

# Mali

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## Day 9

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### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Armed bandits targeting attacks on schools, students and teachers have become common crisis-affected areas of the Sahel in Mali, affecting children's mental health and education. Unfortunately most of the times the army was not there to protect them. Persistent and increasing insecurity in the central Sahel has displaced more than 900,000 children. As direct attacks on education have increased, more than 7,000 schools are closed in Mali. Many children in the region no longer go to school to learn and develop. Indeed, numerous schools are occupied by armed groups or destroyed. Pray for these children exposed to insecurity and an uncertain future. Pray that they escape risks of abuse, abduction, forced labor, early marriage or recruitment by armed groups (The Bible, [Psalm 18:17](#)).

Source:

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/sahel-mental-health-vital-children-conflict>

### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Mali has jumped four points up and is listed in 24<sup>th</sup> position in the World Watch report 2022 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Malians continue to live under the threat of Islamic extremist groups that took control of the country's northern region. Pressure against the Churches is rising, and missionaries are at constant risk of abduction. President of the Republic of Mali is incumbent Assimi Goïta Interim since 24 May 2021 and Colonel Abdoulaye Maïga, since 21 August 2022. Mali struggles to keep peace with ever-present tribal tensions, and the presence of many radical Islamic militant groups in the north. The Malian government and northern armed groups signed an internationally mediated peace accord. Although a secular state with religious freedom, Islamization severely hampers opportunities to reach Malians. The northern regions are home to at least three known Islamic terror groups and are nearly impossible for the government and security forces to police.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Modibo Keita

POPULATION

16,956,000

CHRISTIANS

2.7%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.6%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Sunni Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

28

REFUGEES

291,615

LIFE EXPECTANCY

55 yrs

LITERACY RATE

27.7%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

36.1%