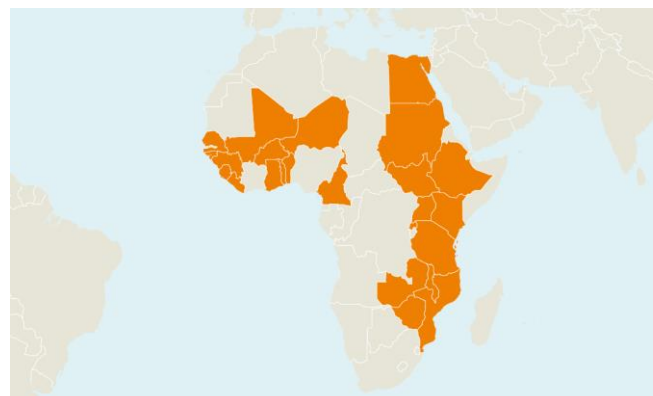


# ANNUAL UPDATE BURKINA FASO

## BAM



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

Addressing the ongoing crisis in Burkina Faso was a priority. Responding quickly and effectively to food insecurity was imperative. We were able to strengthen resources for immediate aid and engage communities with income-generating activities to provide food and economic independence.

Empowering young people with education and marketable skills was key. Youth in Bam participated in vocational training and entrepreneurship, working together to create a more secure future.



**609**

Internally displaced women supported with Dignity Kits



**61**

Medical staff trained on malnutrition



**295**

Internally displaced children accessed psychosocial care

**“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 BAM ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



64% of the population in Burkina Faso is underemployed, especially in rural areas. Through vocational training, youth learn skills to develop their own businesses.

## EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS



**Many families in Bam struggle to access education for their children.** Youth living in vulnerable situations often drop out of school, drastically limiting their chances for an economically stable future.

This year, vocational training and entrepreneurial initiatives empowered youth with marketable skills as well as opportunities to plan for their future. Through vocational training, young people gained skills in beadwork, phone repair or mechanics. After their training, they were supported with installation kits to start their own businesses.

With access to education and opportunity, young people can achieve greater economic independence. One project participant, Lamoussa, said: “There’s no better help than enabling children to learn a trade, because as the saying goes, it’s better to teach someone to fish than to give them fish.”



## RESPONDING TO CRISIS

**A complex humanitarian crisis in Burkina Faso has profoundly affected security, livelihoods, and access to food.**

This year, the Red Alert Response project provided immediate relief for internally displaced persons and food-insecure households. Health workers were trained for medical and health centres, with a focus on malnutrition.

Farming and livestock initiatives engaged thousands of people with resources and training to establish income-generating activities such as raising sheep and market gardening. These activities provide vital economic opportunities and access to healthy foods, empowering individuals and strengthening communities.

“I heard about the Red Alert project, so I submitted my application. I received a subsidy and with this money I bought three sheep. My business is going well. I’d like to thank Plan for this project and the support it gives to young people.” – **Roukietou (17) from Bam**



# 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 Bam.**

- In times of crisis, children are especially vulnerable to violence and exploitation. Resources such as emergency shelters and strengthened child protection units will support communities as they address these dangers.
- Only 4.5% of the population aged 16-64 has received vocational training. Initiatives, such as the creation of new Village Savings & Loan groups, will promote the economic autonomy of women and young people.
- Crisis regions have limited access to clean water. Drilling boreholes will increase the availability of drinking water for households vulnerable to food and nutritional insecurity.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



“Thank you for the efforts you make to support our projects for the well-being of children and young people, especially girls. The whole team and I thank you very much.”

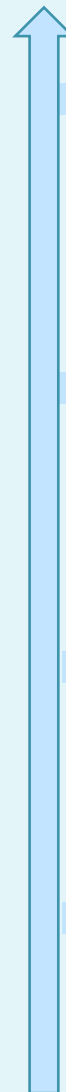
**Aminata Rabo**  
Programme Area Manager

## 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**

**1,683**

People participated in agricultural programmes



**MARCH**

**50**

People trained on Village Savings & Loan methodology



**JUNE**

**100**

New mothers trained on market gardening



**DECEMBER**

**600**

People accessed clean water thanks to new boreholes

