

Thank you for supporting World Vision's work in Mali! Your generous support has helped three vulnerable communities within the Koro Area Development Project (ADP) area to increase access to safe, sustainable drinking water and encourage positive hygiene and sanitation practices for school children and community members. This project is in its second year.

Access to safe drinking water is an ongoing struggle for people in Mali, particularly in Koro. Only 56% of the population have access to safe drinking water. The rest collect water from contaminated sources, such as surface water and open wells.



Highlights



52 new boreholes were drilled in the communities and schools and 23 more existing ones have been repaired



110 masons have been trained in household latrine construction technology



142 hand washing facilities have been installed in 100 schools



404 members of Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH) committees now understand how water should be safely treated, stored and transported. They been able to pass on this knowledge, plus healthy hygiene and sanitation practices to more than 11,200 community members.



3,726 students have been educated on safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices





Heading

Proper sanitation and hygiene education can be largely contribute to positive behaviour change, especially in schools. Michel, the director of one of the schools in the area, says:

"The WASH clubs are now well organised, regularly monitoring each club member. At school, all students wash their hands every day before going to class - personal cleanliness has become their habit. Transport and water storage containers are all closed. This is why students have improved their health, and there has been a decrease in frequent illness. We now see less children absent from school now. We hear that some students educate their parents to practice the same healthy habits. Really, words fail me to congratulate and thank World Vision and our communities. This WASH project has allowed us to overcome one of our greatest challenges."



Achievements

Increased access to sustainable, safe water

- **104** sites (2 sites per borehole) have been selected in collaboration with community and school leaders
- 48 water sample tests were conducted in the laboratory
- 9 mechanised water system feasibility studies have been conducted in the communities. These studies will determine the level of access to drinking water.

Increased access to improved sanitation

- **16** sites have been selected to implement sanitation activities
- **60** pieces of construction material have been purchased for building school latrines
- 39 demonstration latrines have been constructed in communities

Improved hygiene knowledge and practices

 269 teachers have been trained on the prevention of diarrheal diseases as well as good hygiene and sanitation practices

Empower communities and schools to carry on WASH work

- 50 WASH clubs have been established in local schools
- **142** local volunteers have been trained in hand pump maintenance



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