WHO ARE WE?
Santé Diabète is a non-governmental organisation founded in 2001 to address the lack of access to medical care for people with diabetes in Africa and development agencies’ failure to take this health emergency into account.

Initially present in Mali, Santé Diabète then developed its actions in Burkina Faso, Senegal, the Union of Comoros, and in France (headquarters of the association), with permanent teams in each country today.

OUR MISSION
Strengthening and structuring healthcare systems to improve the prevention and management of diabetes

With a team of 40 people and over 200 local and international partners, Santé Diabète works in the field on a daily basis to save lives by better diabetes prevention and management in order to improve the quality of life of people suffering from this chronic disease. Santé Diabète has developed a unique expertise in diabetes in Africa and in developing countries which is regularly sought at an international level (missions to strengthen national health systems, involvement in expert studies, etc.). In parallel, since 2011, Santé Diabète has been developing a health and international citizenship education program in France.

OUR APPROACH
Santé Diabète has a unique way of working

- We are the only NGO specialising in the fight against diabetes in Africa
- We manage diabetes in the long term by strengthening local healthcare systems
- We work directly with Ministries, Health Departments and national, regional, and local healthcare structures
- We build a strong civil society by structuring it and we support patient associations
- We promote South-North, South-South, and North-South collaboration
- We apprise the world through international advocacy
- We contribute to the fight against diabetes at a global level by being the only independent NGO recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and a member of its Global Coordination Mechanism on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD)
- We work with an international network for local solutions
- Our operational structure and management are based in West Africa as close as possible to the field.

SANTÉ DIABÈTE IN 2020

40 employees
200 partners

Awareness-raising in 9,220 students

70,500 people at risk screened
1,840 health professionals trained

25,000 people supported (with type 2 diabetes)
900 treatments for children with type 1 diabetes undertaken
**DIABETES**

Diabetes is a disease related to pancreatic dysfunction that is characterised by chronic hyperglycemia, namely an excess of sugar in the blood.

There are three main types of diabetes:

**Type 1 diabetes**, which affects 10% of people with diabetes, mainly children and young adults: the pancreas no longer makes any insulin and must be “artificially compensated” by daily subcutaneous injections of insulin.

**Type 2 diabetes**, which affects 90% of people with this disease and more particularly sedentary and overweight adults over the age of 45, is linked to the misuse of insulin by the cells of the organism.

**Gestational diabetes** occurs in pregnant women, with varying degrees of hyperglycemia and increased risks of complications during pregnancy and delivery, and of subsequent development of type 2 diabetes.

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**THE FIGHT AGAINST DIABETES**

**A global health emergency**

Today diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the world, hitting all countries hard, those with high income and those with low income alike. The fight against diabetes has become a real health emergency. The alarming progression of diabetes is directly linked to the evolution of our lifestyles (sedentary, massive urbanisation, production methods and food consumption...) which has a strong impact on human health and on the environment and increases the risks of developing noncommunicable diseases such as diabetes.

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**DIABETES IN THE WORLD**

**463 million** people with diabetes in 2020

10% of the global population

A figure which has increased fourfold in just 30 years and which, according to International Diabetes Federation estimates, could reach 700 million people by 2045.

**8 out of 10 people with diabetes** live in developing countries

**7th** leading cause of death

1 person dies from diabetes every 6 seconds
OUR ACTION IN MALI

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Mali, one of the poorest countries on the planet, also has one of the lowest numbers of health professionals in the world with an average of only 0.7 doctors and 2 nurses per 10,000 inhabitants. This shortage significantly limits the country’s ability to provide its population with adequate, effective and equitable health services. The epidemiological transition imposes a burden of infectious diseases that remains high with, in addition, the explosion of noncommunicable diseases (NCD) such as diabetes, which today affects more than 2 million Malians.

KEY FIGURES MALI

- Diabetes prevalence: 2.4%
- Overweight: 22%
- Obesity: 5.7%
- 56% of households with people with diabetes spend more than 40% of their income on out-of-pocket healthcare expenses.

OUR ACTION

For more than 15 years, Santé Diabète has been structuring a genuine national response in Mali that addresses prevention, care, access to treatment and the strengthening of patient associations.

The programs we have been running for more than 17 years in Mali have made possible, for example:

- The opening of 32 diabetes clinics across the country supporting more than 20,000 patients in State facilities. Patients who, for the most part, previously had no access to care nor possible follow-up of their disease.
- The creation of the first university degrees specialising in diabetes (70 health professionals specialised in endocrinology and diabetology since 2011).
- A sharp decrease in the price of treatment (48% reduction in the price of a bottle of insulin and one month of treatment with oral antidiabetic agents reduced to one tenth of the price).
- The emergence of the Fédération des Diabétiques du Mali («Diabetics federation in Mali»), which brings together 30 patient associations and today has more than 3,000 members and 20 «expert patients» with whom we collaborate closely (prevention missions, therapeutic education/literacy etc.).
- The implementation of important prevention and screening actions to raise as much awareness as possible about risk factors (national events such as World Diabetes Day, production and dissemination of educational tools etc.) and screening new patients.
- The complete revision of the national diabetes plan with the Malian government.

The challenge for the coming years is therefore to train even more specialists and general practitioners so as to keep up with the number of people with diabetes, while further consolidating the role of patient associations in prevention and therapeutic education actions.

Santé Diabète is also taking action to enable the State to play an increasingly strong role in the prevention and management of diabetes, notably by including this disease in the universal health insurance plan that should be put in place in Mali.
Our action in Mali

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“Ten years ago, there were fewer than 15 children with type 1 diabetes living in Mali, with life expectancy not exceeding an average of 1 year after diagnosis. Thanks to the excellent work of Santé Diabète in partnership with Life for a Child, the situation has improved considerably with more than 650 young people with diabetes now living with type 1 diabetes in the country.”

Dr Graham Ogle, Director of the Life for a Child program, International Diabetes Federation

IN 2018 AND 2019, WE HAVE:

- screened **29,894** people presenting with risk factors
- trained on diabetes **1081** health professionals
- provided free treatment for **780** children with diabetes
- raised the awareness of **1,816** students of the risks of diabetes and how to prevent it

**12,88% increase in the care of diabetic children in the country’s 19 centres**

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University training - set up by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, the Mali Hospital and the NGO Santé Diabète - has enabled for 16 endocrinologists to be trained, 14 of whom are already working in different health facilities in Mali in 2018.
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Stéphane Besançon, CEO of Santé Diabète

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FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

98.5% of our funds are used directly in the field

Strict internal and external financial control mechanisms enable Santé Diabète to report at all times on the proper use of the funds entrusted to it: annual external audits carried out by approved international audit firms, certification of the organisation’s accounts by an auditor, external audits of our partners.

Source of revenue

70% from private funds

30% from public funds

Use of funds

98.5% Social missions

1.5% Operating expenses

TESTIMONY

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In 2019, an inter-country dialogue framework was organized to meet the needs of pooling good practices, discussing the methodologies developed and effectively capitalizing on the actions carried out in the fight against diabetes in Africa from programs developed by our NGO in Burkina Faso, France, Mali and the Union of the Comoros. This framework for dialogue constitutes a real platform for the actors involved in the fight against diabetes in these 4 countries and makes it possible to strengthen the links, and therefore the impact of the activities carried out in the field."