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Dear Friends,

We're barely through the first two months of 2022, but what a year Burkina Faso has already had! An on-going trial against those charged with assassinating former President Thomas Sankara, the coup d'état leading to the installation of a new president, and an impressive run by the national soccer team in the Africa Cup of Nations. However you feel about these events, it can be safely said that all of the recent headlines make one think about friends and family in Burkina, *en brousse* and in Ouaga and everywhere in between.

One thing that doesn't make the headlines – but likely won't come as news to FBF members – **is that Burkina Faso is full of passionate people who are working hard to make a difference for their communities.** Last fall, FBF launched a Call for Proposals in order to learn more about grassroots groups on the ground whom we could partner with for funding support. The response was staggering, with over 30 proposals received across sectors. The FBF Projects Committee thoroughly enjoyed reading and vetting these proposals, ultimately selecting 7 projects for FBF support in 2022.

Now we need your help. FBF seeks to raise \$71,000 to fully fund these 7 very worthwhile projects. Your generous contributions will ensure the selected groups have the resources needed to implement their activities for significant impact. Enclosed is an overview of the projects and how your investment will make a very real difference.

This is an ambitious campaign – both in terms of funds being raised and timeframe. Your support is needed by April 30.

Donations can easily be made at www.friendsofburkinafaso.org/donate or by using the enclosed form.

It is important to know that FBF is committed to sound financial stewardship, and we only work with organizations with a verified bank account. We also are closely monitoring the situation in Burkina to ensure that funds can be wired securely to reach partner recipients.

We are confident we can make these 7 projects happen with your help. Thank you, barka, a ni ce, merci!

Peace,

Caroline Chambre Hammock
Chair, FBF Projects Committee

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