

Vital project in Mali



Project: Girl's scholarships

Objective:

Primary school scholarships for 215 girls in all Plan programme areas

One scholarship costs approximately **£50**

Target: **£10,351**



Why Plan works in Mali

Mali is the fourth poorest country in the world, with over 72% of the population living on less than £1 a day. Children in Mali are faced with the worst chances of survival and extremely low school enrolment rates. A staggering 60% of all children do not attend primary school. One of the key problems is the poor quality of education and educational facilities.

Plan recognises that education is a crucial way to beat poverty – enabling boys and especially girls to gain the skills and knowledge they need to pull their communities out of poverty and reach their full potential in life. With formal education girls tend to have a better knowledge about health care practices, including family planning, are more informed about their rights and are more active members of the community.

How you can help

We aim to raise £10,351 to provide primary school scholarships to 215 girls so that they can continue their education and realise their full potential regardless of their family's financial position.

Plan staff will also help communities to set up committees which raise awareness of the importance of education to parents. These committees will also select, enroll and monitor the girls from start to finish, making sure they attend lessons and gain the most out of their scholarships.

Plan enables poor communities to take action together to achieve children's rights to an education, decent healthcare, clean drinking water and more. We give long-term practical support so poor communities can improve the lives of their children and themselves. We also campaign to change the way a whole range of adults - from parents to politicians - think and act, because we know their decisions can perpetuate poverty.

Children themselves can be powerful advocates for change, so we encourage them to take part in decision making, from village councils to national assemblies. And because children will be the leaders of tomorrow, we believe that strengthening their voices now will create a fairer, better world - now and in the future.

This is just one of many projects within Plan's wider education programme. With your support, this project can make a difference to the lives of many children, families and communities in Mali.

Yes, I'd like to help a Plan project in Mali

Please complete and return this form to Plan UK, 5-6 Underhill Street, London NW1 7HS

I would like to give £_____ (please indicate amount) to provide primary school scholarships to girls in Mali (MLI0102)

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