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## BURKINA FASO

### COUNTRY PROFILE

The country remains peaceful and secure in a region that has experienced recent instability. USAID builds on the many practices that Burkinabe have used to withstand conflicts and natural shocks. Our programs improve local governance, support those who promote inter-ethnic and religious dialogue, and help youth and women become more involved in local decision-making.

Burkina Faso is among the 10 countries with the highest malaria disease burdens in the world. Combatting the disease is our highest priority. We build the resilience of residents by strengthening the institutions and governmental bodies meant to serve them, increasing the capacity and accessibility of social services, and ensuring access to more nutritious foods.

## OUR WORK

### AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Our long-standing efforts to improve agriculture and food security increase the resilience of chronically vulnerable populations in eight provinces in Burkina Faso's share of the Sahel. Programs diversify communities' and households' economic opportunities, and increase profitability of farming practices. We help create stronger institutions to manage natural resources and to reduce conflict and disaster risk. USAID programming focuses on improving access to credit and intensifying agricultural and animal production. USAID is also working on improving the policy and regulatory environment for nationwide plans and implementation of the land tenure law.

### DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

We work with youth, religious leaders, civil society and local governments to reduce the risk of instability and increase resilience to violent extremism. Using a holistic, community-led approach, we build economic opportunities, promote moderate voices, foster civic participation, and promote

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government responsiveness. We focus on women and youth, who are often marginalized from the political process and are more prone to being recruited by violent extremist organizations. We work with parliament to encourage new national assembly members and partner with the electoral commission to support proper voting procedures and ensure best practices.

## GLOBAL HEALTH

While some progress has been made in tackling health issues, malnutrition and malaria continue to be widespread. Many citizens have little or no access to basic health care or drinking water. We work closely with the Government of Burkina Faso to reduce morbidity and mortality due to malaria, primarily targeting children under five and pregnant women.

## WORKING IN CRISES AND CONFLICT

As of February 2019, Burkina Faso continued to host nearly 25,000 Malian refugees, the majority of whom reside in food-insecure northern regions, where already-scarce host community resources are strained by the presence of additional families. USAID partners with the World Food Program to provide emergency food assistance to this refugee population in the form of commodities and cash resources.



A mother holds a ration of Supercereal, a corn-soy blend enriched with micronutrients, she received from USAID to supplement her family's current diet.

UN WORLD FOOD PROGRAM



Youth in Burkina Faso gather at one of 14 communication booths nationwide where information was provided on the key aspects of a credible electoral process.

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Screenings for malnutrition, like the one pictured, are part of USAID's program to provide education and training to women on improved feeding practices for children.

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