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## 2023 Year-End Fundraising Projects Overview



**Improving Living Conditions for Internally-Displaced Women through Sheep Fattening (Zoundwéogo Province, Center-West Region)** - This project is sponsored by the Croix Rouge du Zoundwéogo, which provides relief and assistance to those impacted by disasters and also permanently supports the elderly and persons with disabilities. FBF has partnered with the Croix-Rouge de Zoundwéogo on several projects since 2020. Large numbers of IDPs continue to arrive in the province, most of whom are originally from the Sahel and East regions where women notably were involved in sheep fattening activities. In order to help regain financial agency, this project will provide 20 women with sheep as well as access to savings accounts.



**Supporting Market Gardening Production (Sanguié and Boulkiemdé Provinces, Center-West Region)** – This project is sponsored by Action Micro-Barrages, an organization founded in 1987 to support community development efforts through the construction of micro-dams. This project aims to both improve the socio-economic status of beneficiaries through the implementation of market gardening production activities as well as the food security of the larger population through greater supply of market gardening products. Working in four villages and targeting 25 individuals (2/3 of whom are women) in each, this project will increase the capacity of 100 producers through training, infrastructure improvements, irrigation pumps, tillage, and enhanced seed access.



**Improving Yam Production Systems for Greater Food Security (Sissili Province, Center-West Region)** – This project is sponsored by Nekene Douane, a cooperative representing yam farmers, a research team from the Institute of the Environment and Agricultural Research (INERA), and the agricultural extension service in Léo. Yams are highly nutritious and contribute to food security in many parts of West Africa, including Burkina Faso. However, yam farmers face many challenges including low yields, poor quality planting material, disease, pest and weeds, low rainfall, and declining soil fertility. The aim of this project is to build on 6 years of research on new yam production methods that contribute to sustainable land use while improving yam yields. A total of 420 farmers (50% women) from the commune of Leo will be selected to participate.



**Providing Agricultural Extension and Advice to Vulnerable Producers (Zoundwéogo Province, Central Region)** – This project is sponsored by Appui aux Initiatives pour la Valorisation Durable du Potentiel Local (AIVDPL), with whom FBF has partnered since 2017. AIVDPL builds the technical capacity of local producers, including women, with a goal of increasing agricultural production and combating food insecurity. Past efforts have resulted in increased yields and greater income generation, and funds will support training an additional 225 individuals, of whom 60% are female.





**Creating a Framework to Train Civilians to Identify and Respond to Life-Threatening Bleeding (North, North-Central, Central, and Central Plateau Regions)** – This project is sponsored by Pull for Progress, an organization founded by a Burkinabe physician and a US surgeon, and whose purpose is supporting sustainable development through initiatives in health, education, and social and economic development in underserved areas. As Burkina Faso has experienced an alarming increase in firearm injuries due to extremist violence, this has resulted in preventable deaths from hemorrhage, as there is no formal emergency response system in the country. This project will bring the evidence-based Stop the Bleed training to critical provinces around Ouagadougou and Ouahigouya, including rural areas and IDP camps. Using a train-the-trainer model, a total 18 instructors and 4,320 individuals will receive education on how to respond to life threatening hemorrhage before the arrival of first responders.



**Helping Internally Displaced Persons Regain Essential Civil Documents (North and East Regions)** – This is a project still in development. When individuals are forced to flee their homes and villages due to terrorist activity, they often lose essential civil documents, such as national identification cards or birth certificates. In some areas, municipal buildings have been destroyed, along with vital records. Regaining lost documents is often a necessary first step to starting a life in a new location within Burkina Faso. FBF will be partnering with local organizations working specifically with displaced persons in the North and East regions to coordinate with the National Office of Identification in acquiring these important civil documents.



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