

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 provide 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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- "Commission Réhabilitation des Zones Post-Conflict"'s 2015 plan approved
- Donors' retreat
- Meeting with Malian Forum of CSOs
- S&R briefed the High-Level Independent panel on Peace Operations visiting Gao
- Joint field missions in Timbuktu and Mopti
- More QIPs launched in northern regions and Bamako

Main Figures

QIPs: 35 projects completed and under implementation

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

Donor Coordination and Partnerships

1. France and MINUSMA-S&R played a crucial role in the process leading to the approval of the 2015 annual plan for the "**Commission Réhabilitation des Zones Post-Conflict**" (CRZPC), on 12th of March.

The Commission's work will pursue 3 objectives:

- Analyze and assess needs in terms of reconstruction and development, in order to define a common strategy of intervention
- Reinforce coordination of implemented actions
- Ensure consistency between modalities of intervention

More information on the donor community in Mali (in French): www.maliapd.org

2. The S&R section participated in the **donors' retreat** on 18th of March gathering heads of bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies, UN institutions with sector lead role including UNDP, UNFPA, OCHA and UN WOMEN, MINUSMA, and the Resident Coordinator Ad Interim.

Partners reviewed key messages to be used for political and policy dialogue with the Government of Mali, explored modalities for better programming in the North of the country and brainstormed for the 2015 donor work plan.

With regard to programme operations in the North of Mali, donors noted that Algiers peace talks will unleash opportunities to improve programme delivery and agreed to contribute to a comprehensive mapping of key programmes in the North and improve information sharing.

It was finally decided to hold a high level meeting with the Prime Minister and the donors' extended Troika on 2nd of April 2015 in order to convey the key messages agreed upon at the retreat.

3. On 31st of March, the Stabilization & Recovery section met with representatives of the **Forum des Organisations de la Société Civile au Mali (FOSC)**, to present MINUSMA's Stabilization and Recovery activities and explore collaborations on peace consolidation projects.

The meeting was chaired by the President of the FOSC and attended by 9 out of 13 thematic groups, each of these representing an umbrella of 20 CSOs. Participants thanked S&R for its will to exchange information and collaborate. Questions raised included clarification on the QIPs selection process, how S&R mobilize resources and how Regional Stabilization and Recovery Plans are articulated at cercle-level.

It was also agreed that a new meeting would take place in the upcoming weeks specifically on QIPs, in order to build FOSC members' capacity in the project submission process and to provide further details on the Project Review Committee.

For more information on the FOSC platform (in French): www.societecivilemali.org

S&R's presentation with the Forum of Civil Society Organizations in Mali.



Gao

1. On 20th of March, MINUSMA Gao inaugurated two QIPs sponsored by the Police component (UNPOL) for rehabilitation and equipment of Gendarmerie and Police posts in Gao, in presence of the Governor, representatives of the Director of the National Gendarmerie and Gao Gendarmerie and Police, MINUSMA's Police Commissioner and HoO. In his speech, the Gao Governor thanked MINUSMA for its efforts and stressed that the improvement of work conditions for Malian Defense Security Forces (MDSF) is key for peace and stability in Gao.

Read more (in French): <http://bit.ly/1D0Trag>



Timbuktu

1. From 9th to 13th of March, S&R Timbuktu carried out a **joint field mission** in 4 different cercles with UNDP and MINUSMA substantive sections (Justice & Corrections, Civil Affairs, UNPOL and Public Information Office). In Goundam cercle, the mission signed a MoU with NGO SAIB (*Sahélienne d'Appui aux Initiatives de Base*) on a QIP sponsored by the Civil Affairs Division setting an Elders Network for Peace and Social Cohesion throughout the cercle.

In Dire, Niafunké and Tonka cercles, ceremonies in presence of local and regional authorities and the deputy HoO Timbuktu marked effective launch of 3 QIPs sponsored by CAD and S&R, respectively: Nanay Women Network Unit for Food Processing, Water drilling extension and Materialization of 6 cattle crossings in Lake Horo pastoral space.

In all these places, S&R team also trained project holders and implementing partners on QIPs administrative guidelines and reporting tools and identified new projects: Water drilling rehabilitation in Tienkour *commune* and Transformation unit of local products for women in Soboundou *commune*.

2. On 17th of March, a four-member **delegation of the High-Level Independent panel on Peace Operations** appointed by the Secretary-General visiting Gao held discussions with the leadership of the regional office and also visited the Chinese and Dutch contingents.

S&R and the HoO briefed on the **Regional Stabilization & Recovery Plan**, which was met with interest, as well as the methodology used to develop it. S&R also supported the overall organization of the visit.

2. With the Mayor of Alafia and the Contractor, MINUSMA Civil Affairs Division, Security and Stabilization and Recovery sections visited on 22nd of March the QIP water project in Amadia (*commune* of Alafia), in Timbuktu cercle.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the level of the project implementation and report back on the quality of work in line with the MoU. People met on site expressed great satisfaction to get fresh water in the center of village.

Due to logistical problems, the work on the ground has been stopped since mid-March. This does not prevent from using the pipes and tapes installed for the population of Amadia. A more technical site visit will be planned upon arrival of Engineer in Timbuktu.

3. On 24th of March, Civil Affairs Division inaugurated rehabilitation and equipment activities of Timbuktu's prison, as part of a QIP.

Read more (in French): <http://bit.ly/1GS67Mu>



Mopti

1. S&R Mopti participated in the launch of a QIP in Tenenkou. The project will improve security, living and working conditions for guards and prisoners in the prison of Tenenkou through rehabilitation works and supply of equipment. Watch more (in French): <https://youtu.be/TG0auu01X24>



2. From 11th to 13th of March, S&R Mopti participated in a **joint three-day DDR/S&R mission to Mondoro** in the Douentza cercle to assess the presence of state authority, the community cohesion and the presence and effectiveness of socio-economic actors.

Economic activity in the area, particularly markets days, is negatively affected by regular attacks by armed bandits.

Increasing insecurity, impunity and mistrust among the communities are noticed by the population and local authorities. With only one INGO remaining and security forces hampered by lack of proper communication and transport means, the population thinks cohabitation and cooperation with formal security structures should be improved.

Bamako

2 QIPs have been inaugurated in Bamako, for the renovation of the *Brigade chargée de la protection des Mœurs et de l'Enfance* and the *Commissariat de Police* of Bamako's 5th district, on 16th of March. Both are implemented by the *Direction Générale de la Police Nationale* and sponsored by UNPOL.

Read more (in French): <http://bit.ly/1z19tX0>



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 ✔
- Security reinforcement of Gao Prison ✖
- 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

Mopti

- Rehabilitation and equipment of the Tenenkou Prison ✖
- Rehabilitation and equipment of the Douentza Prison ✖

Bamako

- Rehabilitation and equipment of the Brigade chargée de la protection des Moeurs et de l'Enfance in Bamako
- of the Police Commissariat in Bamako's 5th district
- of the Section d'Investigation Judiciaire ✖

As of 27th of Mar 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	3	3	-	2	5	13
Health	-	1	1	-	-	2
Public Information	-	1	-	-	-	1
Waste Management	-	-	1	-	1	2
Water Management	-	-	-	-	5	5
Tot.	3	11	2	2	17	35

