

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND



Our efficiency depends on your
generosity

BACKGROUND –JUSTIFICATION—CREATION

- **At the International level**
- **Fight against poverty and the reduction of inequalities:**
 - **the center of the concerns of the international community.**

Several international conferences on the issue were held with the support of UN institutions and the World Bank:

- **World Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994,**
- **The World Summit on Social Development of Copenhagen in 1995,**
- **The World Conference on Women of Beijing in 1995.**

At the National level,

- **The democratisation process started in 1991,**
- **The freedom of expression**
- **Poverty reduction and the fight against social exclusion figures prominently in the priorities of the government,**
- **Developing and adopting a strategic framework for the fight against poverty,**
- **Creation of Agency for Social Development,**
- **Restructuration of this Agency in National Solidarity Fund**

METHODOLOGY FOLLOWED IN ESTABLISHING THE NSF

- Study for the restructuring of the agency for Social Development,
- Technical assistance for the Tunisian Solidarity fund,
- Inter ministerial meetings.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NSF

- Established by order No 01-052/PRM of 28 September 2001, the National Solidarity Fund is a Public Administrative Institution with a corporate status and a financial autonomy. It aims to serve as the tool for fulfilling national solidarity actions.

OBJECTIVES AND MISSIONS

- 1- Attract voluntary contributions from citizens and companies in order to implement programmes and projects for the benefit of populations in difficult situations and which are backward in terms of development,
- 2- Contribute to the eradication of poverty and to the promotion of man.

- ♦ The main mission of FSN is to contribute to reducing inequalities and poverty through:
- ♦ **The** funding of programmes and development actions and the fight against poverty for low income social categories, in villages, groups of villages, fractions, urban and rural centers which lack basic infrastructures;
- ♦ **Any** initiative which promotes social development and poverty reduction through fund raising actions with development partners both public and private;
- ♦ **The** strengthening of institutional capacities of groups, and grass-root communities involved in the fight against poverty;
- ♦ **Support** to institutions intervening in the fight against poverty and exclusion.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- ◆ Helping in the establishment of micro projects and training in the areas of farming, handicraft and small jobs;
- ◆ Contributing to funding programmes within institutions fighting against poverty and exclusion;
- ◆ Contributing to the funding of projects developed and presented by NGOs and associations as part of the fight against exclusion and poverty.
- ◆ Building social infrastructures;

FUNDING OF NSF

- ♦ Grants from the Government,
- ♦ Grants from local collectivities,
- ♦ Donations and legacies granted by individuals as part of national solidarity,
- ♦ Donations by public and private companies ,
- ♦ Grants given by institutions, organisations and countries as part of bilateral, multilateral and decentralised cooperation.
- ♦ Donations granted by companies are deductible from the base on industrial, business profits and income tax.

GOVERNING BOARD

14 members distributed as follows:

- **Representatives from the public authorities (03 members)** consisting of:

A representative of the Minister in charge of Solidarity

A representative of the Finance Minister

A representative of the High Council of collectivities

- **Representatives from Civil society (9 members)**

A representative of NGOs

A representative of the coordination of associations and female organisations (CAFO).

A representative from the Malian federation of disabled people (FEMAPH)

A representative from the Malian association for the unity and progress of Islam.

A representative of the Catholic church

A representative of the Protestant Church

A representative from the assembly of chambers of agriculture of Mali (APCAM).

A representative from the trade house

A representative from the foundations and charities

A Representative from the National Council of Cooperation.

- **Representative of the staff of the National Solidarity fund staff.**

TEST FOR RESOURCE MOBILISATION

- At the launching ceremony of the FSN, “ the problem related to the access to drinking water “ served as the basis for a fund raising effort which allowed to establish three tap stands for the benefit of populations of Niamacoro, a popular neighbourhood of Bamako.
- During the month of October devoted to the month of solidarity for the fight against exclusion, the FSN organised the first televised program to raise funds to provide assistance to children with heart conditions.

The contributions received helped to establish a programme under which 15 children were sent to France and Morocco to receive care.

Following the crisis in the Ivory Coast, a voluntary repatriation by the Government of Mali of Malian citizens living in this country was supported by a national fund raising drive under the leadership of the FSN. As of this day, close to 350, 000, 000 CFA (more than 500.000\$) were collected.