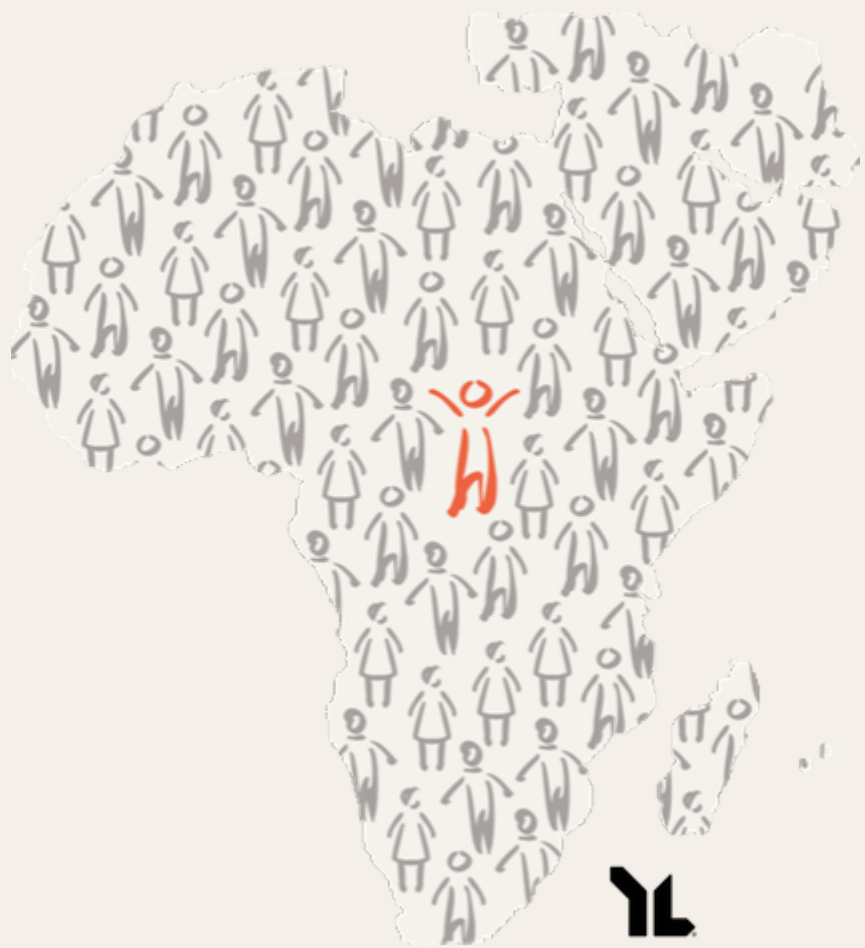


# 2019 Regional Camp Report

WEST AFRICA - FRENCH:  
Mali, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire



**impact one.** together we can impact many

## OVERVIEW

In 2019, the Young Life staff and volunteer leaders in Mali, Senegal and Cote d'Ivoire hosted 65 camps.

Teens from all walks of life came with their leaders, played games, enjoyed family style meals, felt loved and were able to hear the life-transforming news of the gospel.

**THANK YOU** for your partnership that helped to make these camps possible.

Keep reading to see the impact your gift had on teens in this part of the world!

## FROM THE STAFF

"The French-speaking region in West Africa is thankful to the LORD for all the camps that have taken place. This year has been a "miracle year" for Young Life in Mali and Cote d'Ivoire (both countries had long months of school teachers strike). In the middle of Mali, where Young Life is developing, a couple of clubs closed due to severe insecurity. However, we still held camps with successful results.

Muslim parents sent their kids to camps and kids responded to the gospel. We are so grateful to the donors that prayed and gave generously. Please pray for the rewarding yet difficult stage of discipleship those kids have started. It is an exciting journey, especially for Muslim background kids to grow in Christ."

**TIOWA DIARRA,**  
**REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MALI**



# THE IMPACT...

## 4,208 teens went to camp



### MALI OUTREACH CAMP

Mali is a densely Muslim-populated country, with only around 2% Christians. Mouso is from Baguineda, Bamako, a southern region of Mali. He is 17 -years-old and was invited by his friend and Young Life leader to attend camp. There, he joined 94 other kids for good fun, delicious meals and to hear the gospel message for the first time. Mouso says he started going to Young Life events because, "I have found many friends, and I can tell that in Young Life there isn't racial or religious segregation, but that those in Young Life love the young people very much." Mouso feels encouraged and loved by his Young Life leaders and friends. Mouso continued, "And Young Life helped me to grow my faith in Jesus Christ and to become a good friend of Jesus." At this camp, Mouso was one of 61 teenagers to commit their lives to Christ. Praise God for the ways that He is always at work!



### COTE D'IVOIRE OUTREACH CAMP

Aminata admits that what really drew her to camp were the "games and other funny things which could be found there." But her heart changed as she listened to club talks and shared in cabin times. She was instantly captured by the life-giving news of the gospel, but hesitant to give her life to Christ. "Would Jesus accept somebody like me?" Aminata wondered. She opened up to her leader, feeling saddened that Jesus might judge her for past mistakes. But her leader reminded her what the speaker had taught: that Jesus had sacrificed himself on the cross for her sins, and now nothing could separate her from His love. "I decided during quiet time to talk to Him and give Him my life. After this I felt like some heavy thing fell off of me."

### TRANSFORMED LIVES

**1,840**  
TEENS  
ACCEPTED JESUS

### SENEGAL SPORTS CAMP

"I was urged by my brother to attend Young Life. My friends advised against going, but I wanted to see what Young Life was all about. Through Young Life, I met Jesus and He made me a new person. Before going, I did not like the Young Life kids. But now, the Lord has changed me and the kids are my best friends...I have a kind heart now. Young Life made me a great person. I am in a hurry to become a leader." - Sofie, Senegal Camper

### THE NUMBERS

**1,707**  
FEMALES

**975**  
MUSLIMS

**44**  
ORPHANS

**2**  
ALL FEMALE  
CAMPS

**15**  
KIDS WITH  
SPECIAL NEEDS

### IN HIS WORDS

"Today, through Young Life, I decide to follow Jesus Christ and make Him my model."

- OUMAR, MALI CAMPER