

# Annual report 2023

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Our prayer for every heart, **the will to make it so**.



### WE ARE WORLD VISION

World Vision is an international Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to promote human transformation and justice.

Our goal is to help the most vulnerable children overcome poverty and live life to the full. Inspired by our Christian faith, we help children from all over the world, even in the most inaccessible places.

World Vision has been working in Burkina Faso since 2021, building on a national strategy that targets 420,000 of the most vulnerable people in conflict-affected areas. This strategy prioritizes food security and livelihoods, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health and nutrition and child protection as the means to directly impact children and their communities.

We work alongside families, and with local, national and global partners, to enable children take an active role with their families in building lives free of need and full of promise.



### Our Vision

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### Our Mission

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

### Our Core Values

- We are Christian.
- We are committed to the poor.
- We value people.
- We are stewards.
- We are partners.
- We are responsive

#### FOREWORD FROM RESPONSE DIRECTOR



### Dear partners, friends and colleagues,

I am pleased to share with you the 2023 Annual Report. This is an opportunity for me and the entire World Vision international team in Burkina Faso to give thanks to God for His providence and protection during fiscal year 2023.

This report highlights the achievements of World Vision International's Burkina Faso response office and its partners over the past year in saving lives, reducing human suffering and strengthening the resilience of the most vulnerable people.

World Vision works closely with children, families, communities and partners to ensure that support produces lasting change for girls and boys in an everchanging world.

Indeed, the year was not without its challenges, but with everyone's contribution, we made significant progress. We are pleased that the humanitarian response program was able to reach 179,674 in fiscal year 2023.

The 2021-2023 interventions directly affected 405,483 out of 420,000 people planned, which is 96% of the target population in 5 regions.

In view of the growing needs, we have intervened in the localities most affected by the crisis, implementing activities in the fields of child protection, faith and development, health and nutrition, food security and livelihoods, water, hygiene and sanitation.

In addition, we plan to increase urban programming approaches, local partnership, youth and women empowerment, environmental protection and climate change adaptation, as well as gender equality and social inclusion.

In alignment with World Vision International's global strategy called « Our Promise », which aims to go further than ever imagined to reach the world's most vulnerable children, World Vision International in Burkina Faso intends to update its response strategy for the 2024-2026 phase.

Finally, I would like to thank all our partners, including the Government of Burkina Faso, children, donors, local authorities, community and faith-based organizations, as well as our employees for their frank collaboration and commitment.

It is with your support that together in 2024 and in the years to come we will work to ensure that the most vulnerable children in Burkina Faso enjoy life in all its fullness.

May God bless you all !

#### **Donatien BIGIRANEZA**

Response Director of World Vision International in Burkina Faso



## Going further than we ever imagined for the most vulnerable children.

#### **OUR STRATEGY IN BURKINA FASO**

#### Goal and objectives of the response

" To save lives, alleviate immediate human suffering and strengthen the resilience and selfrecovery capacity of 420,000 people affected by conflict or humanitarian crisis in Burkina Faso over the period 2021-2023.".

The response in Burkina Faso pursues its goal through five (5) strategic objectives which are :

- Improve access to water, sanitation and basic hygiene services
- Increase access to food and strengthen livelihoods
- Improve the psychosocial well-being of people, especially children
- Increase opportunities for youth empowerment
- Develop sustainable local partnerships

#### **Response approach**

World Vision responds to humanitarian needs through a variety of approaches. Programmatically, response operations apply a combination of in-kind aid, cash/voucher aid and service delivery methodologies to beneficiaries.

Response operations are implemented through a hybrid approach of direct intervention and local partnership, working with approved partners who have a proven track record of helping affected communities.

#### **Priority sectors**



#### **Child protection**

Child protection, safeguarding and consolidating social cohesion.



#### Water and Sanitation - WASH

Construction and rehabilitation of water points, promotion of good hygiene practices, distribution of WASH kits.



#### Food security and Livelihoods

Food assistance in cash and/or in kind, capacity building, improved access to income.

#### Health and Nutrition

Improvement of child and maternal health, prevention of malnutrition, distribution of nutritional supplements, vaccination.

#### **OVERVIEW OF HUMANITARIAN NEEDS IN 2023**

Source : Humanitarian Response Plan 2023, OCHA.



#### **Needs by sector**



#### Food security

3.5 million people in need, 55% of them children (27% boys, 28% girls).

Targeted people : 2.5 millions



#### **Child protection**

1.5 million children in need, 52% of them girls, and including 26,456 disabled children. Targeted people : 0.7 million



#### Nutrition

1.3 million people in need, 62% of them children (31% boys, 31% girls), 38% women. Targeted people : 0.7 million



Education 1 million people in need, 99% of them children (51.1% boys, 48.9% girls). Targeted people : 0.9 million



#### Health

2.8 million people in need, 54% of them children (27% boys, 27% girls).

#### Targeted people : 1.8 millions



#### WASH

3.2 million people in need, 62% of them children (26% boys, 27% girls).

#### Targeted people : 1.8 millions



#### **RESPONSE COVERAGE AREAS AND INTERVENTION SECTORS**

In 2023, nine (09) multi- sector projects were acquired from bilateral and multilateral donors and from World Vision support offices. The table below lists these projects, their sectors of intervention and the areas covered :

Project	Funding	Sector	Regions	Communes
Integrated support for food security and livelihoods project for vulnerable populations affected by the conflict in Burkina Faso	Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH)	Food assistance, Livelihood & Cash	Boucle du Mouhoun	Boromo, Fara, Dédougou
Project Tileegré - Multisectoral Assistance Project for displaced populations - WAHER	World Vision US	Food assistance & Cash, Livelihood, Protection	Centre-North, Sahel, Boucle du Mouhoun	Kaya (intervention d'urgence), Ziga, Mané, Boussouma, Kongoussi, Sabcé, Guibaré, Dédougou, Boromo, Fara, Toma, Dori, Djibo
Adressing malnutrition in Centre- North region in Burkina Faso	WFP	Community health, Nutrition	Centre-North	Ziga, Korsimoro, Boussouma
Scaling up humanitarian assistance and protection for conflict affected children and communities in Centre- North and Boucle du Mouhoun regions of Burkina Faso	Visser Response Fund (WV-US)	Protection, WASH, Faith and Development	Centre-North, Boucle du Mouhoun	Kaya, Kongoussi, Tougouri, Pissila, Boala, Dédougou, Nouna
Prevention and management of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Reproductive Health (RH) in the Boucle du Mouhoun, North and Centre-North regions	UNFPA	Protection and Social cohesion	Boucle du Mouhoun, North, Centre- North	Boromo, Dédougou, Ouahigouya, Kaya, Kongoussi
Gift Catalog	World Vision Canada	WASH	Sahel	Dori
RAISE 4 Sahel (R4S) Project	GAVI	Community engagement and health, Advocacy, Vaccination	Sahel, North, Boucle du Mouhoun	Kelbo, Arbinda, Dori, Gorgadji, Sebba, Mansila, Solhan, Toma, Nouna, Tougan, Solenzo, Thiou, Titao, Balavé, Kouka, Gassan, Gossina, Kougny, Yaba, Yé, Di, Gomboro, Kassoum, Kiembara, Lanfiéra, Lankoué, Toeni
Faith and Development Gap Fund (FDGF)	World Vision US	Protection, Peacebuilding and Social cohesion, Faith and Development	Centre-North, Boucle du Mouhoun	Nouna, Dédougou, Kaya, Kongoussi, Pissila, Boala, Tougouri
Assistance in the Management of Temporary Shelter Sites (GSAT) and protection for IDPs	UNHCR	Protection, Management of temporary shelter sites	Sahel	Djibo, Sebba





#### **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

Burkina Faso's response reached in FY2023 :



104,082 children including 51,438 boys and 52,644 girls

75,593 adults including 28,525 men and 47,067 women



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Ouagadougou - Autonomous water station built for market gardening

### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

#### Projects :

- Integrated support project for food security and the livelihoods of vulnerable populations affected by conflict in Burkina Faso.
- Multi-sectoral assistance project for displaced populations in the Centre-Nord, Sahel and Boucle du Mouhoun regions WAHER.

Through these two projects, communities in the intervention zones have benefited from cash transfers, the distribution of food kits and income-generating activities that have helped to improve their living conditions :

#### 749 received food kits.

2,268 households received cash to meet their urgent needs.

A total of **43,034** people including **23,487** children were reached in Food Security and Livelihoods sector in 2023.



#### Helping vulnerable households cope with food insecurity

In the Centre-North of Burkina Faso, the deteriorating security situation continues to cause massive displacement. At the end of March 2023, the National Council for Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation (CONASUR) recorded 493,954 displaced people in the region, out of more than 2 million displaced people in the country. Whole families have been forced to flee their villages, leaving behind their fields and livestock. This situation exacerbates the vulnerability of households facing food and nutrition insecurity.

According to the Harmonised Framework, more than 3.5 million people are food insecure as a result of the difficult security situation, massive displacement, food price inflation, climate change and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 crisis.

Adama, 45 years, fled his village 2 years ago to settle in Ziga. He looks after his mother, his wife and their 3 children despite his visual impairment, which severely limits his opportunities. He has been identified in his community to receive food aid from World Vision. According to him, this assistance is enough to meet his family's urgent food needs.

#### « It's a great relief to receive this aid, which will help us a lot for a while »



« I want to thank World Vision for thinking of people living with disabilities. It's a great relief to receive this aid, which will help us a lot for a while. I thank God » said Adama during the distribution in Zika commune.

The Tileegré project, which provides multi-sectoral support to people affected by the crisis in Burkina Faso, has reached 635 vulnerable households (displaced and host families) through the distribution of food parcels - consisting of maize, rice, cowpeas and oil - in the Centre-North and Sahel regions.

« I hosted two widows with about ten children. In addition to my family, there are more than thirty people in my household and it's not easy to have enough to feed all these people. I'm glad that World Vision thought of giving us food. It means a lot to us as displaced people, » said Baba, another head of household helped by World Vision.

Baba comes from Taparko, in the Yalgo department. He had to flee his village because of the attacks. Now settled in Ziga, he is trying to rebuild his life : « Thanks to the generosity of the host community, we have been given a piece of land to farm, but as we are not at home, we obviously cannot have large fields. Besides, last season's harvest wasn't good, » Baba explains.



The living conditions of families like Baba's prompted World Vision to support by distributing food to help alleviate the suffering of people facing food insecurity. These distributions were fully funded by World Vision US, with each beneficiary receiving a food parcel valued at 74,000 FCFA, or about US\$114.

Kaya - Water point rehabilitated for Kologkom communities

### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

#### Projects :

- Scaling up humanitarian assistance and protection for conflict affected children and communities in Centre-North and Boucle du Mouhoun regions of Burkina Faso.
- Improved access to drinking water, hygiene and sanitation services for internally displaced persons and host families.

Thanks to these projects, 11,400 people have received drinking water and 17,437 people have been made aware of good hygiene and sanitation practices. Interventions in WASH sector reached 28,837 people.

15 boreholes completed

34 shower latrines built

**11,400** people including **7,470** children have access to drinking water thanks to the boreholes drilled.

**1,700** people including **708** children have access to appropriate sanitary facilities.

**17,437** people including **15,116** children benefited from hygiene and sanitation promotion activities.





### HEALTH AND NUTRITION

#### **Projects:**

- RAISE for Sahel project
- Addressing malnutrition in Centre-North region of Burkina Faso

Funded by GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization), the Raise for Sahel (R4S) project aims to reach zero-dose and undervaccinated children with immunization services. In 2023, the project reached **20,489** people including **4,464** children in the Sahel, North and Boucle du Mouhoun regions, through vaccination activities, training of community players and awareness-raising.

The « Addressing malnutrition in Centre-North region » project, financed by the World Food Program (WFP), has improved the living conditions of **14,050** children in the Boussouma health district (Ziga, Korsimoro, Boussouma) in the Centre-North region.





In 31 March 2023, more than 133,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were registered by the Permanent Secretariat of the National Council for Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation (SP/ CONASUR) in the Boucle du Mouhoun region due to insecurity. This situation has dealt a heavy blow to health services in this region of the country. Of the forty-eight (48) health facilities in the Tougan Health district, only five (05) are operational, while the rest are either closed or operating at minimal capacity. This has forced both health workers and the population to prioritise curative care over preventive care, depriving a large numbers of children of immunisation.

In response to this situation, the RAISE 4 Sahel project, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, carried out a major vaccination campaign in the Tougan health district from 22 to 26 June 2023. This campaign follows the census process initiated by the project last February, which resulted in the identification of 1,193 zero-dose and inadequately vaccinated children in the district.



At the vaccination site in sector 7, our teams met an internally displaced woman called Djanka, accompanied by her daughter. She had been forced to flee the insecurity and seek refuge on the outskirts of the town : «The armed groups came to our village and set fire to our house. I had to flee with my 4 children. I had to flee and leave everything behind, even my daughter's vaccination booklet », she tells us, overcome with emotion.

The vaccinators quickly administered the missing antigen to her daughter, Tara, by reconstructing her vaccination history. It was a relieved mother who came out of the site : « Thanks to this campaign, not only did I get a new booklet, but my daughter got the dose of vaccine she needed to stay healthy ».



To ensure the success of this campaign, the local stakeholders, such as vaccinators, volunteers, social mobilisers and supervisors, worked in synergy to mobilise and encourage communities to participate. As a result, more than 1,200 children were vaccinated, using advanced strategies such as outreach sites and door-to-door campaigns to reach displaced families living in remote areas far from health facilities.

« Thanks to this campaign, not only did I get a new booklet, but my daughter got the dose of vaccine she needed to stay healthy ».

Aminata, a IDP living on the outskirts of Tougan, was happy to see health workers vaccinating as part of an advanced strategy: « When we see health workers coming to our neighbourhoods to vaccinate our children, we are happy and it's a great relief. When health workers don't come to our neighbourhoods, we often have to walk 8 km to get to the health centre ».

According to Dr TOE, field coordinator for the RAISE 4 Sahel project in the Boucle du Mouhoun region, this campaign covered all children aged 0-59 months, which will reduce the risk of epidemics in displaced communities. Children received antigens, including those against measles, meningitis, diphtheria, whooping cough and Rotavirus infections.

Funded by Gavi, the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation, the RAISE 4 Sahel project is being implemented in three regions of Burkina Faso : Boucle du Mouhoun, North and Sahel regions. It aims to reach children living in fragile, conflictaffected and cross-border environments.

### CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING

#### **Projets:**

- Multi-sectoral assistance project for displaced populations in the Centre-Nord, Sahel and Boucle du Mouhoun regions WAHER.
- Scaling up humanitarian assistance and protection for conflict affected children and communities in Centre- North and Boucle du Mouhoun regions of Burkina Faso.
- Prevention and management of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Reproductive Health (RH) in the Boucle du Mouhoun, North and Centre-North regions
- Assistance in the Management of Temporary Shelter Sites (GSAT) and protection for IDPs

These projects have helped to improve living conditions through protection and safeguarding activities, reaching **37,193** people, including **14,691** children in World Vision International's areas of intervention in Burkina Faso.

The GSAT and protection assistance project reached **37,480** people in fiscal year 2023, i.e. **15,833** people in Djibo, and **21,647** people in Sebba, through the strengthening of existing local and community structures and the building of communities' capacities to respond to needs for protection, shelter and access to land.

In terms of safeguarding, **47** complaints and feedback committees have been set up and/or revitalized.

#### A friendly space for children to reconnect to normal life

About 300 internally displaced children and host community's children benefit from mental health activities and psychosocial support in a secured and sociable space in Kaya, Centre-north of Burkina Faso.

Three times per week, children aged 3 to 17 come to this 'wonderland' to laugh, draw, paint, sing, dance, play and reconnect with a sense of childhood and innocence. Here, every adult work to make this moment memorable for them.

Salamata, 16 years, left her village around 3 years ago to move to Kaya because of attacks by armed groups. For the young girl, this space is a heaven of peace and cheerfulness. It helps her to develop a sense of security and to build her self-esteem:

« I come here regularly and I love dancing at the beat of the tam-tam(percussion). During these moments, I forget all the difficult times we've had in the past. I even forget those problems when I am with the other children ».

Like Salamata, a lot of children have witnessed terrible scenes that have affected their physical and mental health and their general well-being.

According to Toussaint Michel Korogo, protection coordinator working for World Vision : « The activities that we organize for children help us identify those (children) who suffer from psychological traumas. Once they are detected, we provide them the appropriate psycho social care. If necessary, some children are referred to other services for better care. Our work here is a real commitment to protect children, most of whom have suffered trauma as a result of the insecurity in the villages, which has forced them to flee with their families ».

In addition to the fun activities, this space is also a place for promoting children's rights and raising awareness of child protection issues and more general themes.

« With the animators, we learn to respect parents and adults, and we get lots of advice. They also share information with us about our rights and duties » says Salamata, who congratulates the community animators and facilitators on their commitment.

According to Toussaint Michel Korogo, who supervises the activities in the friendly space :

« These activities carried out as part of the Tileegré project, are very important because they provide a safe environment for the children, help them to heal from the trauma they have suffered and strengthen their resilience. By being here, under our supervision, children are not being exploited. Besides, it is a good venue for them to regain a sense of normalcy, where they learn, connect with other children, experience social cohesion and love while their parents are busy with other activities ».

« During these moments, I forget all the difficult times we've had in the past. I even forget the current when I am with the other children ».



### FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

#### **Projects:**

- Scaling up humanitarian assistance and protection for conflict affected children and communities in Centre- North and Boucle du Mouhoun regions of Burkina Faso.
- Faith and development Gap Fund (FDGF)

As part of the project to increase humanitarian assistance and protection for children and communities affected by conflict in the Centre-Nord and Boucle du Mouhoun regions of Burkina Faso, financed by the Visser Response Fund and the Faith and Development Gap Fund financed by WVUS, faith and development activities have reached **28,063** community members, including **14,110** children, through training and awareness-raising (with the activities of the Channels of Hope).

### Give children the opportunity to have a life in all its fullness through religious leaders

Jules lives with his maternal grandmother, Juliette, in Kaya. At his birth, there were problems with his paternal family and his birth was not declared even though the Personal and Family Code stipulates that « any birth occurring in Burkina Faso territory must be the subject of a declaration to the registrar of the place of birth, within two months of the birth ».

« The misunderstandings between the two families made it impossible to establish a birth certificate, a very important document. And for years, I personally suffered from this situation ».

« These training sessions allowed us to know how we can support our children in their development at all levels »





Juliette, very active in her basic religious community, teaches the Christian religion to children. She was chosen by her manager to participate in the training for religious leaders on child protection organized by World Vision through Community Hope Action Teams (CHATs).

« These training sessions allowed us to know how we can support our children in their development at all levels. We now know how to improve the overall well-being of our families in general and that of children in particular ».

During one of the training courses followed by Juliette, children with specific protection problems were identified for treatment.

This is how Juliette and other families benefited from support to establish supplementary birth certificate judgments for their children, the legal deadline of 60 days having been exceeded.

« Jules was approaching the age to go to school, and I wondered how I was going to resolve this situation since without a birth certificate he cannot be enrolled in school. It was a big worry for me. But thanks to the support of World Vision, he was able to obtain a birth certificate and was enrolled in CP1 this year, at the age of 5. He is moving up to the next class. I am very happy, and I pray that God accompanies him in his studies, so that he succeeds in life ».

Religious leaders work with World Vision in communities to change certain social attitudes that can be the cause of violence against children ; and depending on the cases that arise, they take steps to ensure that protection issues are dealt with effectively.

« I would like to thank World Vision for all the actions they are carrying out because thanks to them we have had a lot of knowledge that helps us in the education and protection of children and I ask them to persevere in the support they bring us so that the work can continue ».

#### **FINANCIAL SITUATION IN FY23**



World Vision's total funding in Burkina Faso for fiscal year 2023 (October 2022 to September 2023) amounted to **\$ 4,505,654**.

World Vision gratefully acknowledges the generous contribution of support offices, donors and partners in improving the well-being of the most vulnerable children in Burkina Faso.

The financial statements are presented in US dollars, World Vision's reference currency.

#### Financing by fund type

Funding type	Amount	Percentage
Cash		
Government	2,112	0.05%
Multilateral	646,698	14.35%
Private Non-Sponsorship	3,663,655	81.31%
Sub-Total: Cash Budget	4,312,465	95.71%
Transfer en nature et coupons	193,189	4.29%
Grand Total	4,505,654	100%

#### Total expenditure per sector

Sectors	Expenditure	Percentage
Child Protection	113,397	2.83%
Health & Nutrition	1,659,184	41.35%
Food Security & Livelihoods	896,820	22.35%
Water and Sanitation	537,381	13.39%
Multiple (+Safeguarding, Protection, Advocacy)	805,315	20.07%
Grand Total	4,012,097	100%



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