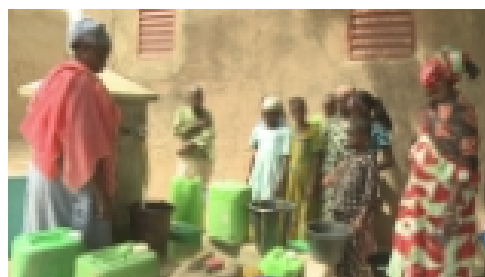


**EU Cooperation with Mali - water and irrigation projects in the area of Segou, Mali**

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In the village of Sassandengé, in the area of Segou, 235 km north east of Bamako, an EU-funded project has provided drinking water to 100,000 inhabitants of the region, bringing an end to waterborne (water related) diseases such as dysentery and diarrhea that had severe impact on infant mortality. In total, 550,000 people have received access to drinking water in Mali in the last five years thanks to a €40 million EU fund. The wells are equipped with counters. The cash paid by users supports the cost of maintenance of the water wells, pipes and tanks that were set up by the EU, thus supporting the long-term sustainability of this project.



This project has had a positive impact on the health and economic development of villages like Sasandengé, where solar panels and agriculture livestock are clear signs of economic prosperity. A few kilometers away, a network of 125 kilometers of new irrigation channels built with EU fund is nearly finished and will provide access to 1000 farmers and their families and also to 2500 hectares of fertile and irrigated farming land. This €28 million infrastructure project is 90% funded by the EU and other international agencies. More than a third of the Malian economy lays on farming, a sector that employs 80% of the Malian population. A similar existing network of channels irrigates 1000 hectares of farm land. The channel brings fertility to the soil and smiles on the faces of the children who use it as a pool. The EU is to sign a €225 million state building contract with Mali in Brussels on May 15th 2013, aimed at restoring constitutional order through the organisation of free and fair elections.

HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Title : EU Cooperation with Mali : water and irrigation projects in the area of Segou, Mali. (Donor conference for development in Mali, May 15th 2013	00:00:05
00:00:05	Wide view of Niger river	00:00:04
00:00:09	Wide view of Sassandengé village, near Segou	00:00:05
00:00:14	Wide shot of people in the village, woman with buckets	00:00:04
00:00:18	Wide shot of women by a well	00:00:07
00:00:25	Woman paying for water	00:00:07
00:00:32	Close shot of water counter	00:00:06
00:00:38	Woman passing cup with water	00:00:07
00:00:45	Nana Sako, President of the women of Sassandengé serves water	00:00:07

00:00:52	Soundbite of Nana Sako, President of the women of Sasandenge :« Now, there are no illness, no diarrhea. We have drinkable water, us the women to distribute, thanks to this project of the European Union. We are very happy because we have access to a lot of drinkable water. We drink well, we can Wash our pots with drinkable water, so we send you our blessings. »	00:00:24
00:01:16	Shot of women walking in front of a EU water tank	00:00:11
00:01:27	Shot of life in the village	00:00:05
00:01:32	Shot of life in the village	00:00:03
00:01:35	Shot of solar panels in the village	00:00:04
00:01:39	Travelling shot of shelter of workers in the surroundings of the village	00:00:06
00:01:45	General shot of donkeys grazing	00:00:05
00:01:50	General shot of fallow field	00:00:10
00:02:00	General shot of irrigation dam	00:00:06
00:02:06	Shot of the map of the irrigation project	00:00:10
00:02:16	Shot of Badian Traore, head of M'Bewani's agriculture chamber, Mali's EU delegation's chargé d'affaires Bertrand Soret and other officials.	00:00:06
00:02:22	Soundbite of Badian Traore, head of M'Bewani's agriculture chamber (in French) : « We stand here today proudly as we will irrigate 2500 hectares of land for the local population. This will increase the production and increase people's revenue. We are proud of this ! »	00:00:16
00:02:38	Shot of Bertrand Soret, Chargé d'Affaires of EU delegation in Mali talking to Malian expert and official	00:00:05
00:02:43	Soundbite of Bertrand Soret, Chargé d'Affaires of EU délégation in Mali (in English) : « Agriculture is one of the domains in Mali where there is a lot of potential. Mali is still striving to feed its population. You know, the climate of course is an issue but the soil is extremely fertile and with this kind of work we can give the possibility to produce even more and feed more adequately the population and to provide some revenue.	00:00:25

00:03:08	Soundbite of Bertrand Soret (close shot) :« We are going to launch what we call a state building contract so that would be state budget as it says in order to boost the finances of the transitional authorities and be able to respond to the immediate social needs.	00:00:14
00:03:22	Wide shot of channel and bridge	00:00:07
00:03:29	Children walking on the bank of the channel	00:00:06
00:03:35	Children swimming in the channel	00:00:08
00:03:43	Children swimming in the channel	00:00:07

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