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# Mali

**Total area:**

1,240,192 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:**

14,517,176 (2009)

**Literacy:**

31%

**Official languages:**

French

**GDP (PPP) per capita:**

\$2,360 (2017 est.)

**Life expectancy:**

51 years

**Religions:**

90% Muslim, 5% indigenous beliefs, 4% Catholic, 1% Protestant

## Prayer points

**African radio station**

This landlocked state near the Sahara Desert is still a pioneer missions country, with two-thirds of the population unreached. There are less than 1% evangelical believers here and breakthrough has not yet been seen. In the middle of the bush a little two-room concrete building is being renovated with solar panels on the roof; there is no electricity for miles around. This will be a radio station aimed at reaching 10,000 people that haven't yet heard the good news of Jesus. Pray for many to respond as they hear the gospel for the first time. (Reach Beyond - December 2018)

**The Fulani**

Praise God that a well-known witch doctor, almost dying because of an infection in his jaw, gave his life to Christ and was healed. He is a walking miracle! Now he, his wives and his children and grandchildren are all walking with the Lord and, according to his pastor, they are the strongest believers in his church. Pray for more believers and more such miracles among the Fulani. (AIM International - January 2018)

**Slowly rebuilding**

One of the world's poorest countries, Mali suffered an inconclusive military coup in 2012 followed by French military intervention against Islamist fighters. Although civilian rule was re-established last year, a truce with Tuareg separatists in the north remains fragile. During the coup many Christian radio stations were destroyed, but now a process of rebuilding is slowly taking place. Pray for technical and radio production training taking place at an FM station in an Islamic area of Mali this

Easter. There is still great opposition to the gospel. (Reach Beyond - March 2014)

### **Resilience to drought**

For many, the name Timbuktu evokes a semi-mythical place which is a byword for remoteness. However, it's not so remote to be beyond God moving. TNT is an organisation working with communities in Mali to build resilience to drought. Droughts are a serious problem in Mali and when crops fail the implications can be life-threatening. People are often forced to take out loans to buy food but the costs can be astronomical and it's been known for farmers to hand over their next harvest to repay debts. Pray for the Lord to richly bless the work of TNT as they work to free people from reliance on loans. (Tearfund - September 2011)

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