



**MALI  RISING**  
FOUNDATION  
Empowering Through Education

# Annual Report

2021-2022

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# Education Changes Lives



For our students, the 21/22 school year was about returning.

Returning to normalcy after years of education disruption during the pandemic.

Returning to classrooms full of hope.

Returning to dreams of a better future for themselves and their families, made possible by their time in the classroom.

Your support was critical in making that return possible for 3,406 young people in Mali.

Because of you, kids who attended school this year will earn more over their lifetimes, have healthier children who are more likely to survive to adulthood, be able to take care of their parents, and invest in their own communities.

In short, thanks to you these kids will each make the world a better place in their own way.

Read on for more specifics about the work you supported this year, and some peeks at what is coming in the next school year.

# Our Mission

Since 2004, we have used the power of education to empower the children of Mali, West Africa by expanding & improving educational opportunities for them within their own villages.

# 26

Schools built in rural or remote villages.

# 23,000+

Students educated in our classrooms



# Program Pillars

## School Access

Providing easy access  
to safe schools.

Our three core program (see left side bar) work together to make sure kids in Mali have what they need to turn a classroom into a chance at a better life. Over the next few pages, we provide a snapshot of some of the biggest achievements of each of our programs in the 21/22 school year.

## Quality Education

Ensuring students have  
what they need to  
learn.

These achievements were made possible by your support, and by our amazing Malian staff. We celebrate your generosity and the staff's hard work. And we celebrate the strong, dedicated students who turned your support into better futures for themselves and for their communities.

## Inspiration

Connecting education  
to kids' dreams so  
they stay in school.

1

New school built.

3,406

Students enrolled in 25 existing partner schools.



School Access

# 1

New school  
constructed.

# 2

Schools received  
major repairs.

# 14

Maintenance trainings  
delivered.

# 54

School committee  
members trained.

Access to a school is a huge problem for kids in Mali, particularly as they reach middle school. In many rural villages, the nearest middle school is an hour or more walk away...which means kids are forced to drop out of school.

This year, we built one new school -- growing our network to 26 schools. During the 21/22 school year, our schools educated 3,406 kids who would have likely dropped out without access to a Mali Rising school.

In addition, we kept all of our schools safe for learning by investing in maintenance. We hosted 14 trainings to teach local school committees maintenance skills. We also invested deeply in 2 older schools needing roof and structural repairs that were beyond local capacity to fix.

# 5

Intensive teacher trainings helped 43 teachers.

# 160

Girls were provided support to get them into school and avoid dropping out, as well as life & school skills.



# Quality Education



# 5

Intensive teacher trainings helped 43 teachers.

# 25%

Improvement in teacher scores on gender equity.

# 160

Girls intensively supported to enroll in school & succeed.

# 825

Textbooks were provided to help kids learn

A school needs more than bricks to provide a life-changing education. In our Educational Quality Program, we invest in what makes a school a school. For example, this year we hosted 5 intensive teacher trainings and 21 teacher peer meetings. As a result, we saw a 25% improvement in gender equity skills, a 37% improvement in group work skills, and an 11% improvement in the use of active learning techniques in the classroom.

We also provided intensive support to 160 girls in 5 partner villages, helping them get into school and succeed there. For example, we saw an 80% improvement in girls' reading skills. In addition, we provided 825 new textbooks, 2 mini-libraries, and an assortment of learning tools for classrooms.

# 21

Scholarships granted to graduates.

# 90

Kids explored options for their future in our first-ever Career Day.



# Inspiration

# 21

Inspiration  
Scholarships granted.

# 27%

Improvement in ability  
to name 3 career  
action steps

# 1

Pilot project hosted  
our first Career Day.

# 90

Kids explored possible  
futures.

Our smallest (but still mighty!) program, the Inspiration Program, aims to inspire kids to stay in school by connecting them with hope and a vision for how education can make their dreams possible.

This year, we continued our successful Inspiration Scholarship Project, which provided tuition & a stipend for 21 outstanding graduates to continue their education in high school or a vocational program. We also piloted a Career Day for 90 students to allow kids to explore their possible futures with guest speakers and career planning advice. The Career Day idea was so successful we will expand it into the Career Adventures Project in the 22/23 school year.

# A Peek at 22/23

We are always learning and growing -- just like our students. The new school year will see us continuing successful strategies like teacher training and the Girls' Project, but also trying new ideas.

Here is a sneak peek at just a few of the new ideas in the works for 22/23.

# 1

**Two new schools are in the works for Mali.**

We plan to add not one but two schools to our network during the 22/23 school year! These schools will provide access to education to at least 200 students from rural areas who might otherwise miss out on the gift of education.

# 2

**We are expanding our support of future dreams.**

In the 22/23 school year, three schools will be part of the new Career Adventures Project. A local teacher will serve as the Career Advisor & support programming focused on goal setting and career planning. A Career Day will allow kids to explore their options.

# 3

**We are building more local investment in the schools.**

In the coming year, we will launch Alumni Networks in 2 schools to better support students. We will also explore ways to expand training of School Committees and to increase parental engagement in their children's education.

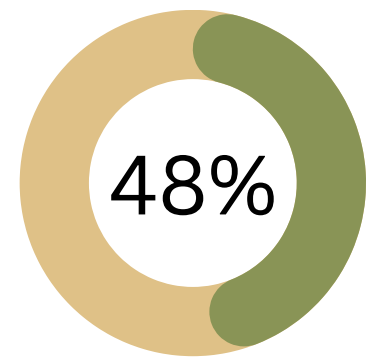
# Finances

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Mali Rising's fiscal year ran from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

### Income

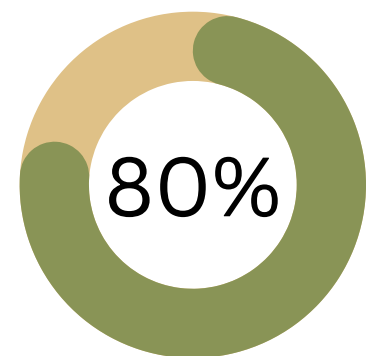
Our supporters generously donated \$185,922 during this fiscal year. Forty-eight percent of those funds came from individuals, 35% came from foundations, and 16% from corporate supporters. (Totals do not equal 100% due to rounding.)



48% of our income came from generous individual donors.

### Expenses

Our expenses this year totaled \$205,493. Eighty percent of those expenses were dedicated to delivering program work, while 14% covered administration and 7% were fundraising costs. Our expenses exceeded our income this year because we spent some funds that were restricted in the previous year on the restricted activities this year. (Totals do not equal 100% due to rounding.)



80% of our expenses were dedicated to program work.

# Thank you!

Thank you for making all of this work possible for our young students. Without the support of donors like you, none of this would be possible.

Your donation goes far in Mali, and truly changes lives in ways that you'll perhaps never know. Thank you for taking this leap of faith into the future with our students!

For more specific (& heartening!) student stories from our work, visit [www.malirisingfdn.org/blog](http://www.malirisingfdn.org/blog).



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