



BURKINA FASO

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IN SUPPORT OF THE BURKINABE RED CROSS



45

National Society
branches



325

National Society
volunteers



45,700

National Society
staff

Data taken from published 2024 IFRC network country plan

PEOPLE REACHED

Emergency
Operations



350,000

Climate and
environment



455,000

Disasters
and crises



545,000

Health and
wellbeing



1.8M

Migration and
displacement



235,000

Values, power
and inclusion



333,000

Data not available at time of publication

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Data not available at time of publication

Appeal number **MAABF002**

*Information on data scope and limitations is available on the back page

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Burkina Faso is a low-income Sahel country with limited natural resources. Its economy is primarily based on agriculture, although gold exports are growing in the country. With an estimated population of almost 22 million people, more than 40 per cent of the country's inhabitants live below the poverty line. The 2021-2022 Human Development Index (HDI) report revealed that Burkina Faso was ranked 184 out of 191 countries on the index. Burkina Faso faces water scarcity and growing food insecurity caused by climate change. Recurring droughts and floods in the country can be attributed to climate change. The country also faces major security problems with persistent clashes between non-state armed groups and the Government.

The political context in Burkina Faso has been marked in recent years by a succession of coups in recent years. The transition of power in Burkina Faso is led by three main bodies: the transitional president of Burkina Faso, the government with a civilian prime minister and a transitional legislative assembly. As a result, Burkina Faso has been suspended from the governing bodies of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Union until constitutional order is restored in the country. However, a consensus was reached between ECOWAS and the transitional authorities for the duration of the 24-month transition.

Since 2015, Burkina Faso has been the target of attacks by Non-State Armed Groups (NSAGs) that have caused population displacement in the country. According to the CONASUR data, the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the country has increased from 50,000 in 2018 to an approximately two million in 2023. These displacements are a result of violence against the civilian population and the destruction of public property and infrastructure. Closure of markets, schools and health facilities pose significant challenges for humanitarian action in the country. The continuing deterioration of access have impacted humanitarian assistance to those affected, particularly in Barsalogho in the Centre-North, Pama/Majoari in the East, Titao in the North and Djibo in the Sahel Tougan and Nouna in the Boucle du Mouhoun.

Humanitarian needs in Burkina Faso are many and varied due to the difficult security situation and ongoing crises. Some of the key humanitarian needs identified include food assistance, access to clean water and sanitation, shelter, health services, social protection, education and adaptation to the effects of climate change and the environment.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Hunger Crisis Emergency Appeal is the only ongoing emergency operation of the CRBF. Indeed, following the DREF which affected more than 1000 households benefiting from 150,000 CFA francs, the CRBF launched an emergency food security appeal to cover multisectoral needs. This initiative is implemented from January 2023 to December 31, 2024. Projects such as AMOPHA, AAP, HIP-ECHP, AEICED, LuxDev under funding from the SNPs, support the actions of the food security emergency appeal.

As part of this call, the CRBF has scaled up its interventions for the most vulnerable populations and benefited from the IFRC's technical and strategic support to ensure results. The appeal aims to improve the food and nutrition situation of the most vulnerable households who find themselves in an increasingly difficult life with ever-increasing needs. This vision is further reinforced through the communication of the Harmonized Framework for the Analysis and Identification of Areas at Risk and the Estimation of Food Insecure Populations of March 18, 2023 through these recommendations to the Government and its Technical/Financial Partners and CILSS. Indeed, it is recommended to expedite a rapid supply of food assistance in localities where populations are victims of disasters, to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable populations identified, particularly in provinces in crisis situations and, worse, to put in place sufficient resources to strengthen security around the main roads in regions with a high security challenge (Sahel, Centre-North, East, North and Boucle du Mouhoun); to continue and strengthen humanitarian assistance on an ongoing basis; to strengthen resilience actions in favor of vulnerable populations identified under

food pressure through timely support for the rainy season and the development of IGAs and to undertake close monitoring of the food and nutrition situation of provinces classified in phase 3 or more, to name but a few.

The CRBF's support is reinforced by four SNPs (Spain, Luxembourg, Monaco, and Belgium) and the ICRC that are already engaged in helping IDPs in other crisis regions, including the Sahel, the Centre-North, the East, etc. The NPS present in Burkina Faso have decided to provide substantial support to the Federal Appeal for greater efficiency and coordination in the areas of emergency food and nutrition assistance, water, sanitation and hygiene, disaster risk reduction and health. These contributions cover a large part of the needs expressed but do not cover all the targeted provinces and important sectors such as livelihood activities, community engagement (CEA), protection (IGP) and CRBF support (DSN).

Summary of Achievements

In the implementation of the Emergency Appeal, the Burkinabe Red Cross has received support from NorCross for the implementation of food and livelihood assistance activities in the communes of Oula and Ouahigouya (Northern Region), Tougan (Boucle du Mouhoun Region) and Kongoussi (Centre-North Region). This assistance has strengthened the resilience of 11,885 people in 1774 households, including 780 households in Oula, 231 households in Ouahigouya and 763 households in Tougan.

The main achievements are as follows:

- Targeting food assistance recipients;
- The establishment of complaint management and feedback committees;
- The organization of food distribution to 1011 households in two rounds;
- The targeting and distribution of fortified flour to 494 children and 440 FEFA for the prevention of malnutrition;
- Targeting and distributing vegetable seeds to 976 households and livestock kits to 82 households for the development of their livelihoods;
- Support for 120 households in the practice of soilless vegetable production;
- Conducting monitoring surveys of the different distributions (PDM)

As a result of these achievements, the humanitarian objective of implementing the programme in these localities has been successfully achieved.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Burkinabe Red Cross has made significant progress in addressing climate change and building community resilience. By 2024, the organization set a target of reaching 10% of the population in humanitarian need. To meet this goal, various adaptation programmes have been deployed, targeting approximately 600,000 people. These programmes focus on promoting climate-smart agricultural practices, sustainable management of natural resources, and raising awareness of climate risks. In addition, the Burkinabe Red Cross launched tree-planting campaigns in degraded areas and conducted awareness-raising activities to promote environmentally friendly behavior in local communities.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC network, including key partners such as the Spanish Red Cross and the Luxembourg Red Cross, has been a key source of support for the Burkinabe Red Cross in addressing the climate and environmental crises. These partners have committed not only to mobilizing financial resources but also to providing technical assistance in the development of strategic documents. This collaboration has enhanced the Burkinabe Red Cross's capacity to address

climate change effectively and build resilience in vulnerable communities.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit [IFRC GO page Burkina Faso](#).

Progress by the National Society against targets

In response to the increasing crises, the Burkinabe Red Cross expanded its activities in the first half of 2024, focusing on strengthening the livelihoods of vulnerable populations, particularly internally displaced persons. The organization distributed food aid and essential household items to those in need. In addition, the Burkinabe Red Cross took significant steps to enhance community resilience by setting up early warning systems and training both local populations and its teams in disaster management best practices. These interventions have been crucial in providing assistance, particularly in hard-to-reach areas, where the Burkinabe Red Cross played a vital role in supporting affected communities.

IFRC network joint support

The Burkinabe Red Cross has received substantial support from the IFRC network, especially in the area of crisis and disaster response. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and participating National Societies have provided technical and financial support to help implement the initiatives. Key partners such as the Spanish, Belgian, Flemish, Luxembourg, and French Red Crosses have also contributed significantly to the efforts of the Burkinabe Red Cross in strengthening disaster response and resilience-building activities.



In response to growing hunger driven by violence and climate shocks, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society provided emergency food assistance to nearly 3,500 displaced and host households in Gorgadji (Photo:Burkinabe Red Cross Society)



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2024, the Burkinabe Red Cross intensified its activities in the health sector, responding to various challenges. The organization filled the gap in community-based health by providing essential services through its trained volunteers. These interventions included care for malnourished children and the promotion of appropriate health practices such as ANJE and ANJE-U. The Burkinabe Red Cross also leveraged its extensive community-based surveillance network to monitor epidemics, especially in areas affected by population movement. In response to declared epidemics like dengue, the organization was proactive in its efforts. Additionally, in the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector, vulnerable communities, including internally displaced persons, benefited from improved water infrastructure, sanitation, and hygiene education.

Despite the significant contributions, challenges remain, particularly regarding coverage in community health, nutrition, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health. The Burkinabe Red Cross plans to strengthen its capacities and those of community actors to address these issues more effectively.

IFRC network joint support

Achieving the ambitious health goals set by the Burkinabe Red Cross requires a combination of strategies, such as internal and external coordination, risk communication, community engagement, and capacity building of health structures. Additionally, it requires the mobilization of adequate financial, material, and human resources. To support these efforts, the Burkinabe Red Cross relies on the technical and financial support of its partners within the IFRC network. Key partners, including the Belgian Red Cross, Luxembourg Red Cross, NorCross, Spanish Red Cross, and Monaco Red Cross, have committed to assisting the Burkinabe Red Cross in the fields of health, nutrition, water, hygiene, and sanitation.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the first half of 2024, the Burkinabe Red Cross carried out several assistance programs targeting migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons, internally displaced persons, and host communities. These programs were aimed at addressing the basic needs of these vulnerable groups, providing food, healthcare, shelter, and ensuring the protection of family ties. Alongside these humanitarian actions, the Burkinabe Red Cross has been actively working to strengthen public policies that benefit the most vulnerable migrants. The organization has participated in both national and international consultations on migration issues. To guide and reinforce its advocacy efforts with partners, a strategic plan has been developed.

IFRC network joint support

The Burkinabe Red Cross has received both technical and financial support from various partners within the IFRC network, including the British, Belgian, and Spanish Red Cross, as well as the International Committee of the Red Cross. These partners have focused on strengthening the Burkinabe Red Cross's capacity in areas such as psychosocial support, legal assistance, and restoring family links (RFL). This collaboration ensures that the Burkinabe Red Cross can provide appropriate humanitarian services to migrants, displaced persons, and others affected by migration, displacement, and returns. The efforts are coordinated with local and international actors to maximize impact.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the first half of the year, the Burkinabe Red Cross made significant strides in improving its crisis response capabilities and incorporating the principles of protection, gender, and inclusion into its programs. Vulnerable children, especially those displaced, have seen improvements in protection and have gained better access to education. The

Burkinabe Red Cross has also enhanced its capacity to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence, ensuring more effective support for survivors and at-risk populations.

IFRC network joint support

With the support of its partners, the Burkinabe Red Cross has strengthened its capacities in psychosocial support (PSS), legal assistance, and restoring family links (RFL). These efforts have enabled the organization to provide more appropriate and timely humanitarian services, coordinating closely with both local and international actors to ensure a comprehensive and effective response.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with member National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, humanitarian situations and needs; agreeing on common priorities; jointly developing common strategies to address issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian access, acceptance and space; mobilizing funding and other resources; clarifying consistent public messaging; and monitoring progress. This also means ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need, incorporate clarity of humanitarian action, links with development assistance, and efforts to reinforce National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society is involved in the four [IFRC Pan-African initiatives](#) focusing on Tree Planting and Care, Zero Hunger, Red Ready and National Society Development. These initiatives are reflected in the relevant sections of this plan.

The Burkinabe Red Cross is part of the global [Pilot Programmatic Partnership](#) between the European Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and the IFRC. This partnership benefits from the implementation support of the Belgian Red Cross as lead EU National Society, Luxembourg Red Cross, and Spanish Red Cross for the implementation of activities in the areas of disaster risk management, epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response, cash and voucher assistance, risk communication, and community engagement and accountability.

The Burkinabe Red Cross also works with several participating National Societies in longer-term technical and financial partnerships:

IFRC network partners in Burkina Faso include the **Belgium Red Cross, British Red Cross, Flemish Red Cross, French Red Cross, Luxembourg Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross**, and the **Spanish Red Cross**.

Movement coordination

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and participating National Societies, for the alignment of support and action between Movement partners. In times of emergencies, closer coordination is organized. This is carried out in line with the [Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation \(SMCC\)](#) principles, and the newly adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

The ICRC, in close collaboration with the Burkinabe Red Cross and in areas affected by armed violence assists displaced people, organizes cattle-vaccination campaigns and facilitates access to healthcare and clean water. It also supports the National Society in restoring family links (RFL) and visits detainees and promotes respect for international humanitarian law.

External coordination

As an auxiliary to the public authorities and under the supervision of the Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Humanitarian Action, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society maintains an excellent relationship with government

institutions. The National Society works closely with the Ministry of Humanitarian Action and Disaster Management, the Ministry of Health, and the General Directorate of Civil Protection. Due to its presence at all levels of administrative divisions, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society collaborates with multiple decentralized state services in the development and monitoring of its projects and programmes.



National Society Development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the National Society worked on creating new income-generating activities for the headquarters and the branches and held roundtable discussions with Movement partners. The National Society also worked on increasing the capacity of its staff members in several areas of expertise. It also worked on improving infrastructure improvement for the overall development of the National Society.

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society worked on implementing its volunteer management software through multiple training, followed by the registration of the volunteers on the online platform.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided both technical and financial support to the Burkinabe Red Cross Society in its efforts to prioritize National Society development and in developing tools to facilitate the overall improvement of the National Society.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society worked on developing information sheets which made it possible to look at the National Society model committee's current performance levels. The National Society also worked on promoting its auxiliary status to public authorities by holding meetings with governance and management teams with representatives of public administrative authorities including ministers, governors, high commissioners, presidents of delegations, among others. In these meetings, the National Society shared information and advocated for its interventions and also disseminated information about the wider Movement.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society in its advocacy and communication efforts to bolster its auxiliary role to public authorities and to effectively showcase the National Society's interventions in Burkina Faso. This involves facilitation of stakeholder engagements and to publicize the National Society's work on relevant media channels or to high-level representatives.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Burkinabe Red Cross Society carried out its digital transformation through the upgrading of its computer network infrastructure, applications and data, and through capacity strengthening training around security information. In its efforts to enhance accountability and agility, the National Society conducted training on administrative and financial procedure manual, the procurement manual, the internal control manual, and human resources tools. It conducted training on Human Resources dashboard for HR staff, financial management and compliance training, and formed committees on financial management.

The National Society revised its Human Resources tools such as employment contract model, internal staff regulations, recruitment notice canvas. It worked on developed thematic policies, programmes and strategies including PSEA, PGI, priority investment programme, mental health policy and psychosocial support. The Burkinabe Red Cross also worked on developing the monitoring and evaluation procedures manual and the material management manual.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Burkinabe Red Cross Society's efforts under accountability and agility by providing both technical and financial support for the development of key tools and policies that help enhance the National Society's accountability. This includes the development of key strategies, human resource tools, monitoring and evaluation support, as well as its efforts under digital transformation.



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 2024. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies. Mid-year reporting data may have been based on estimations, with plans to submit more robust numbers at the annual reporting stage.
- **Financial overview:** This overview consolidates data reported by the National Society and its IFRC network partners, as well as data extracted from IFRC's financial systems. All reported figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities. The financial data with a light grey background is solely reported by the National Society, including the funding sources. Financial reporting is often times estimated depending on availability of financial figures, closing of financial periods, and may be incomplete. "Not reported" could sometimes mean "not applicable".
- **Missing data and breakdowns:** National Societies have diverse data collection systems and processes that may not align with the standardized indicators. Data may not be available for some indicators, for some National Societies. This may lead to inconsistencies across different reporting tools as well as potential under or over-estimation of the efforts led by all.
- **Reporting bias:** The data informing this Federation-wide overview is self-reported by each National Society (or its designated support entity) and which is the owner and gatekeeper, and responsible for accuracy and updating. IFRC tries to triangulate the data provided by the National Societies with previous data and other data in the public domain.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Burkina Faso 2024 Financial Report](#)
- [IFRC network country plan](#)
- [Subscribe for updates](#)
- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\) data](#)
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [IFRC Evaluation and Research Databank](#)

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