



Burkina Faso: Supporting internally displaced persons and strengthening the resilience of host municipalities

Assist internally displaced persons and vulnerable host community members by equipping municipal structures and actors with the tools and skills needed to ensure effective care.

Our Challenges

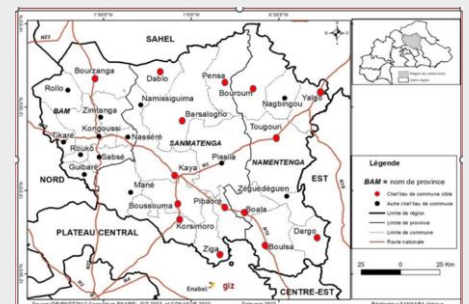
Since 2016, Burkina Faso has faced a security crisis that has triggered massive internal displacement. In 2023, more than two million people were internally displaced. Nearly a quarter of these internally displaced persons (IDPs) now live in the Centre-North region. More than half are women, girls, and children. Host municipalities, despite their efforts, are struggling to manage the influx of people, which exceeds their capacity to provide basic social services.

The main challenges are:

- Ensuring access to basic services for IDPs and vulnerable host community members
- Improving social cohesion
- Creating jobs through economic recovery in the region

PDICA

Project region:
Centre-Nord



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Our Approach

The project supports IDPs and vulnerable people in the host communities by strengthening the capacities of local actors: municipal actors, decentralized technical services of the state (DTS), civil society organizations (CSO), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and local media. The target group also receives support in implementing income-generating activities (IGAs).

The project focuses on three main areas:

1. Basic services

- Enhances the provision of basic social services to IDPs and vulnerable host populations.
- Improves the integration of internally displaced children in host schools through teacher training, particularly on education in emergency situations.
- Supports and advises on the implementation of socio-cultural and sports activities for children.
- Provides training and advisory support on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus.

2. Social cohesion

- Promotes social cohesion and inclusive dialogue between IDPs and host populations, especially through consultation frameworks on living together, inclusive use of water points, and access to agricultural land for IDPs.
- Facilitates consultations between state and non-state actors for more effective support for IDPs.
- Trains, advises, and funds local actors to implement measures that strengthen social cohesion and coexistence.

3. Economic recovery

- Supports vocational training for IDPs and vulnerable host community members and assists in the creation and promotion of IGAs.
- Builds the capacity of local state and non-state actors in local economic governance to better support the region's private sector.

The activities on economic recovery are co-financed by the EU and executed in consortium with the Belgian Agency for Development Cooperation (Enabel).



Students in Kongoussi participating in an awareness session on welcoming and supporting their displaced classmates.



Members of a local women's group in the process of making "Soumbala", a traditional West African condiment.



Our Goal

The project aims to improve the social living conditions of IDPs and vulnerable members in the host communes of the Centre-Nord region.

This goal is supported by three specific objectives:

- Enhance the capacity of host communities to provide basic services to IDPs and vulnerable members of the host community.
- Improve social cohesion between IDPs and host populations.
- Strengthen local governance and resilience through the revival of economic activities.

Our Output Indicators

- **Better integration of displaced children:** 60% of 150 trained teachers or educators (40% women) confirmed, with practical examples, that they address the specific needs of internally displaced children and mixed groups.
- **Improvement of basic services:** 30 representatives from selected municipalities and/or DTS acquired additional technical knowledge on their roles in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus.
- **Consideration of population concerns:** Representatives of IDPs, residents, and other local actors were consulted 25 times through conflict- and gender-sensitive exchange mechanisms initiated by partner municipalities.

- **Peaceful coexistence:** 45 measures initiated by local municipal, decentralized, and/or non-state actors to promote social cohesion between displaced persons and residents have been implemented.
- **Economic recovery:** 1,940 members of vulnerable target groups in partner communes (50% IDPs, 50% women, 50% youth under 35, 10% people with disabilities) received assistance for IGAs.
- **Local economic governance:** 63 local actors in economic development integrated demand-driven services into their programs to support IGAs for entrepreneurs and workers.

These six output indicators contribute to four project impact indicators:

- 40% of 1,200 children confirm that their **social integration** into school life has improved.
- 2,000 out of 3,000 children (40% IDPs, 50% girls) benefit from **accompanied learning and/or leisure activities** adapted to their needs.
- 60% of 2,000 participants in social cohesion measures (50% IDPs, 50% women) confirm that their **interaction with the other group** has strengthened.
- 50% of 1,820 vulnerable target group members who participated in IGAs confirm that their **income situation has improved**.

Our Results

- **377 children** confirmed their social integration into school life has improved thanks to new pedagogical approaches and their participation in recreational activities.
- **1,915 children** participated in socio-educational, cultural or sports activities.
- **41 teachers and educators**, including 8 women, trained in psychosocial support for displaced children.
- **Over 500 IDPs and hosts** strengthened their role as local intermediaries in service delivery through training and awareness-raising.
- **30 representatives of town halls and STDs** acknowledged having acquired additional knowledge about their role and tasks in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus.
- **120 enterprises and cooperatives**, 74% led by women, benefited from entrepreneurial and managerial capacity building.
- **100 young IDPs and young and vulnerable host community members** with business projects, 65% of whom were women, received training, coaching, and installation kits.
- **912 IDPs and vulnerable host community members** benefited from short-term training for the start-up or development of their IGAs.
- **29 actors** (23 structures and 6 service providers) are now able to support micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises and IGAs.

The support of PDICA has allowed us to open a restaurant and catering service. This new activity will allow us to hire several women in the commune of Boussouma.

Jacqueline SAWADOGO, Secretary General of the Song Taaba association.



Special Initiative "Displaced Persons and Host Countries"

The project is part of the Special Initiative "Displaced Persons and Host Countries" of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Since 2014, the Special Initiative has supported affected people and countries worldwide with measures in areas such as education, employment, health, and psychosocial support. A particular focus is placed on the empowerment of women.

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