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Dear Friends,

We've got lots of news to share (**Membership! Elections! Projects!**) and reasons to renew your membership.

- To renew your dues, go to www.friendsofburkinafaso.org/membership or follow the mailing instructions down below.
- To update your membership information (name, address, email, etc.), email secretary@friendsofburkinafaso.org
- To get detailed information about becoming an FBF Board candidate during the August/September elections, email president@friendsofburkinafaso.org.



FBF partner *Her Rising* after a recent educational session.

It's been a year since we did our last membership drive and a lot has happened since.

Our recent 2022 Fundraising Campaign was a great success. Thank you for your generous contributions and for your trust in Friends of Burkina Faso. As a result, all seven grassroots organizations we partnered with received their full funding request. You can see some of their work in action on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FriendsBurkinaFaso). The thank you videos we are receiving from the projects are terrific!

FBF Board elections are coming up. My sincere thanks (again) to Caroline, Etienne, Faissal, Jennica, Kristen C-B, Kristin L, Leslie, and Suzanne for the 2019 – 2022 tenure. If you've ever been interested in stepping up and helping guide the organization, now is the time! More information is below.

Please tick these off your list to help keep FBF vibrant.

- 1) **Make sure your membership is up to date!** Our dues of just \$25/year help “keep the lights on” for our website, conduct mailings, provide newsletter software, and more. They also signal your commitment to the Land of Upright People and to our FBF community. *Your current renewal date is indicated on the address label of this letter;* you can renew your membership online (www.friendsofburkinafaso.org/membership) or you can email FBF Treasurer Suzanne Plopper to check whether you are current (treasurer@friendsofburkinafaso.org).





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- 2) **Help us confirm your member information is accurate!** We can't reach out to you if we're sending to an old and dusty email or snail-mail address. Please let us know how best to keep in touch. Write to membership@friendsofburkinafaso.org to update your contact information.

- 3) **Become a Board Candidate and/or get ready for elections!** If you have been thinking about ways to support Burkina, have new ideas, and want to work with a diverse group for the common good in Burkina Faso, please consider becoming a Board candidate. Write to president@friendsofburkinafaso.org to be included in a special meeting for people who are interested in learning more about being a Board member. **Note:** Your dues must be up to date in order to be a candidate and/or to vote in the elections! (So, please see #1 above!) We'll be sending out special emails about elections starting in August.

- 4) **Contact us if you want to share your skills and connections!** All skill sets are welcome – note we are particularly grateful for any volunteers with legal savvy, as well as those interested in helping oversee our technology platforms (great opportunity for experienced IT folks and newbies alike!). And in terms of connections, helping to spread the word among RPCVs, the Burkinabé community, and, of course, new organizations that we might be able to support, is a huge help. Write to our Membership Officer, Etienne Yonly: membership@friendsofburkinafaso.org.

If you made it to the bottom of this message, Thank You! "It takes a village" to keep FBF vibrant and more importantly to support a country and people we all love.



Wen d na n pas paanga,

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P.S. Please remember that FBF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible as permitted by law.

The well works! FBF partner **Croix Rouge Zoundwéogo** finished installing a well for internally displaced persons and the host community.

