

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Ziro. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted.

Most of Plan's sponsored children in Ziro live in rural areas, regions where up to 80% of the population is vulnerable to food insecurity due to the effects of climate change. This year, these groups were provided with food kits to prevent malnutrition.

109 new groups were formed for women to safely discuss their finances and ambitions. 100% of Ziro's municipalities have implemented watchdog groups to prevent violence against children and young people. Primary school enrollments have dramatically increased, with nearly 82% of children now learning.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Ziro.



168

Students learned about sexual & reproductive health



109

Savings & credit groups formed for enterprise-building



590

Families in need received food kits



COVID-19'S IMPACT IN BURKINA

Hear from Oho Grace about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.

"This year, Plan officers came to our school to talk to us about COVID-19. They said that the disease is not yet over, and that we must continue to respect barrier measures. They gave us hand washing stations, soap and gel. I thank Plan very much."

CASE STORY: I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



NAME: ZONABO

AGE: 16 YEARS OLD

HOBBY: TRADITIONAL MUSIC

"Thanks to my sales, I have become an independent person and a happier person. I sensitise other internally displaced girls to try to do something, instead of staying at home. There are even two friends of mine who come to my stand to learn how to become traders, too."

Meet Zonabo

Like your sponsored child, Zonabo has been empowered by Plan International to change her life. Since 2016, Burkina Faso has been overwhelmed by a violent political crisis. The unpredictable danger has forced more than 1.7 million families, including Zonabo's, to flee their homes.

Safer Together

16-year-old Zonabo and her family escaped political turmoil four years ago. At that time, she had already dropped out of school. Having left behind the land they knew how to cultivate, Zonabo's family – like many displaced families – struggled to make ends meet. Through Plan International, Zonabo participated in a training on entrepreneurship, a vocational course that has now reached 1,500 displaced people in Burkina Faso.

Plan provided Zonabo with unconditional cash support, which she used to start her business. In total, 1,734 sponsored children – including Zonabo – have received financial and emotional support from Plan's programmes for displaced people. Through Plan's workshops, long-time locals and their new displaced neighbours are learning to build peaceful communities.

You Can Count On Me

Initially, Zonabo used her seed funding from Plan to sell mangoes. Then, she went on to selling condiments, which she still does today. Zonabo also helps her mother – another graduate of Plan's vocational training course – to prepare cakes and oil.

Zonabo has become a role model to other girls in her new community. She is proud and confident to be able to contribute in her family. With this new financial freedom, Zonabo helps her loved ones build a safer, stronger life in a village free from violence.



Zonabo at her stall.

WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 10,244 CHILDREN IN ZIRO

OUR PROJECTS IN ZIRO ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



Hundreds of teenagers and young women received invaluable skills training in sexual health and finance.

KICK START TO A HEALTHY LIFE



Just 6% of adolescents ages 15 to 19 in Ziro use modern contraceptives. As a result, early or unwanted pregnancies are frequent, and knowledge about sexual health and reproductive rights is limited.

This year, Plan International trained 168 student educators about Sexual and Reproductive Health of Adolescents and Youth (ARSH). In addition to learning about adolescent sexual health, these students – among them, 73 girls and 98 boys – also received tools to pass such lessons on to their classmates.

In addition, 24 adult facilitators were trained in leading ARSH groups, which included trainings in menstruation, contraception and sexually transmitted infections. 28 health workers received additional training in adolescent sexual health.

SAVING FOR A GOOD FUTURE



Women in Ziro saved and received a total of \$208,735 (134,454,000 West African CFA francs). In Ziro, girls and women ages 15 to 24 struggle to find employment. They remain dependent on their families, and lack financial agency.

Plan International's savings groups offer a safe space for women to discuss their financial futures, learn entrepreneurial skills and participate in workshops about safety and parenting. This year, women in Ziro formed 109 new savings groups.

In their savings groups, women earned hundreds of thousands of CFA francs in credit from Plan to get their enterprises off the ground. 60 girls and women were trained in liquid soap making as a new form of income.



"I am a member of a savings and credit group for children called 'Nongtaaba'. I save 50 francs a week, which allowed me to repair my bicycle and to buy a nice bag. I am very happy that I was able to buy a bag myself with my own savings. I thank Plan International for this initiative." - **Viviane (12) from Ziro**

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



6%

Of teens ages 15 to 19 in Ziro use modern contraceptives



4%

Of women ages 16 to 64 in Burkina Faso received vocational training



78%

Of eligible children in Ziro are enrolled in primary school



Your support helps girls and boys to stand up for their futures.

·Ziro's primary concern is unwanted pregnancies among young girls, which can lead to high health and poverty risks. We will continue to train young people in adolescent sexual health and reproductive rights.

·Children in Ziro are at risk of sexual and physical violence. We will collaborate with local leaders to discuss gender equity and the protection of children, especially girls.

·Poverty and economic precarity are significant issues for the people of Ziro. We will support youth and youth movements to strengthen entrepreneurship and safe, youth-led employment opportunities.

·Many women in Ziro do not have access to stable employment. We will continue to advocate for women in Ziro to form savings groups and develop vocational skills.

We know the best is yet to come, and together we will continue to work for a brighter, happier future for the children in Ziro.



"We thank our sponsors for your trust and commitment to the well-being of children, especially girls. Your contributions have made it possible to meet many challenges this year."

Djeneba Ballo
Programme Area Manager, Ziro

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS