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Research-Action Network on Child Protection & Endogenous Knowledge in West Africa

Born from crisis, built for resilience.

Founded in 2014 in Tombouctou, in the aftermath of the 2012 occupation of northern Mali, AMAPISE emerged from a simple conviction: no material reconstruction lasts without rebuilding the social fabric that holds a community together. Twelve years on, that conviction still drives everything the network does.

Founded and directed by **Dr Drahmame Fondo** — PhD in Ethnology (Université Côte d'Azur), Associate Researcher at LIRCES (UPR 3159) — 8 years of ethnographic fieldwork in Mali (2017–2025)

FOUR PILLARS OF ACTION

ENDOGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

The founding pillar: preserving and valuing traditional craftsmanship and community knowledge systems.

CHILD PROTECTION & MEDIATION

Research-action on child fostering, street children, and community-based mediation, carried by the Réseau EnfanceAfrique.org.

NUTRITIONAL SECURITY

Advisory support on food and nutritional security issues across West Africa.

RESEARCH & SCIENTIFIC PARTNERSHIPS

Academic anchoring through LIRCES/UCA affiliation and an International Scientific Council.

PROOF POINTS

2

Articles in The Conversation (Africa & France),
DOI-referenced

5

Peer-reviewed scientific articles published
(2025–2026)

846

HAL views, 927 downloads on scientific
publications to date

9

Years of continuous ethnographic fieldwork in
Mali (2017–2025)

GOVERNANCE & TRANSPARENCY

Managed by an Executive Bureau and a Supervisory Committee, supported by an International Scientific Council. AMAPISE is currently completing a statutory regularization process with the authorities in Tombouctou (Mali). The network is in an active fundraising phase and has not yet received institutional funding — every future contribution will be reported transparently.

PARTNER WITH US

We welcome donors, research partners, and organizations engaged in child protection and social cohesion across West Africa.

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