



**MALI HEALTH**

# Helping communities lead

Your 2017 Annual Impact Report

“ Mali Health is not like other NGOs. When others come, they have their programs, they want their results and when they depart, everything stops. But with Mali Health, we are consulted and instead of funding, they offer skills that help you evolve your services. This is what I like about their work—even outside the scope of health, these skills can help you in any context. These skills allow you to identify a problem’s root causes.

*Dr. Karamoko Diallo, Medical Director at the community health center in Lafiabougou, on the continuous quality improvement methods that Mali Health teaches*



2017 was an important year for Mali Health, as our collaboration with communities in Mali widened and deepened. Everything you read within this report was made possible by you—dedicated supporters who know that to improve maternal and child health in Mali, we must help communities lead. Together—communities, the Mali Health team, and people just like you—we are transforming maternal and child health in Mali.



## 2017 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

### REVENUES

BY SOURCE		
	Individual Donors	\$ 159,999
	Foundations	\$ 204,737
	Corporations	\$ 28,902
	Subcontracts	\$ 191,098
	Other	\$ 168
	<b>Total Revenue &amp; Support</b>	<b>\$ 584,904</b>

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### EXPENSES

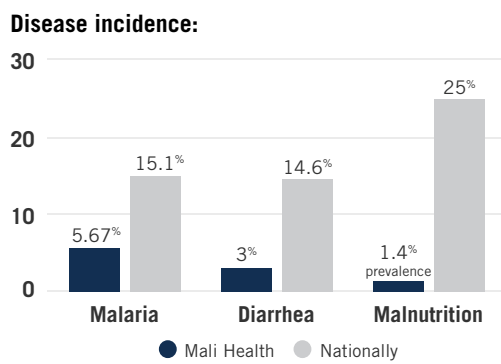
BY CATEGORY		
	Program Services	
	Action for Health	\$ 138,147
	Saving for Health	\$ 62,614
	Quality Improvement	\$ 87,811
	Post-Ebola CDC Project Djomi	\$ 152,223
	Mali Operations	\$ 61,330
	Management & General (US)	\$ 39,639
	Fundraising (US)	\$ 21,773
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 563,537</b>



# Helping mothers and children access healthcare

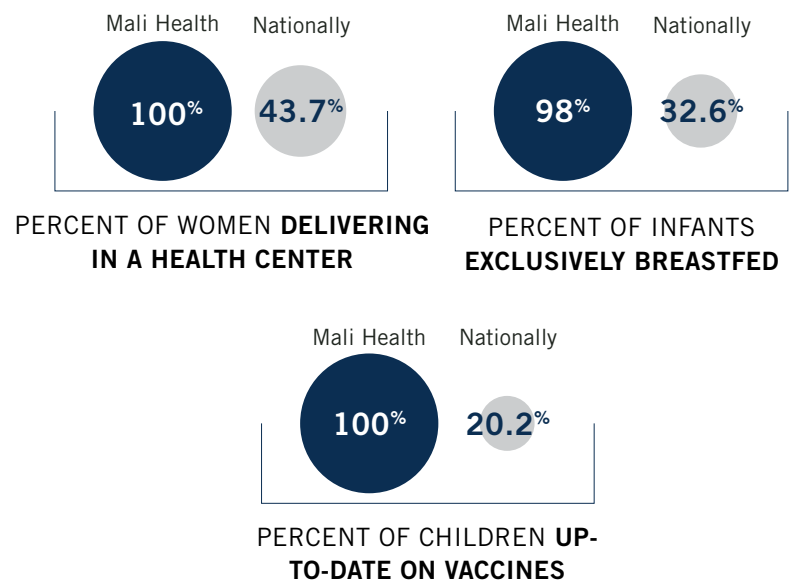
The data is clear. When well-trained community health workers provide health education and rapid referral to health centers, mothers and children are healthier.

For another year, our community health workers **did not lose a single mother or child in their care.** Thanks to your generous support, together we have eliminated maternal and child mortality among the poorest families for over four years.



Now, we are working on what is next. We want to ensure that life-saving community health workers are available to mothers and children not only while we provide them, but permanently. While we continue serving the poorest mothers and children, we will work with our partners to transition this proven approach into the local health system.

## Completion of essential healthcare:



*“What is very special about my community health worker is that when my children get sick, even if it is very late at night, he will come to our house and accompany us to the health center. This is very important to me.”*

—Awa and Bintou

# Innovative health financing, led by women

Across Bamako, nearly 5,000 mothers are transforming the way that women access financial resources and pay for their families' healthcare.

Since 2013, we have helped women gather together and share their funds. They are making interest-free health loans available to thousands of families, which is making healthcare affordable and accessible. In fact, the percentage of women seeking healthcare within 24 hours—a key strategy for preventing mortality—rose by 225% in 2017.

By the end of the year, the women in their community savings groups had saved over \$50,000, from which members are able to borrow to pay for healthcare or to

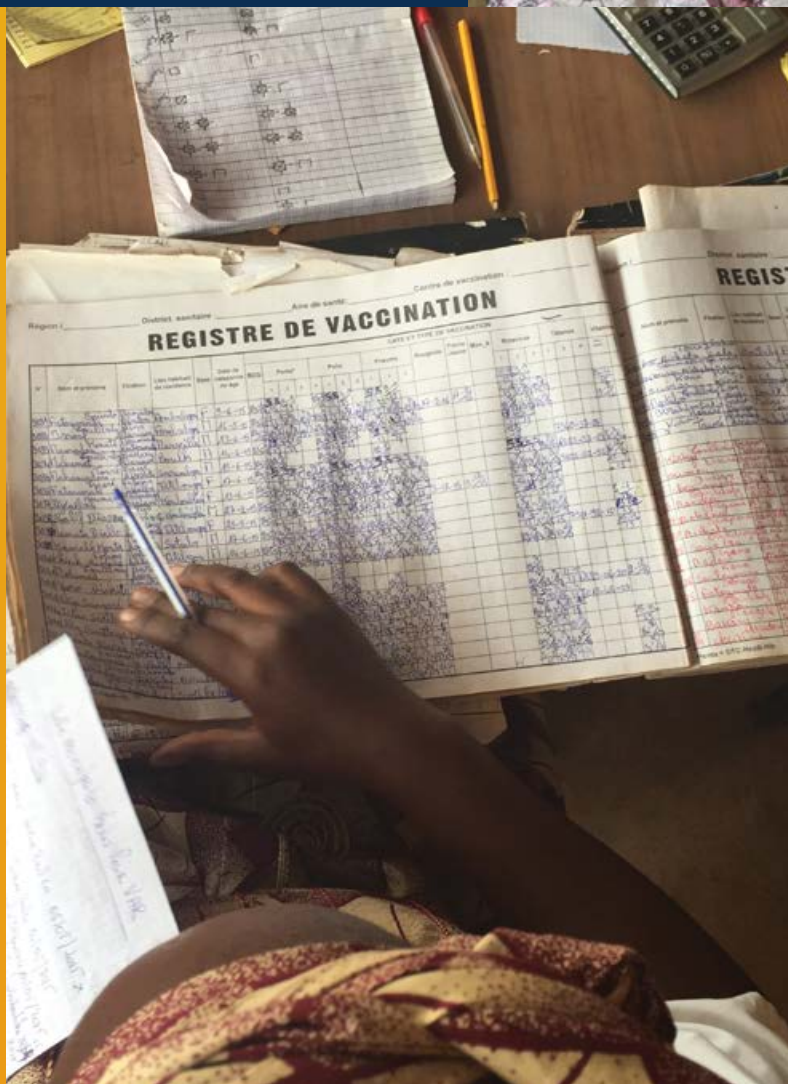
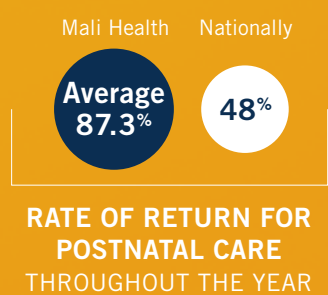
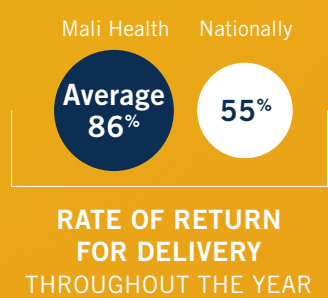
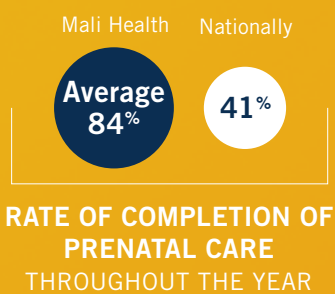
pursue opportunities that will boost their income. **They have proven that when women come together in their communities—they can be an amazing force for change.** Moving forward, we will work with women to leverage the funds they are saving to extend the impact it is able to have on their families' health.



*“Whenever there is an emergency or urgent medical need, the women [in my savings group] know to come to me to get a health loan because the money belongs to all of us. I really enjoy being president of this group because we are all women, we all help each other and we all work together.”*

—Sokona, president of her savings group in Lassa

## 2017 Statistics



# Improving the quality of community healthcare

The heart of the primary care system in Mali is the community health center. It is essential that they function efficiently and effectively so they can deliver the highest quality of primary healthcare to every mother and child.

The health centers are managed by community members and since 2014, we have worked with them and health center staff to improve the quality of health services in order to increase the number of women seeking care. In the past three years, they have made excellent progress. In 2017, more than 80% of pregnant women completed all their prenatal visits and gave birth in the community health center, where midwives and nurses could provide evidence-based maternal care and help to prevent life-threatening complications.

Together with our partners, we have demonstrated that even small, independent health centers in the poorest communities in Bamako have the resources to improve service delivery and to provide high-quality healthcare to their communities.

