



## Annex 1: Factsheet on Association des Scouts et Guides du Mali



### FACTSHEET

#### 1. Country information

The Republic of Mali is a landlocked country in western Africa, mostly situated in the Saharan and Sahelian regions. The Niger River flows through its interior, serving as the country's primary trading and transportation artery. Its official language is French, and it has a population of around 21,120,000 people. Its capital and largest city is Bamako.

#### 2. History

The Scout Movement in Mali (then French Sudan) began in the 1930s and expanded throughout the territory from 1942 until the country gained independence in 1960. The establishment of a single-party state in subsequent years, coupled with the nationalisation of organisations and youth movements, led to a decline of Scouting in the country.

After more than 30 years, the movement was re-established on 8 January 1994 in Badalabougou with four units (Cathedral, Badjalan, Missira, Korofina). Subsequently, Scouting was established in other towns such as San in 1995, Kayes in 1998, and Ségou in 2000.

#### 3. Legal registration

The 'Association des Scouts et Guides du Mali (ASGM)' is legally registered in accordance with Law n°04-038/AN-RM of 5 August 2004, in the Republic of Mali. It is a non-political and non-profit organisation.

#### 4. Objectives

The ASGM's mission is to educate youth according to the principles of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. The organisation aims to:

- Train and educate young people according to the methods and practices of scouting.
- Foster the development of its members physically, morally, socially, intellectually, and spiritually, in a spirit of fraternity and understanding.
- Provide young people with an environment in which they can live and deepen their faith.
- Promote socio-cultural and educational activities.

The Bureau has supported the NSO in developing a Safe from Harm policy, which was adopted at the General Assembly in July 2023. This support will continue to ensure the policy's implementation and its dissemination at the local level.

#### 5. Membership

ASGM currently has 5,026 members divided into four age sections as shown below:

- Louvetaux/Louvettes (6-12 years old)

- Eclaireurs/Eclaireuses (13-16 years old)
- Routiers/Guides (17+ years old)
- Aïnés (20+ years old)

In addition to the capital Bamako, the membership is spread in Bamako (2048), Kayes (86), Koulikoro (347), Ségou (793), Sikasso (222), Mopti (291), Koutiala (340), San (700), Bougouni (123), Bandiagara (34), and in Tombouctou, Gao, Kidal, Taoudeni, and Menaka (42).

ASGM demonstrates a solid commitment to building its capacity and bringing Scouting to new communities by tapping into the potential of more than 6.8 million young people aged 10-24 years who live in the country.

The World Scout Bureau will facilitate the membership expansion by working closely with the NSO to support their growth plans, develop a comprehensive growth strategy, and offer Scouting to more young people, becoming present in new areas and communities. This process will be supported by assigning a WOSM growth consultant to work with the NSO to set a growth target and plan the necessary activities across various areas relevant to a sustainable growth.

## **6. Education**

The educational approach of ASGM is based on the Scout method. Some of the current projects and activities happening include:

- Unification Camp for Scouts and Guides of Mali, known as 'Biton de Ségou,' aimed at consolidating fraternity among different scout entities in Mali. This camp involved 500 participants and was attended by the Minister of Youth and Sports.
- Operation Ramadan Charity, designed to promote mutual aid, solidarity, and assistance to people in need. Humanitarian activities included food distribution in hospitals and various locations in the capital Bamako and other towns and cities, as well as the delivery of pharmaceutical products to conflict areas.
- Scouting through sports walking, with the goal of promoting walking and sports activities in urban areas. This initiative featured a route from Bamako to Kati in the locality of Dogodouman.
- Progress camp for young scouts and truckers, located in the locality of Sanankoroba on the road to Sikasso.
- Adult volunteers' workshops to establish the National Commission of Training.
- Civic engagement activities, including raising awareness of reproductive health and marking the International Volunteer Day.
- Environmental protection activities, which encompass awareness-raising and tree planting.

## **7. Finances**

The National Council ensures that accounts are maintained for the organisation's income, expenditure, assets, credits, and liabilities. During the congress, the National Council is required to present the audited accounts and the balance sheet. External qualified accountants may be appointed, and their remuneration is determined by the board of directors.

## **8. Organisation**

The Constitution of ASGM outlines the organisation's structure and includes three key governing bodies. The Congress (General Assembly) is the highest decision-making body of ASGM. Between the sessions of the Congress, the National Council serves as the principal body overseeing the implementation of Congress decisions, while the National Bureau serves as the executive branch of the organisation.

**ASGM ORGANISATIONAL CHART**

