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Country sheet

Burkina Faso

SAHA regional
programme

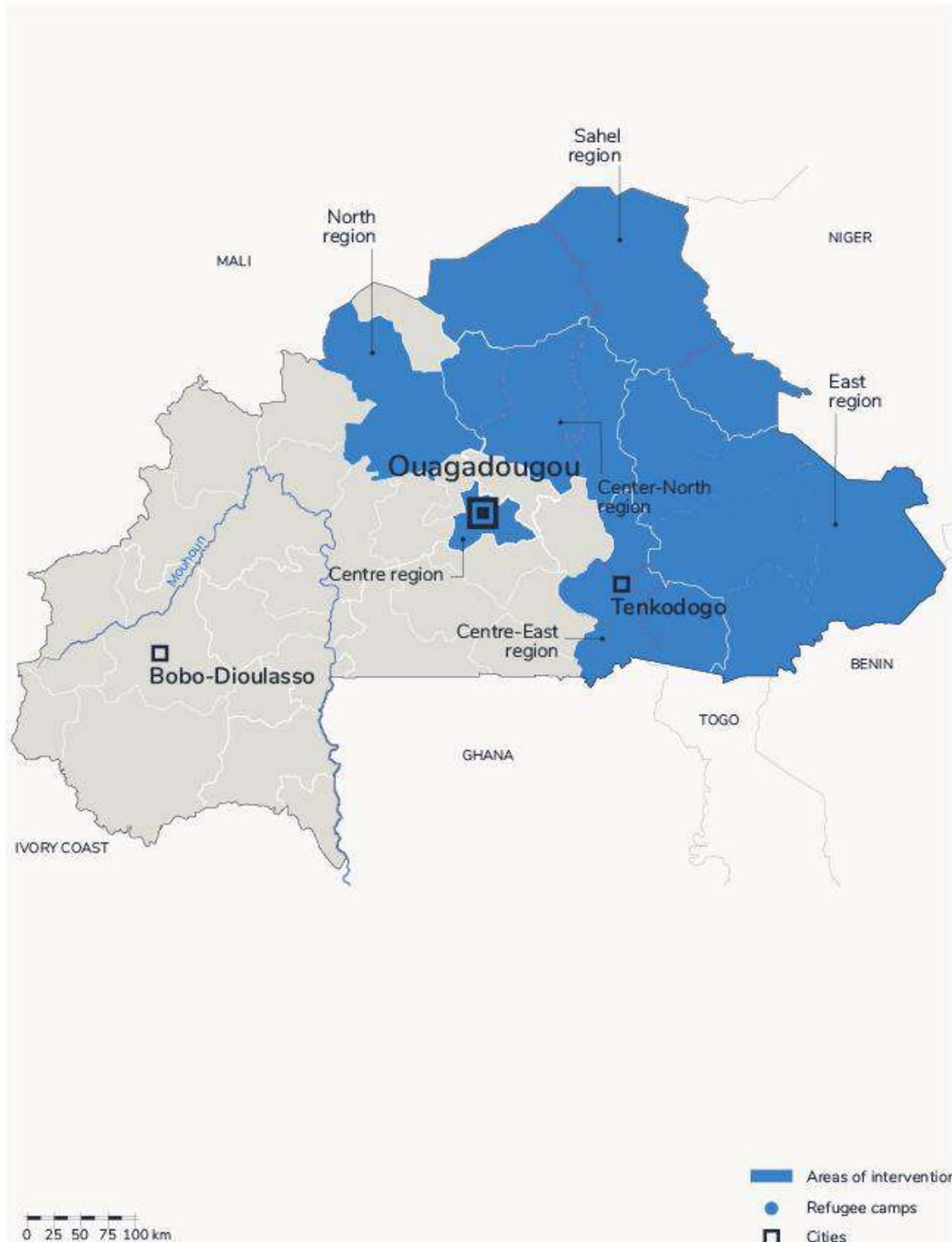




HI's team and areas of intervention

There are 179 staff on HI's team in Burkina Faso.

Burkina Faso





General country data

a. General data

Country	Burkina Faso	Neighbouring country (Niger)	France
Population	22,673,762	26,207,977	67,935,660
IHDI	0.315	0.292	0.82
Gender Development Index	0.903	0.835	0.99
Maternal mortality	264	441	4
Gini Index	47.3	37.3	30.7
Population under UNHCR mandate	1,917,317	716,412	693,598
INFORM index	7.2	7.3	2.3
Fragile States Index	94	93.4	28.8
Public social protection	9.9	20.6	100
Official development assistance received	1,587.7	1,774.9	0

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Convention on Cluster Munitions, 2008	Ratification / Accession: 16 February 2010
Mine Ban Treaty, 1997	Ratification / Accession: 16 September 1998
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006	Ratification / Accession: 23 July 2009
African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention)	Signature: 25 July 2010 Ratification: 05 July 2012
Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action	Signature: 31 August 2023



c. Geopolitical analysis

Burkina Faso is a Sahelian country with very low income and limited natural resources. It is a landlocked country with no maritime coastline and is heavily dependent on trade with coastal countries in the Gulf of Guinea and Mali. Its economy is based on agriculture (80%), although gold exports have been rising in recent years. Over 40% of its population lives below the poverty line. The most vulnerable people are affected by illiteracy, lack of access to care, lack of resources and declining purchasing power.

The most vulnerable populations, especially people with disabilities, receive virtually no medical support and play little part in the economic and social life of the country. It is difficult for them to have full access to such fundamental rights as education, vocational training and employment. Most of them therefore find themselves in a situation of exclusion and extreme poverty.

Since 2015, Burkina Faso has been hit hard by insecurity because of conflicts between the state and armed groups, most of which claim affiliation with Al-Qaeda or The Islamic State. The country is also going through a political crisis after a succession of coups d'état (24 January 2022 and 30 September 2022).



Summary of HI's work in the country

Burkina Faso was the first West African country in which HI worked, in 1991, when the association refurbished the National Orthopaedic Centre of Burkina Faso in partnership with the Ministry of Health. HI subsequently supported the development and establishment of other rehabilitation and fittings centres across the country. HI's interventions in Burkina Faso have since diversified over the years.

Although HI focused almost exclusively on development projects until 2015, operations have gradually been redirected to address the chronic and humanitarian needs of the population. In 2023, out of 8 projects, 50% were humanitarian, 25% addressed chronic crises, and 25% addressed development needs.

In terms of development, HI is facilitating the establishment of a regional functional rehabilitation network and its integration into Burkina Faso's national health system. HI is training health and functional rehabilitation professionals. Through its inclusive education project, HI is enabling children with disabilities to access and remain at primary, post-primary and vocational school, whilst ensuring the quality of their education. In order to ensure the sustainability of this project, HI is training and raising the awareness of people working in the disability and inclusive education sectors.

With regard to the response to chronic crises, HI is addressing the needs of households facing insecurity (particularly food insecurity) in the Sahel region, through the RECOSA project (a project to strengthen the resilience and social cohesion of vulnerable populations in the cross-border regions of Burkina Faso [the Sahel region] and Niger [Tillabéry region]).

HI's responses to humanitarian needs aim to support vulnerable populations which have suffered shock or trauma as a result of the crisis (including pupils and teachers) and the basic needs of populations in the province of Soum (which, in terms of population displacement, is the second most-affected province). HI is also a member of the consortium leading the Rapid Response Mechanism project in Burkina Faso, which aims to provide alerts and information about the needs of displaced people. HI is also leading a project that aims to help humanitarian response actors make their projects more inclusive for older people and people with disabilities.

Finally, two Atlas Logistique projects were launched in 2021. The regional SIGNAL project (Burkina Faso, Togo, Benin) aims to develop a logistical vulnerability index and evaluate the logistical situation of the defined areas, providing analytical input for the decisions and choices made by humanitarian responses. The main objective of the logistics platform is to maximise the methods for delivering humanitarian aid in Burkina Faso.



Overview of current projects

Sectors in which HI is running projects with a focus on beneficiaries and partners

Project title and main intervention sector(s)	Principal activities	Beneficiaries	Partner(s)	Location	Project start and end dates	Institutional donors
Physical and functional rehabilitation, Maternal, neonatal and child health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boosting access to rehabilitation services• Improving the quality of rehabilitation services• Boosting the governance of rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of new rehabilitation service users who have disabilities: 13,768 / education: 1,500 / rehabilitation and education: 1,500• 50 organisations of people with disabilities, and community organisations• 32 facilities (rehabilitation centres, health services, schools, etc.), 4 of which are at national level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional health directorates• Centre Hospitalier Régional de Tenkodogo [Tenkodogo regional hospital]• Direction régionale en charge de la Solidarité et de l'Action humanitaire [The Regional Directorate for Aid, Development and Humanitarian Action]• OCADES CARITAS Burkina and its 5 rehabilitation centres• APEFE [Association for the Promotion of Education and Training Abroad]• Centre national d'appareillage orthopédique du Burkina Faso [Burkina Faso National Orthopaedic Centre]• 3 private rehabilitation centres in Garango and Tenkodogo	Centre-East region Centre region	01.2023 – 12.2027	Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs



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<p>Inclusive Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification, consultation, referral/registration of children with disabilities • Training teachers and teaching assistants • Follow-up of teachers and pupils • Institutional support for the adoption of inclusive education in educational policy documents • Boosting governance and advocacy for inclusive education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10,757 pupils with disabilities enrolled in school • 62 young people with disabilities assisted with vocational training (centres, businesses/workshops) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction de la promotion de l'éducation Inclusive, de l'éducation des filles et du genre [Directorate for the Promotion of Inclusive Education, Girls' Education and Gender] • Provincial directorates for young people and employment • Coalition nationale pour l'Education Pour Tous • High Commissions • Provincial directorates for post-primary and secondary education, pre-primary, primary and non-formal education, women, national solidarity and humanitarian action 	<p>A national project with field activities in the Sahel, Centre-East and Centre regions</p>	<p>09.2017 – 12.2025 01.2023 – 12.2027</p>	<p>AFD Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p>
<p>Inclusive Humanitarian Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study of best practices regarding support for organisations • Raising awareness of and strengthening the inclusion of people at risk of exclusion • Building the capacities of humanitarian actors to ensure the inclusiveness of their actions • Providing technical support for clusters and advocacy for inclusive humanitarian planning • Identifying and boosting organisations of people with disabilities, young people, women and older people working in conflict-affected areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62 people, including 35 women and 9 people with disabilities • 8 INGOs and NGOs and local associations • 5 clusters in Dori and Fada supported • 9 organisations identified and strengthened • 1,343 beneficiaries, including victims of explosive devices • 10 inclusion committees set up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local actors • Organisations of people with disabilities • Provincial Directorates of the Ministère en charge de l'Action Humanitaire [Ministry for Humanitarian Action] 	<p>Sahel, Centre-North, North and East regions</p>	<p>06.2021 – 12.2023</p>	<p>GFFO</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying, screening and providing assistive devices and psychosocial support to promote the independence of people with disabilities • Setting up community mechanisms for inclusion and raising awareness of the respect for diversity, social cohesion and inclusion 					
<p>Better access to psychosocial care and protection services for internally displaced people and those affected, in order to help and support their resilience mechanism</p> <p>Mental health and psychosocial support, Protection from violence and abuse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting mental-health awareness-raising sessions • Organising individual and/or family sessions for psychological and psychosocial care • Enhancement of listening spaces and children/parents play areas • Strengthening the remote psychological assistance system • Listing existing assistance and protection services and actors trained in stress management and psychological first aid • Training actors in mental health, stress management and the integrated inclusive approach • Building the capacities of local actors on rights violations and/or mental health, stress management and the integrated inclusive approach • Helping to revitalise the consultation frameworks of the actors involved • Advocacy and capacity building at regional and national cluster level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,966 people made aware of mental health • 3,631 people cared for • 250 people referred • 333 people trained, 697 people cared for through psychosocial support and the Rapid Response Mechanism • Awareness-raising for 10,496 people including 232 people with disabilities in the Rapid Response Mechanism • 283 people benefit from personal protection assistance • 125 people with disabilities receive support for technical mobility aids 	Implementing partner: Danish Refugee Council	Sahel region North region Centre-North region	05.2020 – 04.2024	ECHO, DGD
RECOSA – Strengthening the resilience and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socio-economic categorisation of households, selection of beneficiary households 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,000 very poor households receive food-security assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A2N • Spanish Red Cross and Burkina Faso Red Cross 	Sahel region	12.2019 – 12.2023	EU



<p>social cohesion of vulnerable populations in the cross-border regions of Burkina Faso (Sahel region)</p> <p>Economic inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social safety nets during the “hunger gap” for three years for very poor households • Access to basic social services for 741,045 people, including access to prenatal consultation services for 26,690 people, to curative care for 637,595 people, and to malnutrition curative care for 5,484 children under the age of 5 • Protecting and promoting livelihoods for 3,000 households • Improving relations between residents and representatives of State authorities in municipalities where projects are rolled out • Improving social cohesion, conflict prevention and management for the inhabitants of project municipalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 health and social advancement centres supported • 246 community-based health workers supported • 109,739 children under the age of 5 • 89,337 pregnant and breastfeeding women • 396,211 patients in curative care • 3,000 very poor households benefit from livelihood assistance • 1,470 people trained in peace promotion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors of the World Spain • Veterinarians Without Borders 			
<p>Shelter and non-food items, Mental health and psychosocial support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up and running a humanitarian monitoring system in the Sahel and Centre-East regions • Training teams from the Rapid Response Mechanism project on psychosocial support and the signs and symptoms of post-traumatic stress • Providing technical expertise for the psychosocial support mechanism • Providing first aid and psychosocial support • Training and supporting project teams on the inclusion of people with disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 333 people trained in psychosocial support • Awareness-raising for 10,496 people, including 232 people with disabilities • 697 people provided with psychosocial support • 283 people benefit from personal protection assistance • 125 people with disabilities receive support for technical mobility aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Against Hunger (lead) • Solidarités International • Danish Refugee Council 	<p>Sahel region North region Centre-North region East region</p>	<p>03.2019 – 12.2023</p>	<p>ECHO GFFO DDC</p>



<p>Shelter and non-food items, Mental health and psychosocial support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising individual, family or support-group sessions for psychological and psychosocial care • Setting up listening and play centres • Deploying the remote psychological assistance scheme • Identifying priority areas and participatory targeting of beneficiaries • Distributing shelter kits and essential household items • Building the capacities of local actors (state and non-state) on how to identify people with disabilities • Providing technical mobility aids and local adaptations to promote people’s autonomy • Support for humanitarian actors on how to implement “accessibility and inclusion” action plans 	<p>50 beneficiaries of shelter kits (19 x 14m² shelter kits and 31 x 21m² shelter kits)</p>		<p>Sahel region North region Centre-North region</p>	<p>11.2021 – 10.2023</p>	<p>DGD</p>
<p>Atlas Logistique Building the supply chain and access capacities of humanitarian and market actors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting humanitarian access to inaccessible areas • Calculating logistics vulnerability • Assessing the logistics environment (markets, road infrastructure, transport services, solid-waste management, local agricultural production, warehouse management) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The humanitarian community • Government and local authorities 	<p>Sahel region Centre-North region East region North region</p>	<p>01.2021 – 09.2024</p>	<p>BHA GFFO</p>
<p>Shared transport and storage platforms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooling transport and storage • Training local actors involved in the supply chain (hauliers, escorts, handlers) on various topics (humanitarian principles, convoy driving, security, gestures and posture etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 humanitarian actors, including local NGOs, international NGOs and UN agencies • Training 220 people working with local haulage companies, Ministry of Transport, NGO logistics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian actors who have signed a memorandum of understanding • OHADA 	<p>National coverage, according to demand/needs</p>	<p>06.2021 – 12.2023</p>	<p>GFFO</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training humanitarian actors in logistics	teams, HI handlers and escorts				
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Donors

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