In 2018, our work expanded in new and exciting ways. But our mission remains constant: to help all mothers and children access high-quality care by supporting communities to find local solutions.

Everything you see here would not have been possible with you — and we cannot thank you enough for your support and faith in Mali Health and the communities we serve.

Thank you for transforming lives and believing that together, we can help communities build a healthier future for all.

For a complete list of everyone we would like to thank, please visit: www.malihealth.org/thankyou2018

Improving access to basic healthcare is saving lives

For another year, our community health workers have not lost a single mother or child in their care, bringing this accomplishment to an impressive five years in a row.

This is an amazing milestone, and it would not have been possible without you. Over 85% of the costs of this life-saving work — from the salaries of our health workers to the fees for treatment at health centers — are paid for by individual donations, of all sizes.

Children under 5 in the care of health workers continue to have significantly better health outcomes than other children in Mali:

5 years of 0% mortality

59,889 Home Visits

227 Pregnant Women

2,242 Children

National data from 2018 DHS survey

Your 2018 Annual Impact Report
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We are also supporting 6 health centers in the Sikasso region in southern Mali, with support from Bill and Melinda Gates Grand Challenges Explorations program. It is the same region where we conducted post-Ebola health system strengthening work and where basic maternal and child health needs are significant. The goal is to engage health providers across the formal and informal health system to improve vaccine coverage, a basic first step in the provision of quality health services to mothers and children.

When women gather in their savings groups, they save between 100 - 200 FCFA — or ABOUT 25 CENTS. These amounts, while small, are yielding big results.

In 2018, we helped 120 women build on their success by organizing a few savings groups into cooperatives. These small businesses are run right in their neighborhoods, and not only help women to generate income, but also make products that contribute to health, like soap.

Working together, women in peri-urban communities have the power to build their own systems of financial inclusion from the ground up — and we’re going to help them. They will not only transform their ability to access healthcare, but their financial independence and their family’s overall wellbeing.

5,065 women in 225 groups saved $53,346
29,340,600 FCFA in 2018
4 cooperatives with 120 women

Governance and Quality Improvements in peri-urban and rural communities

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The role of women and communities has never been more important to the future of Mali’s health system. To build a resilient, equitable community health system that can provide healthcare to all — mothers, health workers, health centers and health associations must be at the forefront. With your support, we will continue to put their needs and voices at the heart of our work, and advocate for them at every level.