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Project Fact Sheet

Beneficiary Institution
UNDP Mali



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Bamako Sustainable City by 2030: Building a Resilient, Inclusive, and Nature-Positive City

Context & Challenge

The District of Bamako is facing rapid urbanization, increasing pressure on natural resources, high levels of pollution, and accelerated ecosystem degradation. UNDP mandated the ESEKT–Mollitia–SETIN consortium to prepare the Integrated Urban Development Project (IUDP) for Bamako, under the Global Environment Facility (GEF-8) Integrated Sustainable Cities Programme (SCIP), with the ambition of transforming Bamako into a resilient, low-carbon, inclusive, and nature-positive city.

- ✓ Integrated Urban Development
- ✓ Low-Carbon Mobility
- ✓ Inclusive Sustainable Growth
- ✓ Nature-Positive Cities
- ✓ Urban Governance Innovation
- ✓ Environment and Climate Resilience



Project Period Q1 to Q4 2025

As Team Leader, Mollitia Consulting led the strategic design of the project, multisectoral coordination, and the integration of technical diagnostics to propose a coherent and transformative vision for Mali's capital.

Strategic Objectives

The objective is to design the project proposal grant (PPG) phases in line with (GEF-8) standards. This includes conducting all required technical studies, consultations, environmental and social analyses, risk assessments, results frameworks, budgets, and implementation plans necessary to design a robust, realistic, and GEF-compliant project.

The PPG represents the strategic formulation phase, during which the project concept is transformed into a complete, structured, and funding-eligible document, ready for final validation (CEO Endorsement).



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The project is structured around three major transformations



Low-carbon mobility

through the professionalization and progressive electrification of informal transport systems



A nature-positive city

based on the restoration of the green belt and sustainable management of urban ecosystems



Inclusive and resilient urban planning and governance

integrating planning, data, innovation, and citizen participation.

Cross-cutting issues

private sector engagement, gender, and environmental safeguards

This vision is driven through broad and inclusive stakeholder engagement, including national institutions, local authorities, civil society, the private sector, women's and youth organizations, innovation hubs, and others.

Mollitia Consulting proposes a structured, inclusive, and multisectoral approach capable of addressing Bamako's climatic, social, and institutional challenges, while laying the foundations for a replicable model for African cities in transition.

Role of Mollitia Consulting

As PPG Team Leader, Mollitia Consulting ensured the overall coordination of the preparation of Bamako's Integrated Urban Development Project. Our role included structuring national consultations, overseeing key technical studies (gender, private sector, clean mobility, biodiversity, governance), and consolidating all outputs into the full project document (PRODOC), including the results framework, budget, and theory of change.

We led a multidisciplinary team of experts, supervised consultations with more than 70 institutions and local stakeholders, and harmonized contributions from key partners. We also developed the participatory PPG methodology, produced guidance documents for the various studies, and led the final synthesis, including the technical strategy, risk analysis, implementation plan, and annexes required for CEO Endorsement.

Mollitia Consulting integrated and consolidated thematic diagnostics, spatial data, investment options, Incremental costs, socioeconomic benefits, and institutional and financial mechanisms to deliver a coherent, multisectoral project fully aligned with GEF standards.

Results & Impacts

- An integrated and transformative vision combining urban planning, climate, biodiversity, mobility, and governance
- Effective multisectoral coordination ensuring strong national ownership and broad engagement of public, private, and community actors
- An inclusive approach systematically integrating gender, social inclusion, and private sector engagement
- Design of a robust GEF-8 project, technically sound, institutionally anchored, and aligned with international standards
- Integrated, nature-positive investments enhancing climate resilience, clean mobility, and ecological restoration
- A ready-to-implement activity package, enabling accelerated project start-up from 2026
- A replicable model providing a reference for other cities in Mali and African cities in transition

Lessons Learned & Mollitia's Added Value

The mission demonstrated that an integrated urban project can only succeed when technical, institutional, social, and environmental dimensions are addressed simultaneously and coherently.

Early and structured stakeholder engagement proved essential to building a shared vision and ensuring national ownership. The process also highlighted the importance of reliable data, clear methodological frameworks, and modern decision-support tools to guide complex investment choices.

Finally, the experience confirmed that innovation—whether institutional, technological, or financial—is a critical lever for addressing Bamako's challenges and ensuring the replicability of the model in other Malian and African cities in transition.





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