

# Mali Livestock and Pastoralist

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## Background

The USAID Mission in Mali has identified an overall goal of improving productivity and income of the producers in the northern region of Mali by enabling them to access technologies and to build capacity for the development of an extensive livestock information system. In response to this, the Global Livestock Collaborative Research Support Program (GL-CRSP) initiated the Mali Livestock and Pastoralist Initiative (MLPI) project. The objective of this effort was to take successful technologies and tools previously developed and implemented in East Africa and transfer them to Mali with emphasis on the northern regions of the country.

## Benefit

MLPI will establish a livestock market information system (LMIS) that will provide real time price and volume information for select livestock markets in the North and around Bamako during the first phase of the project and expand to other markets in future years. The LMIS will also accommodate information on livestock products such as meat, hides, skins, and milk. The project will also be working to build capacity for improving options for marketing and fattening livestock in the region.

## Partners

Texas AgriLife Research  
Texas A&M University (TAMU)  
Syracuse University (SU)  
L'Observatoire du Marche Agricole (OMA),  
Direction Nationale des Productions et des Industries Animales (DNPIA)  
Mali Institut d'Economie Rurale (IER)  
l'Institut Polytechnique Rural de Katibougou (IPR/IFRA)

OMA and DNPIA will work primarily with TAMU to implement the livestock market information system whereas IER and IPR will work primarily with SU for the market options and livestock fattening studies. All groups will work to build capacity in the region through training and workshops.

## Donors

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