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## *West Africa*



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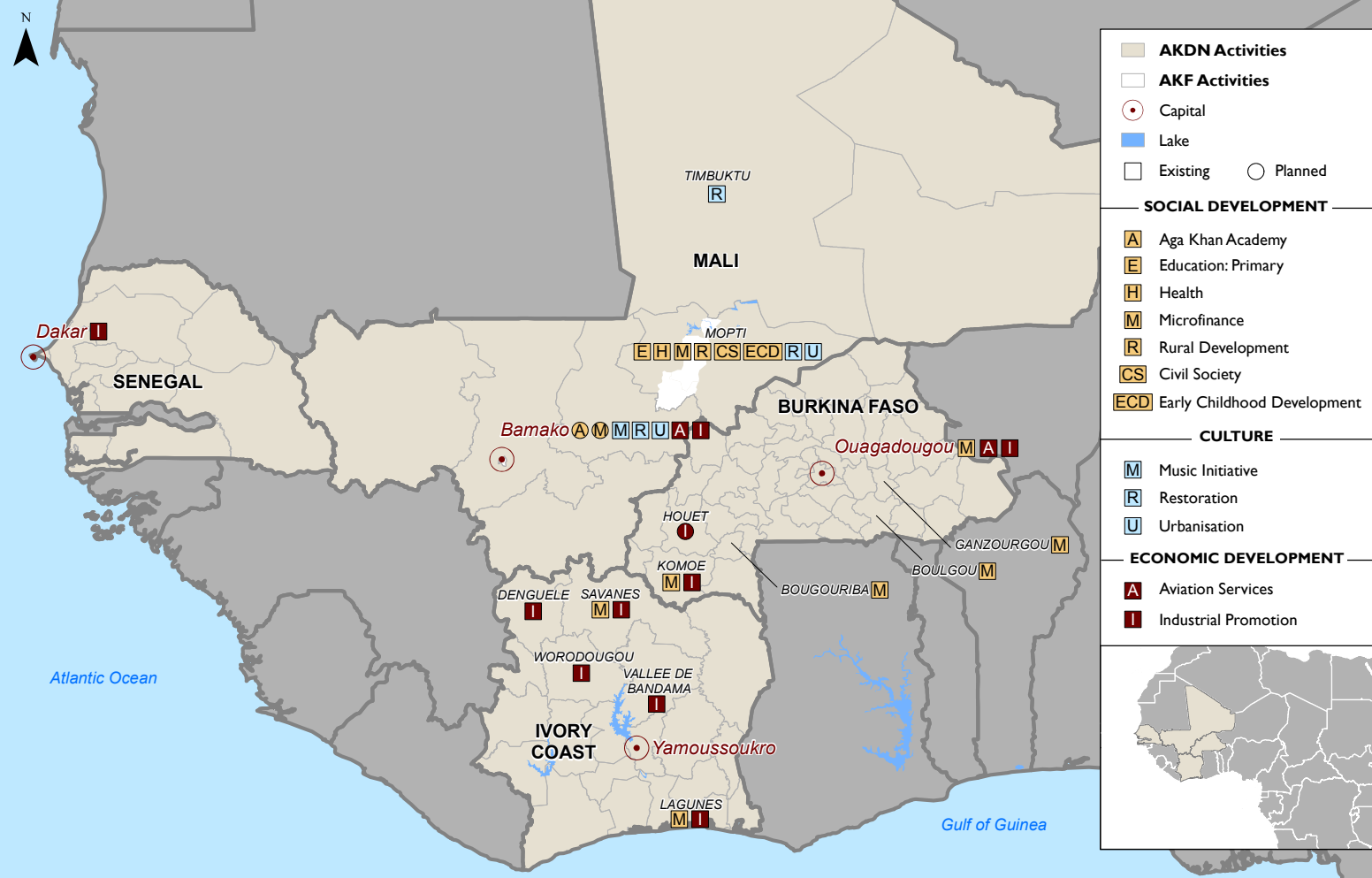
AKF ESTABLISHED: 2007

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS: The Mopti Region

PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS: Development of rural communities through interventions in health, education, financial services and civil society strengthening

STAFF: 59

**AN AGENCY OF THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK**



**THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION (AKF)** in West Africa is contributing to socio-economic development in the region. Since 2008, AKF has been implementing the Mopti Coordinated Area Development Programme, which combines interventions in health, education, rural development, financial services and civil society strengthening to improve the quality of life for beneficiaries in Mopti, one of Mali's poorest regions. As part of this programme, AKF works in close collaboration with the Aga Khan Trust for Culture's historic restoration projects, providing support and investment in water and sanitation initiatives. Also, its rural development activities are coordinated with the efforts of the Aga Khan Agency for Microfinance in Mali, to enhance the impact on the agricultural productivity and the quality of life of local residents. The Foundation provides technical assistance to implement the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development's social development activities at a national level in Mali.

**THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AKDN)** in West Africa has been engaged in cultural restoration in Bamako, Djenné, Mopti and Timbuktu. Economic development projects in Bamako, Mopti, Timbuktu and Djenné range from investments in the aviation infrastructure to water, electricity and packaging for agricultural products. In Bamako, the Network has also planned to build and operate an Aga Khan Academy that will be part of an integrated network of schools to be located in key locations in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

*COVER PHOTO: The Reading for Children programme (RfC) contributes to the Mopti Coordinated Area Development Programme that AKF has been implementing since 2008 to improve the overall quality of life for beneficiaries in the Mopti Region, one of the poorest in the country. Being read to as a child is one of the strongest predictors of later academic success. Reading at home also reinforces positive relationships within the family.*

#### MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

US Department of Agriculture; Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), formerly the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA); and Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

*The Aga Khan Foundation in West Africa works with the following AKDN agencies and affiliates: the Aga Khan Academies (AKA), the Aga Khan Agency for Microfinance (AKAM), the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED) and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC).*

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