

ACTUALITÉS

NARENA : "NARENA BEN-BLON" Laying of the foundation stone of the Narena Peace Vestibule, August 24, 2022

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Bamako: Results of the project "Women Peacebuilders for Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion for Sustainable Peace in the Regions of Mopti, Timbuktu, Gao and Taoudéni"

Laying of the foundation stone of a space for non-violent conflict resolution carried out by: IMRAP and its partners Interpeace, HU and IDS, with the community participation of the villages of the municipality of NARENA as part of the implementation of the project "VESTIBULE DE LA PAIX"

In turn, the speakers' speeches
Village chief, "any agreement in the mande was made in the vestibule, today I want to dance, a vestibule at the service of the six (6) villages of the commune to resolve conflicts in a consensual and non-violent way, without recourse to justice" he thanked IMRAP and its partners on behalf of the traditional authorities, for the contribution to the contribution of this building.

The coordinator of the IMRAP project: after observing a minute of silence for the eternal repose of the soul of the late village chief of Naréna, who was the first initiator of this project, to thank the village chiefs who have supported this project from the beginning until today. According to him, the town hall and the sub-prefecture are also to be thanked for their administrative and financial support for the construction project of the present vestibule. The coordinator did not fail to praise the synergy of action between the GRA (action research group) and other community actors involved in conflict resolution.

The Mayor: According to the Mayor, the project is unifying, and the contribution of the community is essential for the sustainability of the project. It is an opportunity for the return of dignity, tradition, and non-violent conflict management, which were the values of the Mande. "We salute IMRAP and its partners for their support." On behalf of the municipal council, he reassures the partners and communities of the support of the Town Hall.

The Sub-Prefect: According to the Sub-Prefect, the community-based management of conflicts not only lightens the tasks of the administration but also facilitates social cohesion. For example, "I have on the table a court case that has been going on since 1945, which has not yet been solved." If the community itself decides to resolve its own social conflicts amicably and in the traditional way, the state will only accompany such initiatives.



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BAMAKO: The Malian Institute for Research Action for Peace (IMRAP) in partnership with WILDAF/MALI and the financial support of the MINUSMA Gender Section, officially presented to the national authorities the results of the project "Women Peacebuilders for Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion for Sustainable Peace in the Mopti Regions, Timbuktu, Gao and Taoudéni. ». It was at the SALAM Hotel, on August 18, 2022. This presentation and validation of the results was placed under the sponsorship of the Ministry for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family and chaired by: The Minister of National Reconciliation, Peace and Social Cohesion, in charge of the Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation

As part of this project "Women Peacebuilders for Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion for Sustainable Peace in the Regions of Mopti, Gao, Timbuktu and Taoudéni", the IMRAP/WILDAF/Mali consortium facilitated capacity building sessions for women on the Peace Circle tool in the regions of Mopti, Timbuktu, Gao and Taoudéni. Eleven (11) sessions were organized and brought together one hundred and thirty-five (135) participants. These training sessions made it possible to identify the dynamics of conflict and the major concerns that women face in their respective areas as well as to highlight a series of challenges and reflections to frame and encourage the qualitative participation of women in peace initiatives.

More generally, the aim was for the consortium to present to national and international actors the results of the consultations of the "peace circle" sessions held in the regions.

Specifically, this workshop made it possible to:

- ♣ Present the results obtained by the project;
- ♣ Give women the opportunity to use the techniques of peace circle sessions to intervene on the problems identified within their families and communities in terms of conflict resolution, reconciliation and social cohesion;
- ♣ Share experiences among women in Mali at the local, regional and national levels in the field of peacebuilding;
- ♣ Network the trained women with the women leaders of the County monitoring the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement;
- ♣ Collect women's recommendations for perspectives :

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