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Engaging  
to achieve the  
**3 ZEROS**





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## Foreword by the Resident Representative

2019 was a pivotal year marked not only by my new function as Resident Representative of UNFPA in Burkina Faso, but also coinciding with two major events: the fiftieth anniversary of UNFPA and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development. These events were an opportunity to celebrate the successes of UNFPA and allowed us to highlight the main contributions of UNFPA in Burkina Faso since the doors first opened in 1973 with the first population census.

2019 was also marked by the completion of the enumeration of the fifth population census for which data processing is ongoing. In addition, two sub-offices were established making it possible to strengthen the package of humanitarian interventions in Burkina Faso. A monitoring exercise of unallocated funding between UNFPA and Member States of the United Nations System was conducted under the leadership of the Embassy of Luxembourg as part of the project « Improving collaboration between United Nations Member States and United Nations Development Entities in some Program Countries of Africa ». In December 2019, a long-standing project funded by Belgium since 2016 came to an end.

This project called «Acceleration of the realization of sexual and reproductive health rights in Burkina Faso», has, amongst other things, allowed for the revolutionization of adolescents and youth reproductive health through innovative information and communication technologies using a platform known as «QG Jeune».

This 2019 annual report of the 8th Cooperation Program reflects the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund in Burkina Faso and all of its partners to work together for the improvement of the quality of life of women, men, boys and girls in Burkina Faso. Despite the difficult security situation, everyone remained committed to our common objectives; for that, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and respect in particular to the UNFPA country team for our collective achievements. I would also like to say thank you and congratulations to the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Development and all our implementing partners of 8th program not only for the quality of the collaboration but for all the hard work carried out over the course of 2019. Lastly, I want to commend a year of robust inter UN Agency cooperation here in Burkina Faso, that I know will continue to strengthen in the years to come.

Auguste J. KPOGNON  
Resident Representative

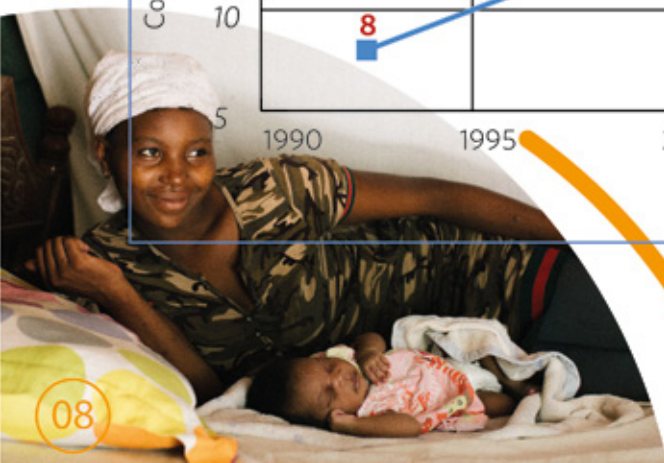
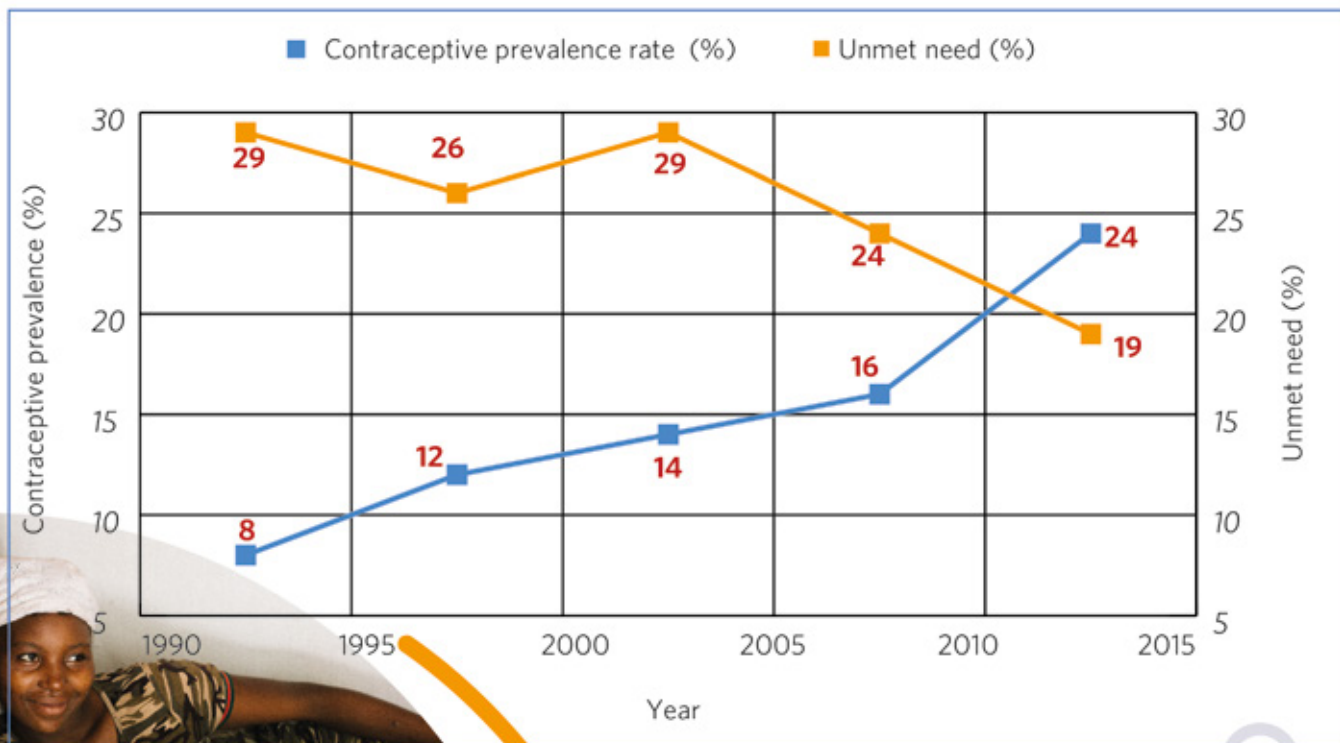




**ZERO**  
**UNMET NEED**  
**FOR FAMILY**  
**PLANNING**

## Background:

In Burkina Faso, contraceptive prevalence has progressed gradually from 8% in 1993 to 24% in 2015 according to national surveys realized by the National Institute of Statistics and Demography. Unmet needs for family planning went from 29% in 2003 to 19% in 2015. The unmet needs for spacing births are estimated at 14% against 5.1% for unmet needs to limiting births. Overall, since 1990, family planning programs have been implemented in a favorable political and socioeconomic environment.





In 2019,



**713 434**  
Couple years  
of protection

The number of couple years of protection achieved is the result of enormous efforts to create demand, supply and access to services, as well as the availability of a diverse range of contraceptive products. This contributes not only to the achievement of the objectives of the National economic and social development plan 2016-2020 (PNDES) but also those of the National plan to accelerate family planning 2017-2020 (PNAPF).



A client benefits from free family planning services during the National Family Planning Week in Zégnédougou in Western Burkina Faso.)



**142 137**  
unwanted  
pregnancies  
avoided



9

midwifery institutions supported


Support to midwifery institutions has constituted mainly of capacity building for training schools through: (i) provision of equipment in anatomical and medico-technical models for laboratories; (ii) updating supervisors at internship sites on best practices in emergency obstetric and newborn care (EmONC), family planning (FP), fistulas and female genital mutilation (FGM); (iii) post-training follow-up, revision of curricula, as well as provision of reference documents and rolling stock.



**79 317** new family planning users recruited through innovative strategies, including 45,747 during the national family planning week and 4930 through « Macopine» strategy.



National Family Planning Week is an opportunity to conduct high-level advocacy and strong social mobilization in favor of family planning. It takes place for a week throughout the national territory and is characterized by free provision of family planning services. In 2019, the official launch of the week was made by the Wife of the Prime Minister.



Zida Dimanche, 39  
years old, Mother of 5  
children, Gomponson,  
Burkina Faso

## I chose family planning after the death of my 4th child

« Contrary to popular belief, family planning is not a bad thing for women. Birth spacing helps protect the health of children. I chose family planning after the death of my 4th child. To avoid getting pregnant again immediately.” Zida Dimanche, 39-year-old mother of 5 children, Village of Gomponson, Burkina Faso. ».

## The strategy



# «My girlfriend»

approach is a strategy developed for offering reproductive health services in rural areas, including family planning and is built around midwives who intervene in health centers but who also participate in creating demand and providing services in the field directly with women's groups.

In 2019, this strategy made it possible to provide:

**5 420**

Users with family planning services

**13 667**

Prenatal consultations



**619**

Assisted deliveries

**1 760**

Postnatal consultations

## Training of services providers in 2019



**803** health service providers trained in various themes:

**185** service providers of whom 20 come from regimental infirmaries trained in contraceptive methods and FP services focused on human rights and the logistics of RH / FP products;

**375** trained on self-injection of Sayana Press;

**64** health service providers trained on clinical FP to provide quality services to adolescents and youth;

**179** health service providers trained on adolescent and youth reproductive health.

**155** health service providers oriented on the concept of cultural days for family planning.

**82,7%** of health service providers carry out the placement and removal of implants

**72%** of health service providers carry out IUD insertion and removal

**84 %** of clients are satisfied with family planning services.



Méthodes contraceptives,  
en savoir plus ...



voir la vidéo





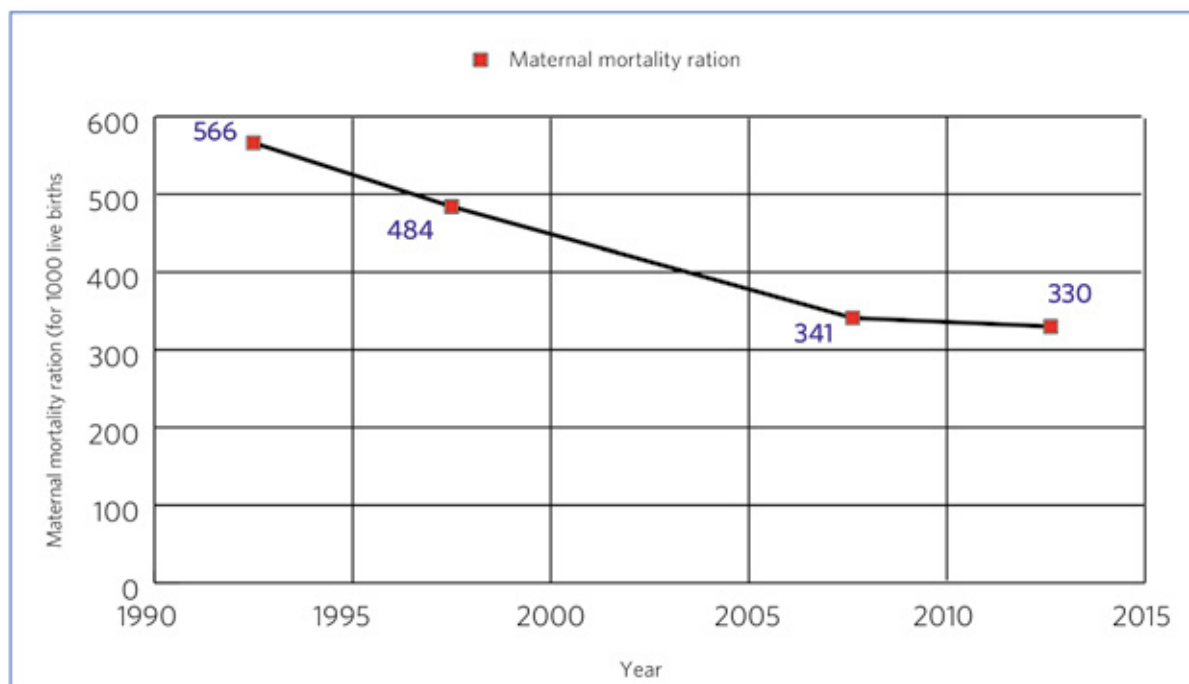




**ZERO**  
**PREVENTABLE**  
**MATERNAL**  
**DEATHS**

## Background:

Since 1973, United Nations Population Fund has worked alongside of the government of Burkina Faso to improve maternal and children health. This contributed to the continuous decline of maternal mortality in Burkina Faso. Maternal mortality ratio fell from 566 deaths per 100,000 live births in 1991 to 330 per 100,000 in 2015. This corresponds to a reduction in maternal mortality of 42%.





In 2019,



**333**  
Maternal  
deaths  
averted



**50 066**  
Abortions  
averted



**14 894**

cases of direct  
obstetric  
complications  
treated

293



health service providers trained on EmONC as well as post-abortion care.

1 241

midwifery students and specialist in obstetric and gynecological care from nine (9) health schools (public and private) benefited from capacity building in the form of practical work.

265

women victims of obstetric fistulas operated on, 259 of them done in partnership with faith-based structures.



83

cases of complications and consequences from excision were supported.




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A gynecologist performing a cesarean section in the operating room of the Barsalogho medical centre in Burkina Faso.

27 health facilities

5 Medical Centers with Surgical Antenna

3 Regional Hospital Centers received 164 Reproductive Health kits and 1,200 oxytocin ampoules.

20 Vocational Training Centers have integrated the modules on comprehensive sexual education into their training programs.



**The introduction of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)** into post-primary education programs in accordance with the international standard has been made in four essential steps: (i) development of the various training modules; (ii) orientation of 160 officials of the ministry in charge of youth on the various modules; (iii) orientation of 88 teachers from vocational training centers in the use of the module on comprehensive sexuality education; (iv) organization of thirteen (13) panels on ECS in 13 centers in order to facilitate the introduction to said centers.

Se protéger  
pour réaliser ses rêves



voir la vidéo



The Health Centre at Boura was established with financial support from the Kingdom of Belgium and was inaugurated in the presence of the Ambassador of Belgium, Mr Lieven de la Marche.



*« ... we had to travel to Tenkodogo, 20 km from our village, to get treatment. Often pregnant women arrived after having lost too much blood, and we lost mothers...and children under these conditions. With this health center built for us, we know that at any moment, we have a place where we can come, that is close to home, and have care when we need it. Lives will be saved. We don't have enough words to thank you, God bless you.» Yemboné Salimata, Village of Boura, Burkina Faso.»*

Yemboné Salimata, Boura village, Burkina Faso







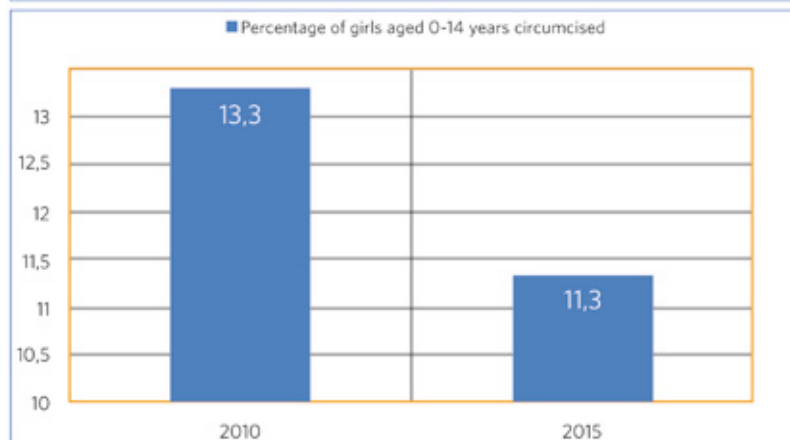
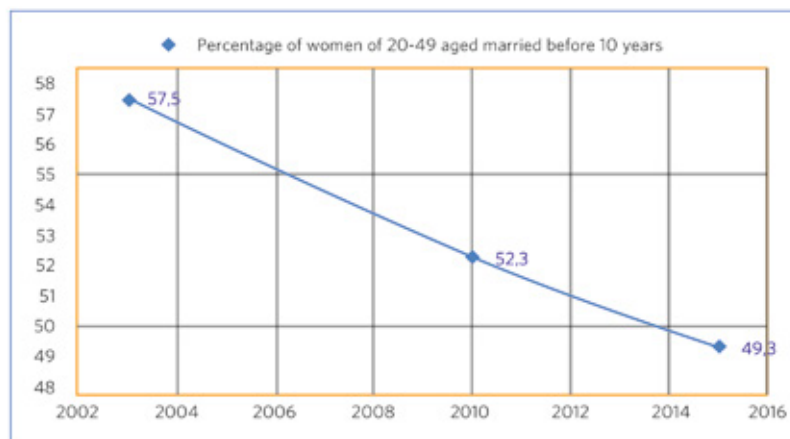
**ZERO**  
**GENDER-BASED**  
**VIOLENCE AND**  
**HARMFUL**  
**PRACTICES**

## Background:



In Burkina Faso, child marriage is still very common. In 2015, 49% of girls were married before the age of 18. The situation is improving over time.

In 2003, this rate was estimated at 57.5%. As for female genital mutilation, we note that the percentage of girls aged 0-14 years excised decreased from 13.2% in 2010 to 11.3% in 2015.



In 2019 :



**147**  
girls saved  
from child  
marriage

To save girls from child marriage, a protection system is put in place. This system is made up of several people. These are mainly:

- Local community-watch groups at village level constituted of 4 people





**4 266**

adolescents enrolled in safe spaces benefited from capacity building program in life skills

# 5 394

survivors received care.



# 86

**members of regional and communal councils trained** in gender sensitive planning and budgeting to better promote gender;

# 30

**actors of the judicial system trained** on the application of the law against FGM;

# 37

**members of the Gender Caucus trained** on the use of gender analysis tools for policies and programs;

# 64

**actors in the justice chain and members of gender cells trained** in the use of the case information collection protocol and the management of information on survivors of gender-based violence

# 100

**adolescent girls aged 15-19 trained in income-generating activities (IGA).** These teenage girls were then equipped and supported to start-up

# 111

☒ **111 vulnerable girls / adolescent girls trained and supported** for the development of IGAs to promote the elimination of FGM

# 77

**women's groups and 47 producers' groups** received material and equipment for production and transformation

# Aminata,

a rape survivor

Village of Doffi, Burkina Faso, July 2019. Aminata, 30 years-old, is pursued by armed individuals. Exhausted from the running and the fear, her legs no longer carry her. She stumbles and falls. She is caught and raped by one of them. Defiled, destitute and for fear of being repudiated by her husband, she decides to endure the pain alone without ever talking about it.

"I feel really good since I got to see the doctor because I didn't sleep at night, I relived the scene every time I closed my eyes and I was very scared. I was suffering alone and couldn't tell anyone about it. But after talking to the doctor I can sleep now." Today Aminata is a woman freed from the weight of the silence of rape.

# #EndGBV

# #EndFGM



## 172 villages

**made public commitments** during official public declaration ceremonies to abandon the practice of excision and child marriage

## 1 818

households **have made public commitments** to abandon the practice of excision and child marriage.

# 01 fairground hearing

organized to judge a case of excision concerning **3** people presumed to be the **perpetrators** of **the excision of 09** girls aged 9 to 15 years.





**SEM  
PREMIER MINISTRE**  
Chef du gouvernement

**Chef de file  
PTF**

The ceremony for the launch of the 5th general population and housing census under the leadership of the Prime Minister, head of Government of Burkina Faso, SEM Christophe Dabiré





**DEMOGRAPHIC  
POLICIES  
AND INTELLIGENCE**





## Enumeration of the 5th general

population and housing census carried out between November 16 and December 15, 2019. As the leader of census technical and financial partners, UNFPA has provided technical and financial support not only for a thorough preparation of the operation, a good roll-out of the enumeration but also to ensure that the quality of the data collected is of high quality.



Launch of the 5th RGPH



Census agents interviewing a household



## 15 staff from the National Institute of Statistics and Demography trained on GRID 3

for the estimation of population in hard-to-reach areas. This training is part of the implementation of the methodology of hybrid censuses. Burkina Faso faces many security challenges making certain areas inaccessible. Indeed, census



mapping work has not been able to cover certain areas for these security reasons.

5<sup>ème</sup> RÉCENSEMENT GÉNÉRAL DE LA POPULATION ET DE L'HABITATION



## Review of the enumeration of the 5th census through a press lunch.

The press lunch helped to present the importance of the general population and housing census for Burkina Faso, the technological innovations made under the 5th census as well as the advantages of this new technology. It also made it possible to take stock of the enumeration and to describe the organizational mechanisms that were put in place to facilitate data collection.



The census agents during collection for the 5th RGPH enrolment





# ICPD25

International Conference on  
Population and Development

As part of the preparation of ICPD + 25, the office organized, in collaboration with the Burkinabé Association of Bloggers and community managers, a meet-up to better prepare the summit. This meet-up with bloggers and community managers helped to better understand UNFPA's mandate as well as its contribution to improving the quality of life of populations. To further strengthen advocacy for the UNFPA mandate, the Office also celebrated UNFPA's fiftieth anniversary.



In addition, a capacity building workshop for youth organizations was organized in order to support them to advocate with political, administrative, religious and customary authorities on the implementation of the recommendations of the ICPD. Technical workshops were organized with the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Development as well as partner structures to prepare the Nairobi summit.





**Celebration in Burkina Faso of 50 years** of UNFPA under the leadership of the First Lady: the main contributions of UNFPA since 1973 in Burkina Faso were presented.



**3**

personalities participated in the Nairobi summit on behalf of Burkina Faso:

- Minister of the Economy, Finance and Development;
- Minister of Health and UNFPA Resident Representative;



**12**

commitments in five of UNFPA's priority areas were taken up by the country.



# World Population Day



The celebration of World Population Day was chaired by the Minister Delegate in charge of Territory Development. It was an opportunity to advocate for population issues; to provide reproductive health and family

planning services, but also to disseminate research results. Panels were also organized at the central and regional level to raise awareness among the general population





In 2019,



394 153  
young people  
who visited  
qgjeune.org

2 767

young people  
registered in  
the chat forums



25 794

subscribers



Les ambassadeurs QGJEUNE



voir la vidéo



The platform provides SRH information for adolescents and youth while responding to their questions and needs. It allows for the testing of the knowledge of youth and adolescents about SRH, collecting information for better decision making as well as allowing youth to participate in social and economic development processes.




# CRVS

## Use of the civil

**i. platform** as a technology for the modernization of civil status in Burkina Faso.

**National consultation on the modernization of the civil registrar held in November 2019.** This national consultation was held as part of the national discussion on the modernization of the civil registry in Burkina Faso. One of the major results of the national consultation was the choice of the platform i. Civil as technology for the modernization of civil status in Burkina Faso.

**Acquisition and deployment of equipment** including a server and 44 kits for the benefit of the General Direction for the Modernization of the Civil Registrar (DGMEC) for the operationalization of i. Civil.





The i-Civil pilot phase implemented in two regions enabled birth registration and birth certificate delivery within 13 days. This new system allowed:

- **5 950** births to be registered
- **2 322** births in health centers to be declared
- **420** birth certificates by the civil registration services to be produced





**Humanitarian  
projects**

**Assistance  
to people affected  
by the humanitarian crisis**



**2 prefabricated maternity** units set up in two camps (Foubé; Barsalogo) for internally displaced persons for the provision of RH services





**17 773** women affected by the humanitarian crisis benefited from reproductive health services including 8,988 young girls and women for family planning services




91 644

adolescents reached by  
services adapted to ado-  
lescents and young people







Production of referral circuits for multisectoral care for survivors of Gender-Based Violence.

**UNFPA**  
**11 500**

women and girls of reproductive age (12-49 years) affected by the humanitarian crisis benefited from Dignity Kits

**DIGNITY KIT**





**PEACE  
BUILDING  
FUND**

**IMPLEMENTATION  
OF PEACE BUILDING  
PROJECTS**





# 95

## members of women's associations trained

in peace education and the establishment of mechanisms for raising alarm and monitoring cases to protect the younger generations and communities. These women then trained 576 others in advocacy and awareness on peace education, the prevention of violent extremism and radicalization.

# 3

## United Nations Community Assistant Volunteers

recruited, equipped and **deployed in** the field to support the implementation of humanitarian projects

# 5 930

## opinion leaders, religious and customary authorities

benefited from awareness-raising on peace and social cohesion

# 1

## network of young leaders


created to fight violent extremism and radicalization

# 142

## mechanisms for identifying and monitoring risk

at the level of religious and customary leaders integrating young people and women.





Meeting with the First Lady, Madame Sika Kaboré, who is very engaged in improving the well being of the population and supports UNFPA in its mission.



**PARTNERSHIP  
AND RESOURCE  
MOBILIZATION**

# 15



Meeting of the country team with partners around monitoring non-allocated funds.

**Around fifteen relevant and innovative projects** financed and developed

# 9 930 890 USD

**were mobilized** from the World Bank; the Center of Emergency and Response Fund (CERF); from the Government of Denmark and the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) against an annual target of **9 400 000 USD**.



The new Resident Representative of UNFPA presenting his accreditation letter to his Excellency Mr Alpha Barry, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation



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