

BURKINA FASO
COUNTRY STRATEGY
2016-2020



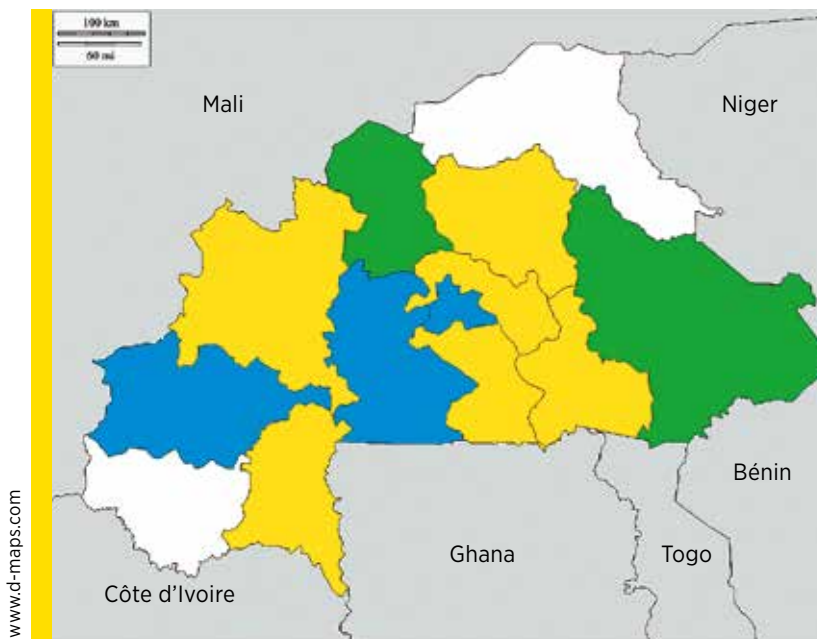


Victorine Sawadogo, 55, recovered her sight after receiving a cataract surgery. Back home, she can enjoy the traditional millet again.

Basic Data¹

Population: 17.4 million
Human Development Index: 0.402 (ranks 183rd of 188 countries)
Life expectancy: 58.7 years

Geographical focus



In yellow are LIGHT FOR THE WORLD's focus regions where we aim to implement our different intervention areas.

In blue are partner regions, in which pilot projects, innovation projects or projects with a national scope are implemented.

In green are regions where we support isolated projects.

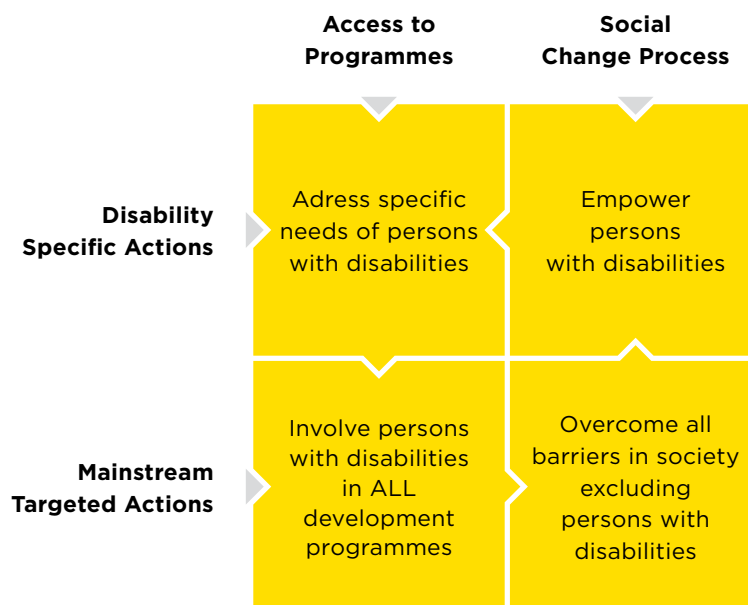
Introduction

Burkina Faso remains one of the poorest countries in the world, with 44.5% of the population living below the poverty line. To promote the rights of persons with disabilities, the country has adopted almost all of the relevant initiatives and international legal texts on the rights of persons with disabilities including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) that was ratified in 2009. The country has also adopted a National Strategy for the Protection and Promotion of Persons with Disabilities (SN-3PH, 2012), based on, amongst other approaches, Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR), promoted by the WHO and LIGHT FOR THE WORLD. Following on from the 2011-2015 country strategy that enabled LIGHT FOR THE WORLD to contribute strongly to the national dialogue on disability, the present strategy 2016-2020 aims to strengthen our achievements in order to work towards an inclusive society in which persons with disabilities fully enjoy their rights.

¹ Human Development Report 2015, UNDP

Overall Strategy of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

The **overall objective** of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is to contribute to an inclusive society in Burkina Faso, where persons with disabilities are fully included and empowered in order to sustainably reduce inequality and poverty. To reach this objective, the programmatic approach is based on our Theory of Change:



At the level of the individual, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD aims for accessible, sustainable and qualitative services that address the needs of persons with disabilities so they can fully exercise their rights.

At community level, we work towards greater participation and visibility of persons with disabilities in all areas of public life, in decision-making processes and in development programmes. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD works with Disabled People’s Organisations (directly or indirectly) and with the media for raising awareness and social mobilisation on the rights of persons with disabilities.

At national level, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD’s objective is a structural change through which national ministries take into account and ensure the participation of persons with disabilities in the development, monitoring and implementation of policies, programmes and services. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD supports the development and implementation of national policies and programmes in its intervention areas and these strategic documents guide the implementation of our programme. The role of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is to be a catalyst, to bring together and encourage collaboration between relevant stakeholders to work towards an inclusive society.

At regional (Africa) and international level (EU, UN), LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is working to establish a reciprocal relationship of influence between persons with disabilities in Burkina Faso and the international institutional frameworks and actors.

Our Strategy for the Promotion of an Inclusive Society in Burkina Faso, 2016-2020

Eye Health and Health in General

Eye Health

The fight against blindness (of which the prevalence is estimated at 2%) is taken into account in the National Health Policy (PSN) and in the National Health Development Plan (PNDS) through the fight against non-communicable diseases. This being said, very few resources or attention are dedicated to this area. The main obstacles to the qualitative development of eye health services are the lack and poor distribution of skilled human resources, the lack of infrastructure and equipment and the low priority given to this health sector. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD contributes to the development of comprehensive eye health services based on the National Strategy for Eye Health (2016-2020) of the Ministry of Health as well as Vision 2020 and the WHO Global Action Plan for Universal Eye Health.

We aim for the following results:

Human resources for eye health services are quantitatively and qualitatively strengthened.

- Support for the **basic** and **continuous training** of eye health specialists with a special emphasis on surgical techniques and refraction.
- Support for the **continuous training** of other **health professionals** and **community actors** with a focus on primary eye health.
- Support for **advocacy** initiatives for eye health to be taken into account in the national Human Resources for Health Plan, for better distribution of the specialists in the regions, and for recognition of the cadre of optometrist.

Comprehensive and qualitative eye health services are accessible to the population, particularly rural and vulnerable people as well as children.

- Support for the control of **priority diseases** (cataract, glaucoma and uncorrected refractive errors) through comprehensive eye health projects in the regions, with a particular focus on vulnerable persons, women and persons with disabilities.
- Development of **paediatric eye health services**, and **school eye health services**.
- Advocacy at national level to strengthen the **qualitative monitoring** of eye health services, the inclusion of eye health products on the essential drug list, as well as the provision of equipment and consumables for eye health by CAMEG (central procurement centre).
- Support the Ministry of Health in developing capacity for the **maintenance of eye health equipment**.

Recognition of eye health as a priority by the Ministry of Health is improved.

- Supporting the Ministry of Health in the overall implementation and monitoring of the **National Eye Health Strategy 2016-2020**.
- Support for the improvement of **data collection** in eye health.
- **Advocacy** for the inclusion of eye health in national health policies.
- Supporting **coordination and networking activities** between stakeholders involved in the field of eye health.

Health in General

Disability is not specifically mentioned in the National Health Policy (PNS) or in the National Health Development Plan (PNDS 2011-2020) although the latter mentions the quality of rehabilitation care as one of the priority actions. A strategic plan 2016-2020 for the development of rehabilitation services has been validated by the Ministry of Health. This plan includes the result that “the health system integrates community-based rehabilitation as an intervention strategy” and that the latter is implemented in all regions. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD aims for the following result in this area:

Human resources in rehabilitation are quantitatively and qualitatively strengthened.

- Supporting the Ministry of Health in the validation and implementation of the **National Rehabilitation Strategy**.
- Support for the training of **orthopaedic surgeons**.
- Supporting the Ministry of Health in integrating **CBR as an intervention strategy** and its implementation in the regions.
- Support continuous training for **assistant physiotherapists** in the OCADES CBR programme.
- Support advocacy activities for the **upgrading/formal qualification** of assistant physiotherapists in the OCADES CBR programme by the public service.

Inclusive Education (including Vocational Training) and Education in General

It is estimated that 66% of children with disabilities aged 6-18 do not attend or have never attended school. The need to include children with disabilities in education is therefore crucial to achieve education for all. To meet this challenge, the Department for the Promotion of Inclusive Education, Girls and Gender (DPEIFG) was created and a National Strategy for the Development of Inclusive Education (SN-DEI) validated in 2015. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD’s priority will be to contribute, together with our public and private partners, to the development of the national education system; we want to ensure a quality education for all learners, regardless of their abilities, by focusing on the right to education for children with disabilities. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is convinced that the CBR approach contributes to the success of inclusive education.



Assana, a girl with a physical disability, with her classmates.

Our strategy aims for three main results:

The policy and legal framework as well as the general education environment are favourable to inclusive education.

- Support the **adoption of the National Inclusive Education Strategy** by the Government, along with an action plan and budget allocation.
- Support the **implementation and monitoring of the National Inclusive Education Strategy** by the Ministry of Education and by Catholic Education.
- Support **capacity development measures** for the Department for the Promotion of Inclusive Education, Girls and Gender for its role of advocacy and technical support to other ministries, departments and stakeholders for the effective implementation of the National Inclusive Education Strategy.
- Strengthen the **technical skills and resources of education stakeholders**, both at national and community level, for the inclusion of children with disabilities.
- Build a strong **network of national and international NGOs** to support the government in its commitments to persons with disabilities.

Schools and vocational training centres in our focus regions are inclusive of children with disabilities.

- Improve **accessibility of schools and vocational training centres**, latrines and water points and raise the awareness of mainstream actors on how to actively include children with disabilities in their activities.
- Promote a **culture of acceptance and social inclusion** within schools and between students and ensure that extracurricular and social activities (sport, dance, theatre, music) include children with disabilities.
- Support the availability and use of **relevant and specific educational materials and technologies** for quality learning of children with disabilities.

Teachers are trained to welcome children with disabilities and other school personnel have an increased awareness of inclusive education.

- Support specialised schools and federations to become officially recognised as **resource centres and centres of expertise, innovation and training**.
- Support the development of **specific teaching modules** on inclusive education and ensure their systematic inclusion in the curriculum of teacher training centres.
- **Raise awareness** and **train school staff and local education stakeholders** on the inclusion of children with disabilities in school.

Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) including Livelihood

The Community Based Rehabilitation approach (CBR) is promoted by the World Health Organisation as the starting point for the comprehensive inclusion of persons with disabilities. The National Strategy for the Protection and Promotion of Persons with Disabilities (SN-3PH) in Burkina Faso is based on the CBR approach but its practical application is still lacking. The implementation of CBR in Burkina Faso relies primarily on the actions of the Catholic Organisation for Development and Solidarity (OCADES) in 7 dioceses. These programmes work at community level for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all areas of life: health, education, livelihood, social activities and empowerment. Our 2016-2020 programme aims to ensure the comprehensive inclusion of persons with disabilities in communities in a sustainable manner through a multi-stakeholder approach to ensure the effective implementation of the National Strategy for the Protection and Promotion of Persons with Disabilities.

We will aim for the following results:

The CBR programme of the OCADES network has increased capacities to work in a more sustainable way towards an inclusive society.



In the village of Roumba, André Sawadogo, a three-year-old child with hemiplegia, learns how to walk after physical rehabilitation sessions.

- Support the **identification, rehabilitation, awareness raising** and **advocacy** activities of the CBR programme.
- Strengthen the **technical and organisational capacities** of the OCADES network and partners especially in the areas of inclusion and inclusive development, resource mobilisation and social mobilisation.
- Stock-taking of the **progress as well as coordination** of the CBR programme is ensured, particularly in the area of technical capacity development in collaboration with the Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Family (MFSNF).

The collaboration between the Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Family (MFSNF) and civil society actors is strengthened for the implementation of the CBR approach.

- Establish **local networks and a national network** to ensure access of persons with disabilities to health services, education and vocational training, to livelihood and social activities and more autonomy and empowerment.
- Support the **basic and continuous training** of social workers and CBR workers for the implementation of CBR.
- Ensure the comprehensive inclusion of persons with disabilities in the **social protection programmes** of the government.

The impact of activities aiming at the economic and social empowerment of persons with disabilities at grass-root level is increased.

- Strengthen the technical capacities of government authorities and civil society for the implementation of **livelihood** activities for persons with disabilities.
- Support actions for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in existing mainstream livelihood programmes.
- Strengthen the capacities of **local Disabled People’s Organisations**.
- Take advantage of the **endogenous practices and values of solidarity** for the inclusion of persons with disabilities living in poverty and for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against persons with disabilities.

Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Inclusive Development

The current legal environment is favourable to the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities. The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the National Strategy for the Protection and Promotion of Persons with Disabilities (SN-3PH) 2012-2021 are important instruments for the inclusion of persons with disabilities. The government’s commitment through the creation of the Multi-sectoral Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Disabled Persons (COMUD) and the growing network of NGOs and Disabled People’s Organisations offer great opportunities for a structural change for the rights of persons with disabilities. Our objective is to contribute to the effective realisation of the rights of persons with disabilities and their greater participation in social life and development programmes.

Our programme aims at the following results:

Ministries and other key stakeholders have increased capacities for the inclusion of persons with disabilities and inclusive development.

- Train a **national trainer** in inclusive development within the Country Office to ensure the technical support of the different stakeholders.
- Train a **pool of trainers** on inclusive development in various government structures and civil society organisations.
- Organise **training** of governmental and civil society actors on **inclusive development** and support the elaboration of action plans for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in programmes, in collaboration with other organisations and training institutions.



Women with disabilities at a meeting.

The Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Family (MFSNF) through the SP COMUD/H ensures the coordination and capitalisation of actions in favour of persons with disabilities in the context of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

- Support the drafting of the **initial national report** on the implementation of the CRPD.
- Networking and advocacy for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the implementation and monitoring of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- Support for the inclusion of disability indicators in the **data collection systems** of public bodies.

Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) and their umbrella bodies have increased capacities for advocacy and awareness raising on the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities, with an emphasis on women and children with disabilities.

- Support the **advocacy activities of DPOs** and their umbrella bodies for the implementation of the legal framework in favour of persons with disabilities, in particular for women and children.
- Support civil society organisations as well as DPOs and their umbrella bodies to draft a **shadow report** on the rights of persons with disabilities.
- Support **awareness raising, communication and advocacy** activities promoting social mobilisation against the multiple discrimination faced by persons with disabilities.

Cross-cutting Themes: Child Protection and Gender

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is dedicated to protecting children and promoting gender equality and puts a particular emphasis on these cross-cutting issues. Our objective is to advocate for the increased inclusion of children and women with disabilities in all programmes and relevant national policies.

The following actions are planned in these areas:

- **Training for the staff of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD** on child protection and gender
- Establish **focal points** at Country Office level to ensure the capitalisation and transfer of thematic internal information
- Include child protection and gender more explicitly in our **monitoring and evaluation** activities
- Encourage **training and exchange between our partners** on these issues
- Participate in **relevant networks** at national level on these issues to ensure that the disability aspect is taken into account.

Resource Mobilisation and Communication

Resource Mobilisation

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD is very fortunate to receive funding from both private donors and institutional partners. At the time of going to print, the main institutional donors of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD's programme in Burkina Faso are the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADA), L'Occitane Foundation and the Medicor Foundation. In the next few years, the Country Office will play an increasingly important role in the mobilisation of funds at local level as well as the management of co-financed projects. For this purpose, particular attention will be paid to capacity development and the strengthening of systems in the Country Office as well as capacity development of partners in the diversification of their technical and financial partners.

Communication, Visibility and Branding

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD's communications are based on a human rights approach, ensuring respect for the individual in the use of images and messages. Our visibility is based on our actions and we seek to bring our operational partners in the front line. We aim to strengthen our brand and increase our visibility in order to maximise the impact of our actions, particularly in the areas of advocacy, awareness raising and resource mobilisation.

We aim at the following results:

The experiences of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in Burkina Faso contribute to increasing our visibility and resource mobilisation at national and international levels.

- Produce regular **success stories** and articles from the programme in Burkina Faso for internal and external use.
- Facilitate **international media and project visits with multipliers** supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.
- Contribute to the **yearly international activity report** of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.

The visibility of the work of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD and its partners is increased at national level.

- Ensure regular **media coverage** of the activities of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD and its partners.
- Facilitate **national press visits** to projects supported by LIGHT FOR THE WORLD
- Develop relevant **communication tools** (biannual e-newsletter, annual report, Facebook page, web page).
- Raise awareness of operational partners on the **use of the LIGHT FOR THE WORLD logo**.

Communication is enhanced as a cross-cutting issue, through closer collaboration between programme, advocacy and communication.

- Use relevant **international days and campaigns** (World Disability Day, World Sight Day, Global Action Week on Education, etc.) to inform and raise awareness.
- Strengthen the **capacities of operational partners in communication, advocacy and social mobilisation**.
- Support the programme team in **stock-taking activities** and collection of best practices.

Implementation Principles & Structure

In all our areas of work, we strive to achieve the best results and a high impact. Various principles will guide our actions such as:

- Evidence and monitoring: LIGHT FOR THE WORLD works to improve its monitoring and evaluation systems, in order to better measure the results and impact of its actions.
- Exchange: Special attention will be placed on exchange, be it between partners in Burkina Faso and in the sub-region, or between LIGHT FOR THE WORLD colleagues at national and international level.
- Innovation: Innovation and creativity will be encouraged, including through the development of new initiatives and pilot projects.
- Accountability and transparency: Our financial reporting systems, and key performance indicators will be strengthened, both at national and international level.

The role and responsibilities of the Country Office of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in Burkina Faso are the following:

- Planning, implementation and monitoring of the country strategy and annual work plans
- Support partners in the development of projects, prepare projects for approval and ensure monitoring and evaluation of projects in the context of the country strategy
- Networking and collaboration with strategic and/or institutional partners
- Targeted capacity development of partners
- Knowledge management and stock-taking of strategic information and policies
- Logistical support (facilitation of exchanges, visits, etc.) and procurement processes
- Reporting (technical and financial) and evaluation including audits
- Supporting the overall knowledge management and international resource mobilisation with the production of success stories, statistics and articles
- Representation of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD in Burkina Faso and the programme of Burkina Faso within LIGHT FOR THE WORLD International.

During the period 2016-2020, the Country Office will gradually evolve towards a national entity, an equal and full member of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD International, whose expertise is valued as a contribution to the development and implementation of our overall organisational strategy. The following actions could be added to the responsibilities of the Country Office:

- Recommendation of projects in collaboration with the programme coordination
- Resource mobilisation activities towards institutional donors in Burkina Faso (networking, calls for proposal, reporting, etc.)
- Administrative activities relating to project implementation such as confirmation of payments and donations in kind, transfers, documentation of projects and institutional changes in the database, project closures.

The Burkina Faso programme coordination at LIGHT FOR THE WORLD International accompanies the Country Office in the above mentioned tasks including in the decision-making regarding the country programme, in structural developments, in capacity development and for the institutional resource mobilisation. The international experts of LIGHT FOR THE WORLD provide technical support for the planning and implementation of the programme as well as knowledge management. The Department of Communication and Resource Mobilisation works closely with the communication officer in the Country Office on the implementation of the resource mobilisation and communication component of the present country strategy.

Our Partners and Collaborators

- Association Burkinabé d'accompagnement psychologique et d'aide à l'enfance (ABAPE)
- Network of International NGOs working in the field of disability (CCI Handicap)
- Centre d'éducation et de formation intégrée des sourds et entendants (CEFISE)
- Regional Hospital Koudougou
- Regional Hospital Ouahigouya
- University Hospital Sourô Sanou (CHUSS)
- University Hospital Yalgado Ouédraogo (CHUYO)
- Paediatric University Hospital - Charles De Gaulle (CHUP-CDG)
- Medical Centre LABA
- Morija Centre Kaya
- Eye Clinic Zorgho
- District Hospital Nouna (CMA Nouna)
- Diocese of Fada (Medical Centre Bethesda)
- Regional Health Directorate of the Centre Ouest Region
- Institut des Jeunes Sourds du Faso (IJSF)
- Ministry of Health – Department for the fight against non-communicable diseases (DLM-PNMNT)
- Ministry of Health – Human Resources Department (PROFOS)
- Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Family – General Directorate (DGSN, DPPH)
- Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Family – Multi-sectoral Committee for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (COMUD)
- Ministry of National Education and Literacy – Department for the Promotion of Inclusive Education, Girls and Gender (DPEIFG)
- General Secretary OCADES Caritas Burkina
- Diocesan Executive Secretary OCADES Diébougou
- Diocesan Executive Secretary OCADES Gaoua
- Diocesan Executive Secretary OCADES Kaya
- Diocesan Executive Secretary OCADES Koupéla
- Diocesan Executive Secretary OCADES Manga
- Diocesan Executive Secretary OCADES Nouna
- Diocesan Executive Secretary OCADES Tenkodogo
- Network of Journalists and Communicators for the Promotion of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (ReJCOPH)
- National Secretary of Catholic Education (SNEC)
- Burkinabe Society of Ophthalmology (SBO)
- Special Olympics Burkina Faso (SOB)
- National Union of Burkinabe Associations for the Promotion of Blind and Visually Impaired (UN-ABPAM) / Ecole des jeunes aveugles (EJA)
- National Federation of Disabled Women's Organisations of Burkina Faso (UNAFEHB)
- National Network of Disabled People's Organisations (ReNOH)
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