

# Hope for Burkina Faso

### AN UPDATE ON YOUR GIFT FOR DISASTER RELIEF

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A family loads their motorbike to transport their food provisions home.

Cover photo: A group of caregivers and children pose for a picture with the provisions they've just received.

### Fighting Hunger in Burkina Faso

Walker Bookstore, thank you for coming to the rescue of children and families in Burkina Faso facing severe food insecurity. Your support has helped 100 Frontline Church Partners to implement a multifaceted intervention that not only addresses families' nutritional needs for today, but also sets them on a path toward achieving, and sustaining, food security for tomorrow. We pray that this update on your compassion at work in Burkina Faso is as much a blessing to you as you have been to thousands of families in desperate need.

#### **Intervention Status**

Launched in August 2022, this intervention has accomplished the following milestones to date:

- 12,023 families of Compassion-assisted children received monthly food supplies from September through December 2022. Each monthly supply included 100 kgs of staples such as corn, rice, pasta and cooking oil.
- 409 pastors of local church partners also received this monthly food benefit for their families.
- 8,000 babies (ages 0-4) received a 1.2 kg supply of enriched, powdered formula during each of the same four months.
- 563 families in hard-to-access areas were provided direct cash transfers to buy food.
- Fertilizer and other agriculture aids were distributed to families reliant on subsistence farming for the summer growing season.
- 6,500 caregivers were selected based on need to receive incomegeneration training and seed money to start or revive small businesses.



God at Work in Burkina Faso



100 Frontline Church Partners



Burkina Faso



Caregivers and Children

# **Empowering Ministry Efforts**



This mom is one of 6,500 caregivers who received training in income-generating activities such as tailoring.

Some caregivers use their seed capital to purchase livestock, like these sheep, to raise for extra income and nutrition.





Selling beauty supplies and trinkets in the market provides additional income for this caregiver.



Making and selling tasty cakes is this caregiver's specialty.



These women operate a grain mill to earn an income for their families.

A shipment of fertilizer is delivered to a partner church for distribution.



### An Interview with Urielle



"Now my siblings and I have food to eat, and we can grow strong and concentrate on our studies."



#### What was your life like before this intervention?

My mother is a widow and had a hard time providing food for me and my siblings. I would go to school on an empty stomach and eat only in the evenings.



#### How has your life changed since this intervention?

Now my siblings and I have food to eat, and we can grow strong and concentrate on our studies.



#### What lessons have you learned from this intervention?

I've learned there are compassionate people in the world who do good and are willing to come to the rescue of those who need it.



### What would you like to say to those who helped?

My family and our neighbors say a big "thank you" to all those who made this food distribution possible. May God bless you!





# **Equipping God's People**

Walker Bookstore, thank you for helping children and families in Burkina Faso who have been affected by the food crisis. With your generous support, Compassion and the local churches are helping them build a brighter, happier future. Your gift provides the tools they need to continue moving out of poverty and toward a hope-filled future.

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