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Alert and response to crises: the example of the NGO Santé Diabète in Mali

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As in many developing countries, Mali has for many years experienced a very high prevalence of non-communicable diseases, including diabetes. These large numbers of patients with diabetes are particularly vulnerable to crises, whether they are related to conflict or health crises.

In the last 10 years Mali has experienced two major crises, one related to the 2012 conflict and one related to covid19. During these two crises, patients with diabetes were not targeted by the interventions of technical and financial partners. In this context, the NGO Santé Diabète developed alert and response mechanisms.

After conducting a RAPIA study in 2004, Santé Diabète from 2005 to 2012, in collaboration with the Malian Ministry of Health and local specialists, developed a global strategy to remove 5 obstacles to the development of diabetes care in Mali. It is on this first construction of diabetes care that the 2012 conflict in the country occurred. In response to this challenge for patients we launched an international alert and humanitarian response in Mali. We will present this response and the international publication resulting from the findings. We will then present the alert and the covid 19 Diabetes response implemented in Mali during the Covid crisis in 2020 in the same way.