

# Evaluation of medicalisation program of rural areas in Mali





# Context

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- ❑ High number of unemployed graduate physicians
- ❑ Initiative to develop private sector practices in deprived areas of Bamako then in remote and rural areas
- ❑ Support to these physicians by an NGO (Santé Sud)
- ❑ Setting up of an association comprising rural based physicians
- ❑ Financial support by European Union and French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# A panel of measures

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## □ Attraction

- supporting setting up (Santé Sud)
  - Feasibility study, contract negotiation, training, tool-kit
- wages, housing and other amenities (authorities)

## □ Retention

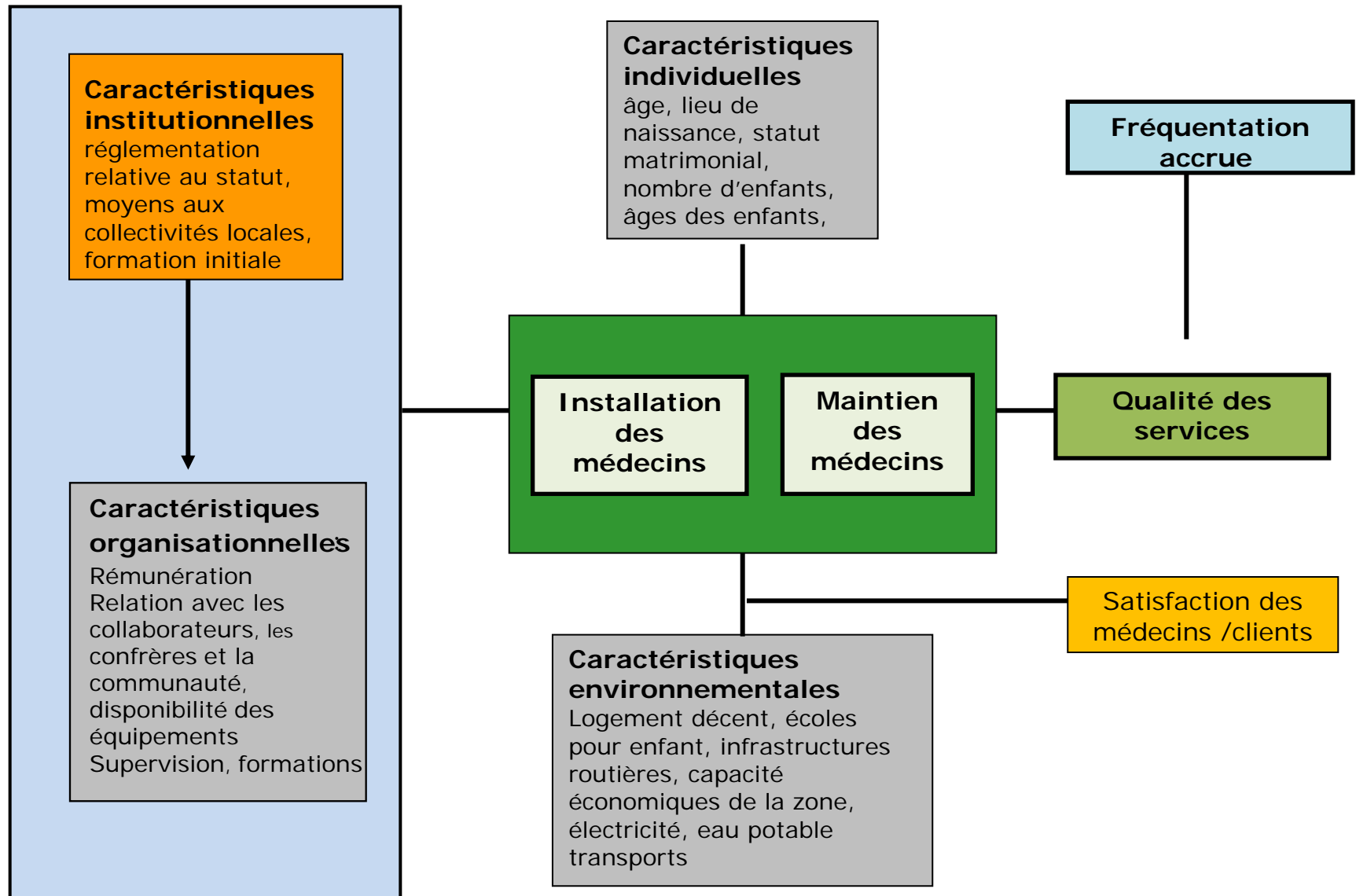
- contract formalisation, regular income, coaching and support by AMC/Santé sud, networking



# Evaluation objectives and questions

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- Evaluating medicalisation strategies with a view to a potential roll out
  - Do the different measures allow for
    - attracting physicians to rural areas ?
    - retaining these physicians in these areas ?
  - Are these strategies viable ?
  - Does this medicalisation project
    - improve quality of services?
    - meet population needs ?



# Method

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- holistic and comprehensive approach
- documentary analysis
- survey of all the physicians in the rural areas (supported or not)
- interviews with key stakeholders and final year medical students
- case studies in 4 sites
  - interviews with physicians, their team, local authorities, management committee, communities
  - direct on-site observation (hygiene, equipment, health care procedures)



# Interests and limits

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- + Sum of convergent arguments concerning effectiveness of strategies, which are sufficient to enlighten authorities
- + Involvement and uptake of evaluation results by Ministry of Health in the study
- quality of services not evaluated due to a lack of reliable data