
Level of Investment (in USD)

540,000,000

Type of Population

Rural

Potential Affected Population

1,640

Start Date

2007

Company Names or State Enterprises

Illovo (/company/illovo) from South Africa (/country-of-company/south-africa) - technical partner
Associated British Foods (/company/associated-british-foods) - owns 51% of Illovo
Societe Sucriere de Markala (SOSUMAR) (/company/societe-sucriere-de-markala) from Mali (/country-of-company/mali) - 70% owned by Illovo, 4% by Schaffer
Schaffer Global Group (/company/schaffer-global-group) - initial testing, development, and investment
CaneCo (/company/caneco) from Mali (/country-of-company/mali) - cultivation of sugar, 90% owned by Malian Government, 10% by SOSUMAR

Relevant government actors

Malian government, Office du Niger

International and Financial Institutions

African Development Bank (AfDB) (/institution/african-development-bank)
Kuwaiti Funds (/institution/kuwaiti-funds) from Kuwait (/country-of-institution/kuwait)
Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) (/institution/organization-of-the-petroleum-exporting-countries)
US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) (/institution/us-trade-and-development-agency)
US Agency for International Development (USAID) (/institution/us-agency-for-international-development)
Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) (/institution/inter-american-development-bank)

Environmental justice organisations and other supporters

Via Campesina, <http://viacampesina.org>, open letter/petition, <http://viacampesina.org/fr/index.php/les-grands-ths-mainmenu-27/rme-agraire-mainmenu-36/792-mali-lettre-ouverte-a-monsieur-le-gouverneur-de-segou>

▼ The Conflict and the Mobilization

Intensity of Conflict (at highest level)

HIGH (widespread, mass mobilization, violence, arrests, etc...)

When did the mobilization begin

In REACTION to the implementation (during construction or operation)

Groups Mobilizing

Artisanal miners
Indigenous groups or traditional communities
International ejos
Local ejos
Trade unions
Women
Local scientists/professionals

Forms of Mobilization

Community-based participative research (popular epidemiology studies, etc..)
Development of a network/collective action
Involvement of national and international NGOs
Land occupation
Lawsuits, court cases, judicial activism
Official complaint letters and petitions
Street protest/marches

▼ Impacts

Environmental Impacts

Visible: Food insecurity (crop damage), Large-scale disturbance of hydro and geological systems

Socio-economic Impacts

Visible: Displacement, Loss of livelihood, Specific impacts on women, Violations of human rights

▼ Outcome

Project Status

Stopped

Pathways for conflict outcome / response

Migration/displacement

Withdrawal of company/investment

Do you consider this as a success?

Not Sure

Why? Explain briefly.

Due to publicly released 'socio-political crisis and also the difficulties of financing' and wikileaks released 'competition from SUKALA' on May 31st, 2012, Ilovo and SOSUMAR withdrew from the agreement (two days before the second village hearing). At the time if cancellation however, damage to livelihoods, especially women's was already done and protests continue against other corporations in the area.

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Other Comments

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