

MALI



Population: 11.4 million

Life expectancy at birth: 40.9

Adult illiteracy rate: 56.8%

Adult HIV/AIDS prevalence rate:
1.65%

64% of population lives below the national poverty line

Telephones per 1,000 people: 10.3

Personal computers per 1,000 people:
1.4

Present value of debt (US\$): 1.2 billion

Debt Service (% of exports of goods and services): 7.0

Source: World Development Indicators, 2004

Status of Debt in Mali

- At this point Mali is expected to have sustainable debt according to the IMF guidelines after the enhanced HIPC relief, but as these projections have often been over optimistic, and Mali exports are high in coffee, it remains to be seen if Mali will be able to hit the 150% debt/export ratio that is considered sustainable.
- However, after enhanced HIPC relief, Mali's debt service payment increased from 33% of its social expenditures in 2002 to 60% in 2005.
- Spending as much as 60% of its social expenditure on debt service is clearly an unsupportable burden for one of the poorest countries in the world if it is to have any chance to reach the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

Source: Jubilee Research Databank www.jubileeresearch.org.

United States Developmental Assistance:

2002 Actual: \$ 37.531 million

2003 Actual: \$40.812 million

2004 Estimate: \$38.596 million

2005 Request: \$34.767 million

Source: Program Summary tables, USAID

