

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Recognition of the Mali Red Cross Society

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*To the Central Committees of the National Red Cross, Red Crescent,
and Red Lion and Sun Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you that the International Committee of the Red Cross gave official recognition on September 14, 1967, to the Red Cross of Mali.

The new Society, founded in 1964, held its General Constitutive Assembly on August 19, 1965. On October 22 of that year, the Mali Red Cross made application for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross. The application was accompanied by the Society's Statutes.

The Government Decree recognizing the Mali Red Cross as an association of public service, together with the new Society's annual report, were received by the International Committee during the course of the year 1966. The list of members of the Central Committee reached us in June 1967.

Study of these documents, made jointly with the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies, has shown that the ten conditions for the recognition of a new National Society have been duly fulfilled.

This recognition, which the International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in announcing to you, brings to 109 the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

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The Mali Red Cross, recognized as a Voluntary Aid Society, auxiliary to the public authorities, is the sole National Red Cross Society in the State. Since its foundation, the Mali Red Cross has set on foot an efficient organization which appears to be in a position to face the tasks incumbent on a National Society. Committees have been installed in the chief town of each of the six principal regions of the country and a great effort has been made to establish local committees in every sphere of administration. During the course of the past two years, the Mali Red Cross has concerned itself in particular with Mali nationals expelled from Congo-Kinshasa and the homeless as a result of serious floods.

As regards the Society's regular activities these consist notably of the training of first-aiders (more than 300 were trained in 1966) and blood collection for hospitals.

The Mali Red Cross is placed under the supreme authority of a General Assembly. Direction and administration of the Society are entrusted to a Central Committee consisting of 24 members. A directing committee of 9 members exercises all the powers which may be delegated to it by the Central Committee. The President of the Mali Red Cross is Dr. Sominé Dolo, Minister of Health and Social Affairs. The headquarters of the Society is at Koulouba, near Bamako.

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Mali to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 was deposited with the Swiss authorities on May 24, 1965.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has great pleasure in welcoming the Red Cross of Mali into the International Red Cross and accrediting it, by this circular, to all other National Societies. It expresses its best wishes for its future and for the success of its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS:

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