

## FRIENDS OF BURKINA FASO LES AMIS DU BURKINA FASO





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Dear Friends,

Recently I was having lunch with a colleague, and the topic of Burkina Faso came up. This person, knowing that I serve on FBF's Board of Directors, made the sympathetic comment, "Oh that must be difficult. I mean, what good news is coming out of that country these days?" Little did this person know that I would then spend the remainder of our lunch date enthusiastically sharing about the many exciting initiatives taking place across Burkina Faso!

I had so much to share because during the summer, FBF issued its 2023 Call for Proposals, inviting grassroots groups to apply for financial partnership. The response was overwhelming! We received 46 submissions from passionate, committed individuals who are all seeking to make a difference in Burkina Faso. It was truly a joy to read these proposals. After a robust vetting process, the FBF Projects Committee has selected 6 projects to support.

Now we need your help. FBF seeks to raise \$75,000 to fully fund these 6 impactful initiatives. Your generous contributions will ensure the selected groups have the resources needed to implement their projects and serve their communities. Enclosed is an overview of the projects and how your investment will make a very real difference.

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 continue to closely monitor the situation in Burkina to ensure that funds can be wired securely to reach partner groups.

Yes, dear Burkina continues to experience very challenging times but make no mistake – there IS good news coming out of the country. The abundant proposals submitted to FBF serve as tangible proof that the hallmarks of Burkina Faso – integrity, community, hard work – are alive and well.

Thank you for your support!

Warmly,

Caroline Chambre Hammock

**Projects Chair** 

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PS: Your gift in any amount allows us to impact beneficiaries like those pictured here (2022 grant recipients).

