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CANDIDACY AGE

| Lower House | 21 |
| Upper House | -- |

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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Source: Code of the Family and Person (2011), ILGA

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

Minimum Age

From 13 years old, the state must prove criminal capacity. A child below 13 cannot be held legally responsible for their actions.


LITERACY RATES

Both sexes (15-24) %

Year: 2015

Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

Both sexes %

Year: 2011

Source: UNESCO

SITUATION OF YOUTH

100 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

PREVALENCE OF HIV

Male (15-24) %

Female (15-24) %

Year: 2013

Source: World Bank


YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment

Source: World Bank

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed May 2014).

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Mali has no overarching youth policy, but rather focuses its efforts on youth unemployment. The youth vulnerability report (2009) suggests "the ultimate state document dealing with youth issues and youth employment in particular, in Mali is the Youth Employment Programme (PEJ)."

According to the poverty report (2013) the job situation remains a matter of concern. Job growth has not kept pace with demographic growth. This raises serious questions about the efficiency of the economy and its ability to generate sustainable and decent jobs.

BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or...
According to the government’s press statement, the government launched a framework document on the Promotion of Youth (2011 – 2015) in partnership with the World Bank. However, no copy is available online.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Ministry of Youth and Citizenship Building – previously the Ministry of Youth and Sports - is in charge of youth affairs. However, there is no official website and the minister is rarely mentioned in the press. As reported in Malijet, the Agency for the Employment of Youth (APEJ) is responsible for implementing the Youth Employment Programme II, and organises voluntary placement and trainings.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The National Youth Council of Mali (CNJ-Mali) is the government’s main interlocutor on matters of youth. As reported in The Republican for instance, in occasion of the new government in 2013, it successfully called for ministry of youth distinct from sports. The CNJ-Mali elects its president and holds a yearly congress. Candidates and members cannot be over 35 years of age. The president of CNJ-Mali also heads the Youth Coalition for Mali, which is a wider grouping of various youth organisations.

BUDGET & SPENDING

No documentation on the budget for youth in Mali could be found online. According to the World Bank, Mali spent 19.47% of its government expenditure and 4.80% of its GDP on education provision in 2011.

Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

YES

Does the country have a national youth organisation / association (council, platform, body)?

YES

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or youth programming?

UNCLEAR

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

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