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# BURKINA FASO

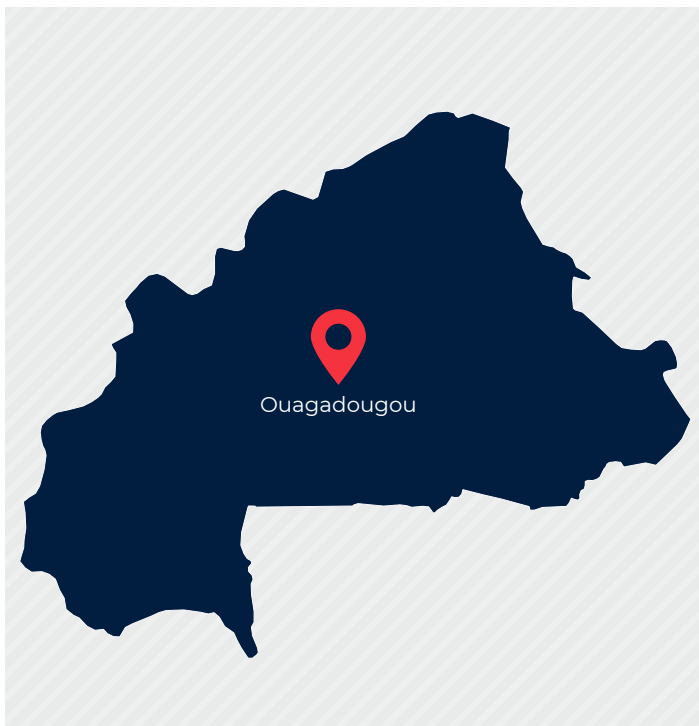
## IFRC COUNTRY PLAN

Appeal number

**MAA61004**

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**7.4 million**



National  
Society  
Branches

**45**



National  
Society  
Staff

**313**



National  
Society  
Volunteers

**45,000**

This document details the IFRC's support in areas agreed upon with the relevant National Society. The IFRC seeks resources to carry out this country/cluster plan listed here as funding requirements.



# SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Population

**21 million**

2019 Human Development Index Ranking

**182**

## Vulnerabilities



Burkina Faso has faced a wave of attacks by armed opposition groups in recent years, leading to the displacement of more than one million people in all 13 regions of the country. To date, over 54% of internally displaced people (IDPs) have been left homeless or without adequate shelter as a result of conflict.

Due to the increase in violence against civilians and a lack of access to basic essential services such as health and education, the number of people in need of humanitarian assistance is constantly increasing, rising from 2.2 million people to 2.9 million between January and June 2020. As of June 2020, 289 health centres were operating at a minimum or not functioning at all, depriving 1.5 million people of access to care.

In this increasingly difficult context, Burkina Faso recorded its first COVID-19 case in March 2020. Alongside this, the country also detected a total of 5 cases of polio, joining other neighbouring countries on the list of locations currently suffering epidemics.

The 2020 rainy season has exasperated an already precarious situation for many people affected by security and health crises. Floods and high winds have impacted over 190,000 people in the 13 regions, resulting in the loss of over 500 tonnes of food and damage to residential homes and emergency shelters. The scale of the situation led the Government to declare a state of natural disaster in Burkina Faso.





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## ROLE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY



Established

1962

The **Burkinabe Red Cross Society** was founded in 1962 and officially became a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in 1963.

Operating across all 45 provinces of Burkina Faso with a network of more than 70,000 active members, the National Society's mission is to strengthen the provision of health care and disaster relief through mobilisation of staff, volunteers and community leaders. With the support of the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the National Society aims to respond promptly to emergencies and support the sustainable development of vulnerable communities.

In line with its strategic vision for 2016-2020, the National Society is working across a number of priorities to support people in Burkina Faso – primarily, to provide prompt and effective response to emergencies and support the sustainable development of vulnerable communities.





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## MEMBERSHIP COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT FOOTPRINT

A tripartite Movement Cooperation Agreement is in place in Burkina Faso. Member coordination in Burkina Faso is managed through the Movement Strategic Platform and through operational meetings, and includes the participation of the IFRC, the ICRC and the following National Societies:

- **Belgian Red Cross**
- **Monegasque Red Cross**
- **Luxembourg Red Cross**
- **Spanish Red Cross**

Supported by the IFRC and the ICRC, the National Society in Burkina Faso participates in statutory and cluster meetings, working with its movement partners to deliver its programmes, address humanitarian needs and coordinate efforts.

The National Society receives ongoing technical and financial support from its movement partners, including the IFRC and ICRC, Spanish Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross, Monegasque Red Cross, Luxembourg Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross, alongside external partners who support the implementation of projects and programmes in Burkina Faso.



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## CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**111,000**

People to be reached

**1,000**



Burkina Faso has been actively engaged in climate change issues for more than 25 years, publishing its National Adaptation Plan in 2015. The country also signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1993, and the Kyoto Protocol in 2005.

According to analysis from the General Directorate of Meteorology, Burkina Faso has recorded a steady downward trend in annual rainfall since the 1950s, with an overall upward trend in consecutive days without rain. The number of hot, dry days and warm nights has also increased. Additionally, between April and September 2020, several localities in Burkina Faso experienced flooding and high winds, affecting 106,228 people and leading to food, animal and land losses.

The loss of, or damage to agriculture, water resources, animal resources and forestry/biodiversity due to climatic issues has severe consequences for people in Burkina Faso, including famine, decline in agricultural yields and food stocks, and loss of livestock. For women who often sell products made from these natural resources, the loss of income is another devastating side effect of climate change. Those who live on subsistence agriculture are very vulnerable to climatic stressors, with cereal production down 4.65% from the previous year and depletion of natural pasture putting pressure on animal resources.

Some 3,280,800 people are living without proper food sources and are in need of immediate humanitarian assistance, accounting for around 15% of the total population.



**3,280,000**  
people living with  
food insecurity



**500 tonnes**  
food supplies washed  
away or destroyed  
due to flooding



**50,000**  
number of highly vulnerable  
people due to crises and in  
need of emergency assistance

### ACTIVITIES

- The IFRC will support the National Society to train volunteers and communities in environmental protection action, climate-smart agriculture, and diversification of food production and livelihoods
- The IFRC will support the National Society to carry out tree plantations and support communities to strengthen their action against climate change
- The IFRC will support the National Society to conduct soil protection and restoration activities in communities
- The IFRC will support the National Society to raise awareness of deforestation
- The IFRC will support the National Society to train women in different communities in the construction and management of resilient homes
- The IFRC will support the National Society to support the fight against the desertification





## EVOLVING CRISES AND DISASTERS

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**1,075,000**

People to be reached

**230,000**



Burkina Faso has faced recurring crises and disasters for several years. Since 2016, the security crisis has intensified in several parts of the country, resulting in more than one million displaced people who often live in precarious conditions with host families or on campsites. More than 1 million displaced people are without adequate shelter altogether.

Access to food and healthcare is severely lacking for those affected by displacement, particularly as 95 health centres have closed and a further 199 centres are currently working at minimum capacity. In addition, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs are not being fully met.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused 56 deaths in Burkina Faso, with 2008 cases so far in the country, adding to an already fragile humanitarian situation. With 1.9 million people in need of humanitarian assistance related to WASH within the five regions covered by the programme, including 1.5 million targeted under the Humanitarian Response Plan 2020, the National Society must ensure that this work continues whilst also limiting the spread of COVID-19.

Despite political and social tensions, Burkina Faso held its presidential and legislative elections in November 2020, with municipal elections due in April 2021.



**12,378**

Homes destroyed by  
flooding



**95**

Health centres that  
have been closed



**740,000**

People without shelter

### ➔ ACTIVITIES

- The IFRC will support the National Society to build community capacity for sustainable habitats through Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA)
- The IFRC will support the National Society to conduct Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment in vulnerable communities
- The IFRC will support the National Society to develop communal disaster contingency plans and national response plan
- The IFRC will support the National Society to meet the immediate needs of people affected by crises by providing cash, grants or coupons for essential items and services
- The IFRC will support the National Society to improve efficiency and accuracy of data collection and analysis for disaster response planning with the use of smartphones



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## GROWING GAPS IN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**4.9 million**

People to be reached  
**486,000**



People in Burkina Faso are vulnerable to both communicable and non-communicable diseases, with resurgences of polio and meningitis, and the COVID-19 pandemic adding to existing endemic diseases such as malaria. Despite the efforts of the State, access to quality health care remains inadequate.

Growing security crises have worsened the health situation in Burkina Faso. At the beginning of August 2020, the WHO recorded 95 health facilities had closed and a further 199 were operating at minimum capacity, with an estimated 1,170,000 people living without access to basic health services.

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a crisis of confidence between the population and the health sector. The National Society in Burkina Faso is part of the "immunisation committee" of the Ministry of Health and leads community mobilisation. As an auxiliary to the Government, the National Society is already implementing several health emergency projects – nevertheless, there are still shortcomings in terms of staffing, volunteers and equipment.



**1,170,000**  
People  
without  
access  
to basic  
healthcare



**91**  
Meningitis  
related  
deaths



**262,411**  
number of  
severe cases  
of malaria in  
2020

### ➔ ACTIVITIES

- Develop and implement health and WASH strategies, and participatory contingency plans to respond to the health consequences of disasters and crises
- Improve community awareness of epidemics and pandemics, and access to adequate water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and educate communities on sustainable and safe management of these services
- Participate in the national donor platform and inter-agency forums
- provide institutional support to existing health centres to improve health promotion, disease prevention and community-based care services
- Recruit a pool of psychologists to meet the growing mental health and psychosocial needs of communities, volunteers, and staff
- Conduct awareness campaigns to promote voluntary blood donation



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## MIGRATION AND IDENTITY

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**4.9 million**

People to be reached  
**486,000**



As a result of globalisation, poverty and political crises across Africa, migration issues have intensified and become more complex. According to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), there were an estimated 708,921 migrants living in Burkina Faso in 2017 and 1,472,712 Burkinabe people living outside of the country.

Although there is a lack of reliable data, Burkina Faso is known to be a transit country for a significant number of migrants attempting to cross into Maghreb or European countries, due to its location in the heart of West Africa. Mobility in Burkina Faso is multidimensional and multifactorial, with migrants mainly motivated by socio-economic factors such as improved living conditions, health services and access to food and clean water. Given the changing security situation and socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the migration phenomenon is likely to worsen both internally and beyond the country's borders.

The immediate emergency needs for displaced people are wide-ranging, from basic health, water, sanitation and hygiene services to nutrition, protection and assistance with restoring links to family members. In the longer term, migrants and internally displaced people require support with social integration into their new community, education and sustainable solutions for the future, be it resettlement or safe return to their home country.

In partnership with the IFRC, the National Society aims to provide migrants and internally displaced people with these services, offering food items, temporary housing, health services and psychological support to those in need.

**1 million**  
Number of people internally displaced

**20,000**  
Number of refugees in Burkina Faso

### ➔ ACTIVITIES

- Set up humanitarian service points along migratory routes to provide health assistance to displaced persons
- Formalise collaboration with state representatives involved in migratory issues and develop a framework for periodic consultation with partners
- Deliver training and support to enable migrants to generate income and build livelihoods
- Increase points for migrants and displaced persons to access essential public services such as at bus stations and border crossing points
- Develop a migration strategy in line with the objectives and commitments of the IFRC's Global Migration Strategy and other movement frameworks





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## VALUES, POWER, AND INCLUSION

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**281,391**

People to be reached  
**13,500**



The National Society is committed to ensuring that all its programmes address gender, diversity and inclusion, forming part of all the services delivered by the National Society including in the recruitment of staff and volunteers and, in particular, the participation of women and young people in these activities.

Youth work will be a focus for the National Society, supporting young people to develop their knowledge and skills by organising broadcast sessions on humanitarian principles and engaging with schools.

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Develop a flagship programme to scale up humanitarian education, focusing on young people
- Organise broadcast sessions on humanitarian principles and values for community leaders with a focus on youth
- Organise school competitions on humanitarian principles and values
- Translate presentation documents and fundamental principles into local languages to improve community understanding
- Produce and broadcast national language micro programmes on community radio on humanitarian principles and values
- Promote the culture of peace



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## ENABLER 1

ENGAGED WITH RENEWED INFLUENCE, INNOVATIVE AND DIGITALLY TRANSFORMED WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**50,000**

The IFRC will support the National Society to strengthen its IT framework and digital systems, ensuring accountability in daily operations and improving security protocols. The National Society is 'data ready' for engagement with staff and volunteers, operational decision-making and business intelligence.

The IFRC will help the National Society to prioritise data-driven decision-making and data literacy in the community, providing disadvantaged people with access to information and resources that foster their economic and social development.

The National Society will facilitate skill-sharing and peer-to-peer support among staff members, volunteers and community members, enhancing data preparedness and response.

### **ACTIVITIES**

- The IFRC will map and support Information and Communication Technology tools to the National Society
- The IFRC will support the development of data protection standard operating procedures for information management systems and related IM products
- The IFRC will support the National Society in developing an IM framework
- The IFRC will provide webinars and onsite support for the National Society
- The IFRC will support the National Society to upgrade its IT and telecommunications network





## ENABLER 3

TRUSTED BY COMMUNITIES, OWNED AND VALUED BY THE MEMBERSHIP WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**225,000**

The IFRC will support the National Society in becoming the trusted partner of choice for local humanitarian work in Burkina Faso, continually assessing its strategies to ensure the sustainability of its services.

The IFRC will support the National Society to prioritise volunteer development and youth action, encouraging young people to contribute to decision-making and innovation by attending community meetings and encouraging their peers to participate.

The IFRC will assist the National Society in diversifying its volunteer base, ensuring that these groups reflect the diversity of communities they serve with attention to gender, local languages and cultures and inclusion of marginalised groups.

The National Society will strengthen its mechanisms to protect volunteers with support from the IFRC, promoting psychosocial wellbeing and providing greater support to volunteers and their families of those injured or killed in the line of duty.

The National Society will work with the IFRC to foster a more diverse leadership with increased volunteer and youth involvement, implementing a talent management strategy to identify, train and nurture potential leaders.

### ACTIVITIES

- The IFRC will support the National Society to conduct orientations for staff and volunteers on fraud and corruption prevention, the Code of Conduct, integrity policy, asset management policy and core humanitarian standards
- The IFRC will provide Movement Induction courses for National Society leads
- The IFRC will support the National Society to establish and implement an effective and responsive communication system with the community
- The IFRC will support the National Society to introduce accident insurance for volunteers involved in project activities and those in conflict zones
- The IFRC will support the National Society to train volunteers on psychosocial support
- The IFRC will support the National Society to organise youth camps to promote governance learning, cross-cultural mixing, and exchanges of information and experience



**The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** is the world's largest humanitarian network, with **192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** and around **14 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.

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