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## **DevWorks International Awarded Northern Mali Agricultural Production Activity**

**Washington, DC. (February 2, 2021)** – DevWorks International (DevWorks) is pleased to announce the award of the United States Agency for International Development’s Feed the Future Northern Mali Production Activity, a five-year, \$20 million project, that aims to sustainably improve on-farm resilience to climate, economic, and conflict related shocks and stresses. The Activity contributes to Mali’s Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS) to sustainably reduce hunger, malnutrition, and poverty.

The Northern Mali Production Activity targets 36,000 farmers and 10,000 pastoralists for sustained intensification of integrated agricultural, fodder, and animal productivity in eight cercles in the Mopti region: Bandiagara, Bankass, Djenne, Douentza, Koro, Mopti, Tenenkou, and Youwarou; and four cercles in the Tombouctou region: Dire, Goundam, Niafunke, and Tombouctou. The activity will also work to improve agricultural production management practices on 54,000 hectares.

“The Northern Mali Production Activity contributes to the overall mission of DevWorks in creating stronger, more resilient communities around the world,” said DevWorks’ Chief Executive Officer, Demetria Arvanitis. “DevWorks looks forward to collaborating with our global and local partners who are committed to enhancing community resilience as we strive to implement creative solutions to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable Malian communities.”

The Northern Mali Production Activity works toward Feed the Future’s goal of strengthened resilience for targeted populations, promoting inclusive, sustainable, nutrition-sensitive, agricultural-led economic growth. It also supports the three GFSS objectives: 1) inclusive and sustainable agricultural-led growth; 2) increased resilience of people and communities; and 3) improved nutrition, especially among women, adolescent girls, and children.

### **About DevWorks International**

DevWorks’ mission is to support people around the world to pursue opportunities for equitable social and economic growth to create stronger, more resilient communities. Our approach is grounded in private sector engagement and improved service delivery, while building local capacity through ongoing partnerships and relationships. We provide market-based solutions across five areas: agriculture; water, sanitation and hygiene; youth; governance; and natural resource management.

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