



Overall performance

Mali's continued high levels of infrastructure activity, particularly in projects with PPP and foreign financing, showcases the country as a benchmark for African and Low Income Countries. Despite such strong activity in the market, there is a strong need for reform to the domestic permit process and funding capacity, epitomised by the high business start-up costs and low credit ratings, which if not addressed may hinder future activity.

Drivers	Rank (/16)	Rank change (2017-20)	Score (/100)	Emerging	Aspiring	Contender	Top performer	Global leader
Governance	61	↓ 1	44	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Grey	Grey
Regulatory frameworks	67	↓ 5	47	Green	Green	Green	Grey	Grey
Permits	70	↓ 8	39	Blue	Blue	Grey	Grey	Grey
Planning	17	↓ 1	95	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Procurement	55	↓ 15	63	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Activity	2	↓ 1	78	Teal	Teal	Teal	Teal	Teal
Funding capacity	64	—	22	Orange	Orange	Grey	Grey	Grey
Financial markets	66	↓ 4	22	Yellow-Orange	Yellow-Orange	Grey	Grey	Grey

Mali at a glance



\$924
GDP per capita
(USD, 2019)



19.1 million
Population
(2019)



—
Infrastructure investment
(2019 estimate)



—
Infrastructure gap
(2019 estimate)



43.9
Infrastructure quality
(0-100, 100 is best, 2019)



\$61 million
Private infrastructure investment
(5-year average, USD, 2019)

Top performing metrics



100/100

Value of closed PPP infrastructure deals

The value of privately financed PPP infrastructure projects as a share of GDP in Mali remains the highest in Africa. The continued availability of investment opportunities has helped attract private investment. However, the COVID-19 pandemic may impact levels of private finance.



82.9/100

Value of closed infrastructure deals with foreign equity sponsorship

Mali has the second highest values of closed infrastructure deals with foreign equity sponsorship in Africa at 0.37% of GDP. A high value may reflect favourable trade conditions and lower barriers to foreign investment. However, the COVID-19 pandemic may impact international capital flows.



77/100

Financial stability

Financial stability is one of the lowest among all InfraCompass 2020 countries in part due to political and social fragility, which may be exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. A stable financial system facilitates the smooth flow of funds between infrastructure and investors.

Opportunities to grow



0/100

Cost to start a business

According to the World Bank, the cost of starting a business in Mali is 55% of income per capita, the second most expensive among InfraCompass 2020 countries. Lowering costs could ease the entry of new firms.



15.8/100

Political stability and absence of violence score

Mali has one of the lowest levels of political stability among all InfraCompass 2020 countries. Government instability impedes governance and economic reforms, and can deter investors from committing capital to long-term infrastructure projects.



1.2/100

GDP per capita

Despite more than tripling over the past 20 years, Mali's GDP per capita is still relatively low at USD 924. High growth, should it not be overly impacted by COVID-19, can be expected to correlate with greater infrastructure spending.

For guidance on how to improve these metrics, please see the [Mali Country Page](#) on the InfraCompass website.



ECONOMY OVERVIEW

GDP (\$US billion, 2019)	17.6	Population (million, 2019)	19.1	Unemployment rate (2019)	9.8%
GDP per capita (\$US, 2019)	924	Urbanisation ratio (2018)	42.0%	Inflation rate (2019)	0.2%
GDP growth rate (annual, 2019)	5.0%	Gross Government Debt (% of GDP, 2019)	38.0%	Digital Adoption Index (0-1 best, 2016)	0.29
GDP per capita growth rate (annual, 2019)	-0.3%	Sovereign risk rating (2019)	NA	Gini coefficient (0-100 worst, 2009)	33

METRIC SCORES

The below metrics are normalised so that they all range from 0 to 100. For original metrics and data sources, please see <https://infracompass.github.org/>

GOVERNANCE		REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS		PERMITS	
Post-completion reviews?	Yes -	Effect of taxation on incentives to invest	42 ↑	Cost to start a business	0 -
Infrastructure or PPP unit/agency?	Yes -	Prevalence of foreign ownership	41.8 ↓	Dealing with construction permits	60.7 -
Recovery rate	28.3 ↑	Product market regulation, network sectors	35.2 [^] -	Quality of land administration	26.7 -
Rule of law	34 ↓	Regulatory (including competition) quality	39 ↑	Registering property	74.1 -
Shareholder governance	26.7 -	Strength of insolvency framework	56.2 -	Time required to start a business	75.7 ↓
Political stability and absence of violence	15.8 ↓	Investment promotion agency?	Yes -		
PLANNING		PROCUREMENT		ACTIVITY	
Published project pipeline?	Yes -	Average procurement duration – transaction RFP	63.6 [^] ↑	Infrastructure investment	91.9 [^] ↑
Published infrastructure plan?	Yes -	Degree of transparency in public procurement	25 ↓	Private infrastructure investment	36.7 ↓
Preparation of PPPs	68 -	Published procurement guidelines?	Yes -	Value of closed PPP infrastructure deals	100 -
Economic analysis assessment?	Yes -	Procurement of PPPs	62 -	Value of closed infrastructure deals with foreign equity sponsorship	82.9 ↓
Market sounding and/or assessment?	Yes -	PPP contract management	70 -		
Environmental impact analysis?	Yes -				
FUNDING CAPACITY		FINANCIAL MARKETS		Drawing on data from: International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank, World Economic Forum, IJ Global, CEPPII, Oxford Economics, Trading Economics, and Deloitte.	
GDP per capita	1.2 ↑	Domestic credit to private sector	12.2 ↓		
Gross government debt	70.6 ↓	Financing through local equity market	34.8 ↑		
Long term GDP growth trend	41.6 ↑	Stocks traded	15 [^] ↓		
Summary credit rating	32.5 [^] ↑	Financial depth	20.4 ↑		
		Financial stability	77 ↑		

Metric key:

↑ Increase from InfraCompass 2017 ↓ Decrease from InfraCompass 2017 - No change from InfraCompass 2017

Note:

'Top performing metrics' are the metrics with the highest score out of 100.

'Opportunities to grow' are generally the metrics with the lowest weighted score out of 100.

[^]Denotes interpolated metric data. See Technical Appendix for further explanation on the interpolation techniques.