

COLLAGE TEASER 3: FABRIC SQUARE FROM MALI

The Medical Women's International Association (MWIA) has introduced an innovative and inclusive initiative as part of her Centennial celebration taking place in New York in July 2019. Each of our National Associations will be submitting a fabric square that is unique to their country. These will be joined together to form part of a fabric collage as a symbol of the unity in our diversity. Each designed fabric will have a special place in this harmony of diverse colors and patterns.

We are pleased to share with you the fabric square submission from the **Network of Women Doctors of Mali (RFM)** which is made of cotton, and is woven traditionally in the whole country. This square of traditional fabric was dyed using a traditional technique known in Mali as "Bogolan". "Bogolan" is traditionally worn by hunters who use it both as camouflage and ritual protection. It is also a customary belief that this fabric has the power to absorb dangerous forces released during childbirth.

The map shown on the front is that of Mali and the colors green, gold and red are the colors of the national flag, which is embroidered by hand. The ideogram that borders the square of fabric expresses the bravery of the women.



Front view



Back view