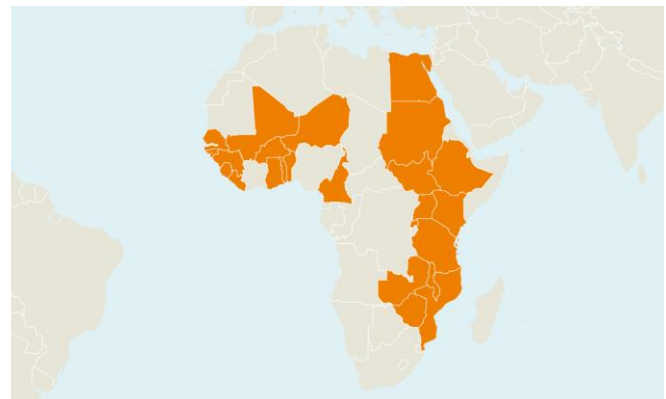


ANNUAL UPDATE BURKINA FASO

KOURITTENGA



Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Kourittenga. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.

This past year, addressing the ongoing humanitarian and security situations in Burkina Faso was a priority. Empowering youth to access their right to an education, and develop marketable skills, was key. In partnership with communities, we supported children and young people with basic needs as well as facilitating resources for quality learning and employment.

As a result, youth in Kourittenga were motivated and engaged, working to access a brighter, more secure future.



1,419

Children accessed psychosocial care



299

Young women established income-generating activities



240

Pupils learnt safely in nine refurbished classrooms

“I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP THAT MOTIVATED ME TO WORK HARD IN SCHOOL. I THANK PLAN FOR WHAT THEY DO.”

Florentine, 17-year-old Sponsored Child





NAME: MOHAMADI

AGE: 15 YEARS OLD

**DREAMS TO BE: A
TECHNICIAN**

“THIS TRAINING HAS MADE ME FEEL USEFUL AND READY TO WORK TO MEET MY OWN NEEDS AND THOSE OF MY FAMILY.”

Meet Mohamadi

Like the child you sponsor, Mohamadi is making steps towards achieving his goals and building a stronger future for himself.

After poverty and Burkina Faso's political instability cut short Mohamadi's formal schooling, he accessed vocational training and entrepreneurial support. Now, he is on a path toward economic independence.

Learning In Times of Crisis

Burkina Faso has been experiencing a security and humanitarian crisis since 2015. The deteriorating situation has had a devastating effect on educational access for young people.

Mohamadi's dreams were shattered when he left school and his parents could not afford to enrol him in vocational training. He saw himself as many of his older brothers and relatives who were forced to earn money through activities such as gold panning—dangerous work vulnerable to terror attacks.

Yet with perseverance and training, Mohamadi is now on a safer, more secure path. Through an educational empowerment programme, out-of-school children in Burkina Faso are able to access a more stable future.

On the Path to Success

The project empowers youth with resources and connections to learn and thrive. Over 800 pupils earned scholarships, and more than 500 out-of-school youth are training in trades from mechanics to market gardening.

Now an expert on cell phone repair, Mohamadi plans to open his own repair shop with the support of his trainer and the installation kit. He is also helping other youth achieve their dreams. He says: “I would like to see children in the same situation as me being looked after. I have a cousin who is going to work with me as my first apprentice and I am confident things will go well.”



Mohamadi learnt repair skills through vocational training

OUR PROJECTS IN KOURITTENGA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



The educational access programme focused on girls and young women, who are most vulnerable to exclusion from education.

PLANNING A SECURE FUTURE



Many families in Kourittenga struggle to access education for their children. Children and youth living in vulnerable situations often drop out of school, drastically limiting their chances for an economically stable future.

This year, a key initiative focused on facilitating access to quality education for at-risk children, and providing vocational training for young people who are not in school.

Empowering youth with marketable skills, as well as opportunities to develop plans for their future, was vital. Vocational training engaged 174 out-of-school youth, the majority of which trained in soap-making. These young people have already started producing and selling soap and are now able to become financially independent. In addition, 111 students were awarded with a school grant, contributing to the payment of school fees—and 60 of the top students were rewarded for academic excellence.



RESPONDING TO CRISIS



A complex humanitarian crisis in Burkina Faso has profoundly affected security, livelihoods, and education. The Emergency and Resilience Programme (PURE) aims to meet the basic needs of internally displaced people and host communities as well as to help increase children's ability to attend school.

Learning spaces have been set up to provide psychosocial care for pupils affected by the crisis, before integrating them into the school system. More than 1,000 children visited child-friendly spaces, which enabled them to access care. In addition, refurbished classrooms benefitted 240 pupils with safer learning conditions, while school grants and school kits made it possible for pupils to access and continue their education.

“When it rained, we used to be scared because the wall was cracked and some of the metal sheets weren't fixed properly. Now, we are learning in good conditions thanks to Plan.”

– Fadilatou, 13 years old, from Kourittenga



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



The best is yet to come—and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Kourittenga.

- In Burkina Faso, 10% of pregnancies are carried by teenagers aged 15-19. Improving the quality of sexual and reproductive health and rights services will be a key initiative in addressing rates of early pregnancy.
- Trained peer educators will be equipped with resources to challenge harmful gender norms and practices. This will empower young people with tools to make informed choices about their health.
- 52% of girls in Burkina Faso are married before the age of 18. Awareness-raising campaigns will address the consequences of early marriage, especially among at-risk populations.

Thank you for your continued support.



“We are grateful to you for your support, the impact of which in terms of progress and major changes in children's lives is visible. We will continue to be at their side, thanks to you.”

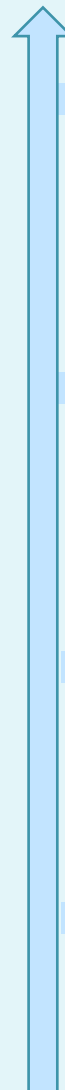
Mahomet Ouedraogo
Programme Area Manager

THE PLAN EFFECT



Your sponsorship commitment becomes long-term change—providing help for self-help. We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan's Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS



JANUARY



647

Young people learnt about children's rights and protection

MARCH



174

Out-of-school youth attended vocational training

OCTOBER



120

Pupils continued their courses with educational support

DECEMBER



80

Girls attended an awareness-raising session on gender-based violence