WEHUBIT

Project name
Inclusion of women and youth in planning and local governance through ICT

Country
Mali

Implemented by

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Migration - Citoyenneté - Développement

+ Tuwindi

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349.915 €

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Contribution to SDGs

4 QUALITY EDUCATION
5 GENDER EQUALITY
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Implemented by

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Belgium
partner in development

CHALLENGES/CONTEXT

Mali is faced with a fragile national context that undermines the functioning of the Rule of Law and makes it difficult to exercise active citizenship.

The social fabric, intra-community and inter-generational relations are weakening and the relations with representatives of local authorities are deteriorating.

Furthermore, women are often excluded from local decision-making processes, having a negative impact on the communities' sustainable human development (e.g. increasing socio-economic disparities and a feminisation of poverty).

Finally, elected women in the Keyes region struggle to assert women's rights and promote equal opportunities in local planning and governance.

DIGITAL SOLUTION/APPROACH

The project aims at improving the inclusion of women and youth in local governance and the integration of gender and youth issues in local planning.

In order to achieve this, the project conducts the following activities:

1) Increase data availabilty on the exclusion of women and youth from decision-making bodies/entities;

2) Develop digital tools for training, participation and advocacy while consolidating the existing 'SaheLink' digital community;

3) Strengthen the capacities of stakeholders and facilitate consultation on the issues of youth and women inclusion;

4) Develop priority action plans and support the redaction of digital citizen's projects/initiatives.

WEHUBIT EFFECT

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT
Co-production of knowledge with stakeholders: carrying out 3 studies to understand and clarify the baseline situation.

SCALE-UP OF DIGITAL SOLUTIONS
Extension of the MonElu and Xensa applications on a local scale, setting up of 3 connected spaces, places for training and civil construction.

LOCAL ACTORS' SKILL INCREASE
Development of standard and functional literacy modules, production of MOOCs and popularisation of the results of the studies.

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

The project focuses its activities on achieving three interlinked result areas:

1) Optimisation of data use and increase of understanding the issues regarding women and youth participation.

2) Availability and accessibility of digital solutions and capacity building of stakeholders allowing for a meaningful participation in local governance.

3) Availability of local development plans that are gender and youth sensitive.

11 DIGITAL SOLUTIONS ARE TO BE DEVELOPED AND USED

28.900 PEOPLE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE SOLUTION AND ITS CONTENTS

LESSONS LEARNED

The project was able to identify three lessons learned:

1) The need to link digital participation solutions with more traditional 'territorial' animation approaches (community debates, consultation forums, etc.) in order to encourage stakeholder support;

2) Develop a substantial capacity-building component for stakeholders and local support, both in terms of the issues at stake and the use of tools;

3) Propose funding instruments for local initiatives facilitates the mobilisation of stakeholders.

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