From October to December 2021

https://burkinafaso.unfpa.org/
The humanitarian situation in Burkina Faso remains worrisome during the last quarter of the year, marked by growing insecurity, massive population displacements, high level of food insecurity and the restriction of humanitarian space, in a context globally affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis.

The number of internally displaced people reached a record 1,579,976 (CONASUR, December 31, 2021). At the end of the year, 391 health facilities experienced dysfunctionalities, 103 of them were closed, depriving 1,264,100 people of essential care. The shrinking humanitarian space calls into question the ability of humanitarian actors to reach people in need. In the Centre-Nord region, 52 security incidents were reported during the quarter. The country hit a record 1,005 new COVID-19 infections in the last week of the year. Vaccination against COVID 19 has seen some progress with 1,192,663 doses administered as of January 4, 2021; of these, 725,952 people are fully vaccinated with the second doses.

Funding requirements for the implementation of the 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan are estimated at $607.9 million. At the end of the year, this plan received 43.2% of these funds. The health sector has reached 51.9% of demand. Prevention and response to gender-based violence only get to 13.6%. Given Burkina Faso’s high INFORM index on humanitarian crises and disasters (6.4/10), vulnerability and adaptive capacity at worrying levels (7.1 and 6.5 respectively), the overall situation seems particularly fragile.
52 security incidents were reported during the quarter in the Centre-North region. These incidents resulted in 68 deaths. A total of 205 incidents were reported in 2021 in the region compared to 127 incidents in 2020.

## ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

- **statuses of health centers**
  - **103** Closed
  - **288** Working at a minimum

- **2,200,000** People in need of health assistance
- **1,264,100** Number of people deprived of care
- **701,773** Number of person in need of SRH

- **Coverage of specialized services for GBV survivors:** 18% of priority areas

## COVID-19 (As of January 02, 2022)

- **18,637** Number of confirmed cases
- **17,150** Number of people cured
- **1,108,731** Single dose
- **725,952** Fully vaccinated
- **333** Number of deaths

## MATERNAL DEATHS

- **1,111** (2020)
- **1,156** (2021)

### Situation of maternal deaths in the first 5 humanitarian regions in 2021

- **Nord**
- **Centre-Nord**
- **Centre-Ouest**
- **Est**
- **Sub-Saharien**
- **Boucle du Mouhoun**
- **Haute-Bassine**
- **Cascades**
- **Sou-Ouest**
**SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

15 agents trained on the Minimum Emergency System for Sexual and Reproductive Health (DMU),

102 health workers trained in the clinical management of rape,

300 gynecological consultations;

109 assisted births,

10 caesareans,

20 management of obstetric complications performed,

30 women and girls benefited from a contraceptive method,

4 women benefited from screening for breast and cervical cancer,

226 village midwives equipped with solar lamps,

10 people were treated for sexually transmitted infections.

**SOCIAL COHESION**

12,456 people reached by awareness-raising actions, including 4,926 teenagers and young people,

60 monitoring cells for the prevention of hate speech set up,

56 promoters of green initiatives (23 women and 33 men including 7 young people) trained in green entrepreneurship in Kaya and Kongoussi,

Mission to monitor the activities of the social cohesion project in Kongoussi.

**GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

4,067 people sensitized,

252 survivors cared for, including 185 with psychological care following a trauma, and of which 10 received a cash transfer,

2,162 women and girls participating in discussion groups,

383 women and girls who received dignity kits,

135 students from the town of Tougouri trained in stress management,

25 teenage girls were provided with working materials to start income-generating activities,

Support for the strengthening of the framework for Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse with the major result of the approval of the related strategy and work plan as well as the establishment of a network at UNCT/HCT level,

Reducing GBV risks by training food security actors on the IASC Guidelines – GBV Pocket Guide.

**OUTLOOK**

- Advocacy for resource mobilization for SRH and GBV in emergencies,

- Strengthening GBV prevention and risk reduction activities, GBV (e.g. distribution of dignity kits),

- Strengthening the management of GBV and SRH information (e.g. updating the mapping of post-rape kits and the operational presence of SR/GBV actors, assessment of needs and risks, etc.),

- Identification of innovative solutions to reach those

**CHALLENGES**

- Low availability of financial resources to adequately meet the needs of populations in need,

- The reduction in humanitarian space, which makes many localities hosting IDPs difficult to access, has an impact on the operational presence of humanitarian actors, the implementation of GBV related activities as well as the continuity of the sexual and reproductive health services.
Eliminating gender-based violence: 25 new skills for better care of survivors
UNFPA organized a training session for 25 health workers from the Centre-Nord and Sahel regions on the new clinical care guide for survivors of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence. It was from November 8 to 12, 2021 in the city of Kaya.

Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark visits Burkina Faso
Keeping the promise to ensure rights and choices for girls and women: two years after the Nairobi Summit on the CIPD, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark visited Burkina Faso. During the 3 days-long visit, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark and the Danish Minister for International Development Mr Flemming Møller Mortensen learned about Denmark's support to the Government of Burkina Faso through UNFPA and were able to assess the effects of Danish investments on sexual and reproductive health and rights and the fight against gender-based violence, particularly in humanitarian areas.

Safe spaces to protect women and girls from gender-based violence
On December 22, women of different ages and profiles from Dori, in the Sahel region, exchanged with the UNFPA Resident Representative and the GBV AoR representative at the regional level in a safe space, thanks to the facilitation of the NGO ABBA’S International. The women expressed their satisfaction with the activities in these safe spaces and discussed the prospects for strengthening empowerment activities for enhanced protection from Gender-Based Violence. The field visit was also an opportunity for Auguste Kpognon to meet the local authorities, the members of the GBV AoR and to express his encouragement to the team of the United Nations integrated office in Dori for their commitment despite the difficult security situation.

Village midwives: trained to save lives
In areas with security challenges where health facilities are closed or operating at a minimum, village midwives (AV) have been trained to secure women's maternity wards. In the last quarter of 2021, 226 midwives were provided with solar lamps to improve their working conditions and better care for women.

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