cost of USD 8,683,034.79** over a budget of **USD 11,990,432.96** (Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, UK contributions)

**2.** On 17<sup>th</sup> of February, the final and **fifth follow-up meeting of the Brussels conference** under the co-chairmanship of the Government of Mali, EU and France took place with the objective to take stock of progress made since the first conference held in Brussels on 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 to support Malian reconstruction efforts.

It was noted that over 90% of pledges were honored by donors. Participants came up with a first and positive assessment of the implementation of the PRED 2013-2014 (*Plan pour la Relance Durable du Mali*) with critical progress made in the priority areas of governance, decentralization, social services and civil society.

Participants commended MINUSMA's continued commitment for peace and stability, as well as its efforts to facilitate donors' access to conflict affected zones. They also welcomed the OECD's proposal to host a post-Algiers conference in Paris as soon as a peace agreement is signed in order to mobilize donors' support to priority and catalytic projects in the North of Mali.

## Gao

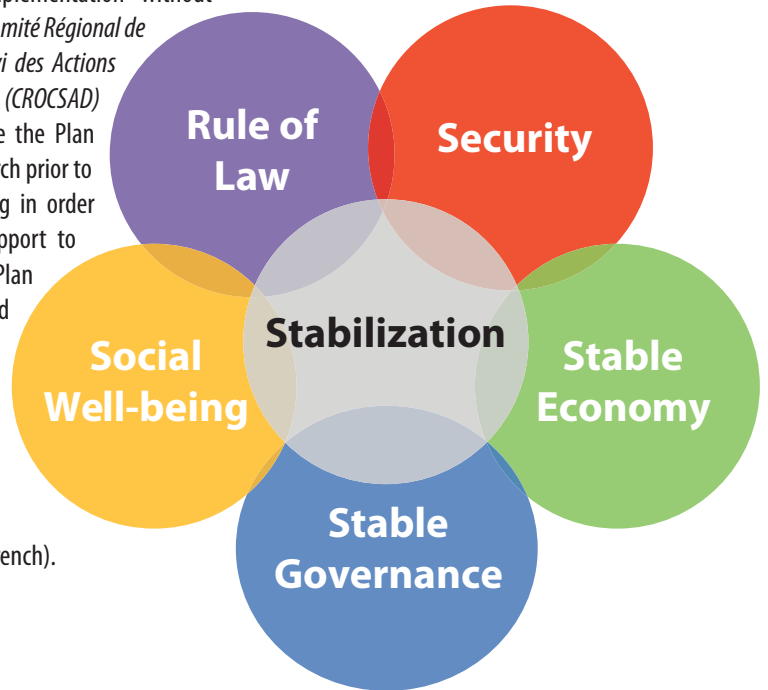
### 1. 2 QIPs were launched in Gao Region.

On 19<sup>th</sup> of February, S&R together with the *Direction Régionale de l'Administration Pénitentiaire et de l'Éducation Surveillée (DRAPES)* launched a QIP to improve the prison's security infrastructure in Gao, including the construction of a perimeter wall around the prison and a training component for the guards and prison staff. This QIP complements efforts already made by ICRC and UNDP to improve the overall detention conditions at the prison.

On 20<sup>th</sup> of February, during a MINUSMA joint mission to Ansongo, S&R Gao inaugurated a QIP project that donated a generator to the *Centre de Santé* of the city.

2. On 30<sup>th</sup> of January, the Senior Management Group of MINUSMA approved the **Regional Stabilization & Recovery Plan for Gao** and encouraged its implementation without further delay. The *Comité Régional de Coordination et Suivi des Actions de Développement (CROCSAD)* in Gao will validate the Plan in the month of March prior to its official launching in order to ensure wide support to its objectives. The Plan has been drafted through broad consultations with civil society, local authorities, INGOs, UNCT, and donors.

Read more [here](#) (in french).



## Timbuktu

1. On 5<sup>th</sup> of February, S&R, along with MINUSMA's Civil Affairs Division and FAO, participated in an equipment reception ceremony at the *Direction Nationale des Productions et Industries Agricoles (DNPIA)*, as official launch of the QIP entitled "Sensitization and materialization six cattle crossings on Horo Lake Project" before transportation of the material in Tonka, Timbuktu Region. DNPIA has been commended for its interface role between local authorities and United Nations, MINUSMA and FAO for their commitment on a project bringing concrete answers to intercommunity tensions and climate change.

As the project is about to unfold on Lake Horo, the Tonka Rural Commune already started awareness-raising actions with local communities.

Read more [here](#) (in french).

2. From 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of February, S&R took part in a **joint mission to Timbuktu led by OCHA** with the participation of IOM and UNDP. The mission objective was to assess the operational and structural challenges facing humanitarians, local government and development actors operating in the region and the way emergency and stabilization/transition activities are implemented in view of the prevailing security constraints.



3. On 24<sup>th</sup> of February, the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Handicrafts conducted to Timbuktu an important delegation including the Director of National Heritage, European Union representative, Swiss Cooperation and UNESCO.

This mission paid a visit to Ben Essayouti, one of the 4 manuscripts libraries being rehabilitated within a QIP after conflict-related destruction, in presence of Timbuktu's Imam. The worship leader thanked UNESCO and MINUSMA (Environment and Culture Unit) for the initiative, reminding the importance of the manuscripts.

The Timbuktu Cultural Mission, the Director of National Heritage, traditional bricklayers, UNESCO (as technical supervisor), MINUSMA Environment and Culture and S&R sections, libraries' owner families, SAVAMA NGO and the architect in charge sit in the follow-up committee on this QIP. By mutual agreement, it was decided that the Ahmed Baba library will not be rehabilitated, but demolished and reconstructed.

Read more [here](#) (in french).

## Mopti

**1.** On 12<sup>th</sup> of February, S&R Mopti met with the **Head of Development Cooperation of the Swedish Embassy** and the Swedish Public TV. The Swedish Delegation was briefed on the prevailing security situation in the region, particularly deteriorating in the Tenenkou/Youwarou/Segou areas, and on the latest developments of the **Stabilization and Recovery Plan**. The Head of Development Cooperation expressed interest in the process leading to the adopted Plan and agreed with S&R to consider a donor/stabilization platform where stakeholders can be coordinated and harmonized. The Swedish Embassy representative expressed interest in meeting the S&R Section in MINUSMA HQ.

**2.** On 13<sup>th</sup> of February, rehabilitation of Douentza prison started. This **QIP** is undertaken by Justice & Corrections Division in Mopti for a budget amounting USD 40,000.

The prison is in very poor condition following recent lootings. The project aims to comply with minimum security standards by reinforcing cells and will improve living conditions for inmates and penitentiary staff with basic kitchen infrastructure and air circulation. The supply of office furniture and stationery, a computer, kitchen supplies and mattresses is also foreseen.

Read more [here](#) (in french).



*Douentza prison under rehabilitation*

## Kidal

Efforts to equip the only reference health centre of Kidal region with an electric generator are going ahead as S&R Kidal and the *Direction Régionale de la Santé (DRS)* were presented with the material delivered in Bamako on 13<sup>th</sup> of February. CIMIC is coordinating transportation with a private Malian operator and the generator has been shipped from Bamako on 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.

This critical **QIP** will help ensure the continuous provision of health services to the region's population.

## Trust Fund

On 24<sup>th</sup> of February, the **Trust Fund Project Review Committee** was presented a UNPOL project aiming at equipping 3 *Gendarmerie* squads with critical policing equipment (worth 161,265,000 FCFA). This project will be approved after revision suggested by the PRC.

The Mediation Unit presented another project, which is an extension of a previously TF-funded project supporting the mediation process since the Ouagadougou agreement. This new proposal will support the post-Algiers process. It will cover post-signature, peace agreement implementation activities in 2015 with a *Comité de Suivi*, supported by a MINUSMA-led secretariat, tasked to oversee the political and technical

aspects of implementation, interim security arrangements and confidence building measures, cantonment, DDR, SSR and ceasefire monitoring and management. An international follow-up mechanism and national public information campaign are also foreseen. The project was approved for a total cost of USD 657,000 to be taken from the Netherlands contribution.





## Timbuktu

-  - Rehabilitation and equipment of Timbuktu's Police Commissariat
-  - Rehab. of Brigades Territoriales de la Gendarmerie in Timbuktu, de Niafounké and Goundam (3)
- Rehabilitation and equipment of Timbuktu prison
  
-  - Extension of Timbuktu fish market
-  - Partial rehabilitation of lighting infrastructures to Timbuktu's Municipal Stadium
  
-  - Support to farmers of Timbuktu cerde for the agricultural campaign 2013-2014
-  - Timbuktu, Alafia, Salam
- Materialisation of 6 cattle crossings in Lake Horo pastoral space
- Building of a local products transformation unit for the *réseau* Nanay
  
-   - Rehabilitation of 4 libraries of manuscripts of Timbuktu
-   - Repairing and operationalizing of Timbuktu Town Hall Truck Tank for garbage collection
  
-  - Water well drilling in Amadia village
-  - Rehabilitation of the water well drilling system in Agouni
- Rehabilitation of the drinking water distribution pump at the Sahara School and of the water tank in Dozo neighbourhood of Gossi / of water tanks in Niafunké / in Eminefade (3)

## Gao

-  - Rehabilitation and equipment of the Brigade Territoriale de la Gendarmerie in Gao
-  - of the Police Commissariat in Gao
  
-  - Refurbishment of Sergilla Square
-  - Planning of Gao Corniche
- Reconstruction of 2 infrastructures for Energie du Mali in Gao
  
-  - Purchase of a generator for the Centre de Santé de Référence d'Ansongo
-  - Provision of a grinding mill to the Women Association GOMNI NAFA in Gao
-  - Provision of water pump to *Coopérative des planteurs et maraichers de Djidara* in Gao
-  - Support to the Association of Handicapped GOREY BEN for the production of liquid soap in Gao
  
-   - Equipment of the cultural radio station NAANAY in Gao

## Kidal







-   - Evacuation of garbage from the city of Kidal
  
-  - Purchase of a generator for the Centre de Santé de Référence de Kidal
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## Bamako

-  - Rehabilitation and equipment of the Section d'Investigation Judiciaire
-  - of the Brigade chargée de la protection des Moeurs et de l'Enfance in Bamako



As of 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2015

# of Projects by Sector and Region	Bamako	Gao	Kidal	Mopti	Tomb.	Tot.
  Public Infrastructures	-	3	-	-	2	5
  Agriculture and Production	-	3	-	-	3	6
  Environment and Culture	-	-	-	-	1	1
  Security and Justice	2	2	-	-	5	9
  Health	-	1	1	-	-	2
  Public Information	-	1	-	-	-	1
  Waste Management	-	-	1	-	1	2
  Water Management	-	-	-	-	5	5
<b>Tot.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31</b>

