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# The Peace Corps and Development in Mali

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Yacouba Kone has worked for the Peace Corps in his current position since 1998 and previously as a French and Bambara language tutor (1992–94). In his role as program assistant, Kone collaborates with various national and international organizations on development issues in Mali. In 1994, he was elected secretary general for the youth arm of ADEMA, the political party that governed Mali in the 1990s. He is the former project manager for APROFEM, a nongovernmental organization working to promote the status of women and children. Kone received a master's degree in agricultural engineering from Rural Poly-Technique Institute in Katiabougou, Mali. Born in the village of Kokodio, in the southern region of Sikasso in Mali, West Africa, he is fluent in French, English, Bambara, and Fulani. Kone and his wife are the parents of four children.