



June 12, 2025 | Annual Membership Drive

Dear Friends of Burkina Faso,

How quickly a year passes—full of change, yet grounded in what endures. As Board members, we are continually inspired by your dedication and generosity. Through your kind donations, you help provide grassroots humanitarian and community development projects across Burkina Faso.

One of our Board members once shared that receiving our annual fundraising letter feels like “opening presents on Christmas morning”—filled with joy and anticipation to witness the incredible work being done by Burkinabè communities, supported by you from afar. We hope you feel that same excitement knowing your contributions truly make a difference.

Your annual membership dues of **\$25** play a vital role in sustaining our organization. They help maintain our website and operations, allowing **100% of project donations** to go directly to initiatives in Burkina Faso. Your dues are a commitment to *the Land of Upright People* and a message to our greater FBF community that we can count on you.

Take Action Today:

1. **Make sure your membership is up to date!** Every correspondence from FBF now indicates your current dues status in the email or top of the physical address label. You can also email membership@friendsofburkinafaso.org to check whether your dues are current. **Need to make a dues payment? Visit** <https://www.friendsofburkinafaso.org/membership>.
2. **Verify your contact information!** We can't reach out to you if we're sending to an unused email address, and we can't help re/connect if your address is one from 5 years ago. Confirm/update your contact information by checking your inbox for an email sent on Sunday, June 15, 2025, or contact membership@friendsofburkinafaso.org.

Upcoming Opportunities

Newsletter Relaunch – Coming Fall 2025!

Many of you have asked about our newsletter—and we heard you! We're excited to relaunch our digital quarterly newsletter this fall. Thanks to your support, we're developing a more streamlined format that delivers timely updates and stories.

Join the FBF Board!

Looking to get more involved? Board elections are coming in late summer, and we'd love to have you consider running. All skill sets are welcome. Interested? Email president@friendsofburkinafaso.org to learn more. The Board meets quarterly, with other business conducted via email or WhatsApp.



Your Impact in 2025

Thanks to your generosity, we fully funded **six impactful projects** in Burkina Faso this year. We are thrilled with the progress reported so far—see photos below! Our Projects Committee is also exploring ways to support local initiatives affected by USAID's recent closure.

Thank you for your steadfast support – past, present, and future!

Wend na ko d laafi,

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