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Abbreviations and symbols

-	morpheme boundary
=	clitic boundary
~	variant of lexeme
ˈ	stress over a syllable
˘	fixed stress on stem of words
<	borrowed from
1p	1 st person plural
1s	1 st person singular
2p	2 nd person plural
2s	2 nd person singular
3p	3 rd person plural
3s	3 rd person singular
ACT	actor-nominalizer
ADJZR	adjectivizer
ALL	allative
ANA	anaphoric demonstrative
BND	bound root (Tamasheq origin)
C	consonant
COMV	verbal complement
D	Tamasheq Tudalt
DAT	dative
DET	determiner
DEM.FAR	demonstrative pointing in the distance

DEM.NEAR	demonstrative pointing close
DEM.PROX	demonstrative pointing in proximity
INT	intensifying discours particule
EMP	emphatic
EXM	extraction marker
F	feminine
FUT	future
FOC	subject focus marker
GEN	genitive postposition
IMP	imperative
IMPERF	imperfective
INST	instrument
IO	unmarked indirect object (usually dative)
KCH	Koyra Chiini: Songhay of Timbuktu
KS	Koyraboro Senni: Songhay of Gao
LOC	locative postposition
LC	logical consequence
MAN	mood-aspect-negation marker
NEG	negation
O	object
PL	plural
POSS	possessive postposition
PP	postposition
QST	question particule

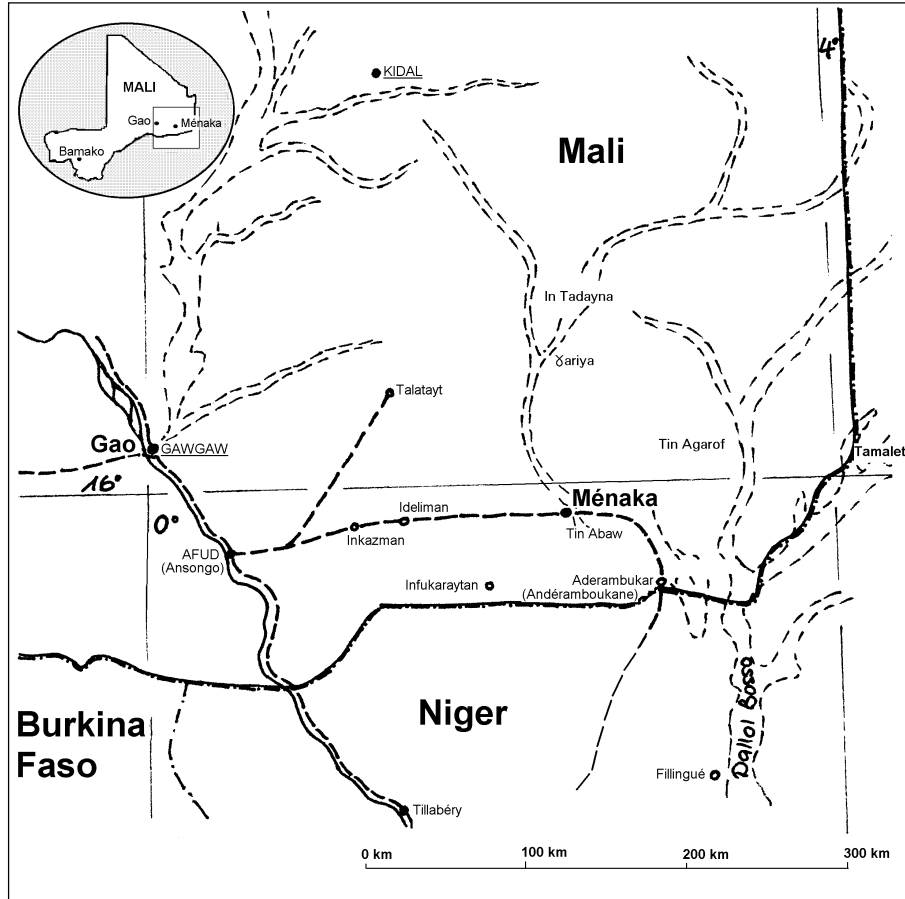
Abbreviations and symbols

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S	subject
SG	singular
SUBJ	subjunctive
V	vowel
VEN	ventive
VN	verbal noun
W	Tamasheq Eastern Tawəlləmmet (Tahoua)
WW	Tamasheq Western Tawəlləmmet (Menaka)

Map

The oval inset shows the Republic of Mali with the enlarged area in a rectangle.



The different lines stand for:

- border to a neighboring country
- all year passable road
- oued/depression leading water in rainy season
- Tin Agarof location name