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BURKINA FASO

COUNTRY PROFILE

In the face of rising violence that has led to increased internal displacements in Burkina Faso, USAID is helping Burkinabes to better withstand conflicts and natural disasters. USAID's programs save lives, improve local governance, support local community leaders, build resilience, support social cohesion, strengthen healthcare systems, and help youth and women become more involved in local decision-making processes.

OUR WORK

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Our long-standing efforts to improve agriculture and food security helps strengthen the resilience of chronically vulnerable populations in the Centre Nord, Sahel, and Est regions. Programs are designed to diversify communities' and households' economic opportunities and increase the profitability of farming. Our work strengthens institutions and local governance structures so that they can more effectively manage natural resources, reduce conflict, and mitigate the risks of disasters. Other areas of focus include improving access to credit, intensifying agricultural and animal production and sales, and better rural land tenure services.

Alimata Korogo, farmer and entrepreneur. Photo by NCBA-CLUSA/USAID

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS & GOVERNANCE

We work with youth, communities, religious leaders, civil society, and government to reduce the risk of instability and to increase resilience to violent extremism. USAID's approach builds economic opportunities, empowers local leaders, reduces tensions, encourages moderate voices, fosters civic participation, and promotes government responsiveness. We focus on women and youth because they are often absent from the country's political life and are also more prone to exploitation by violent extremist organizations. We partner with the electoral commission to support voting procedures and promote democratic values shared by Burkina Faso and the United States. We also partner with the Independent Human Rights Commission and society organizations who are investigating allegations of human rights abuses, and help victims of such abuses.

GLOBAL HEALTH

While some aspects of health have improved in Burkina Faso, the country continues to see persistent, emergent, and neglected diseases affect the population. We support the reform and modernization efforts led by the Ministry of Health to improve the access and utilization of quality health services across the country, with a focus on those most affected by high morbidity and mortality rates. This includes newborns, infants, children under 5, as well as pregnant and breastfeeding women. We also work to improve many aspects of the healthcare system, like service delivery, management, human resources, equipment, and research. USAID's support to the healthcare sector in Burkina Faso includes contributions from the President's Malaria Initiative, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, and the Global Health Security Agenda. Burkina Faso is among the ten countries with the highest malaria disease burdens in the world, and we partner with the people of Burkina Faso in combating the disease, for example with the large-scale distribution of life-saving mosquito bed nets.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

We provide food assistance, water, sanitation, hygiene, shelter, non-food items, healthcare, nutrition, and protection to more than 250,000 people in Burkina Faso. These include internally displaced persons, refugees, and their host communities. This assistance is delivered in partnership with the World Food Program, UNICEF, and a network of international non-governmental organizations. USAID also supports humanitarian coordination and security coordination.

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