

# Burkina Faso Crisis Response Plan 2024

Cohort Country - Early Warnings for All



Internally displaced persons and refugees benefited from housing integrated into the host community. © Vincent Kiendrebeogo / IOM Burkina Faso 2023

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## IOM VISION

Through an evidence-based and conflict-sensitive approach, IOM Burkina Faso provides assistance to meet the multi-sectoral needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs), host communities and other crisis-affected communities. IOM applies a comprehensive humanitarian-development-peace nexus (HDPN) approach, focusing on saving lives, while contributing to stabilization, transition, and recovery efforts by supporting inclusive and participatory governance processes, boosting economic recovery, and strengthening social cohesion.

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### PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS

1. Internal migrant
2. Internally displaced person
3. International migrant
4. Local population / community
5. Refugee

### FUNDING REQUIRED: \$13,300,000



**\$4M**  
CONFIRMED



**\$9.3M**  
GAP



**300,000**  
PEOPLE TARGETED



**50**  
ENTITIES TARGETED

## IOM PROPOSED RESPONSE

Saving lives and protecting people on the move

**\$6,800,000**

FUNDING REQUIRED

**\$292,152**

FUNDING CONFIRMED

**125,000**

PEOPLE TARGETED

Driving solutions to displacement

**\$6,500,000**

FUNDING REQUIRED

**\$3,721,740**

FUNDING CONFIRMED

**175,000**

PEOPLE TARGETED

## BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (USD) 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITY AREAS	2024
<b>Saving lives and protecting people on the move</b>	
Shelter and settlements	\$2,000,000
Mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian response	\$1,500,000
Protection	\$1,500,000
Emergency preparedness	\$1,000,000
Displacement tracking	\$800,000
<b>Driving solutions to displacement</b>	
Community stabilization	\$4,000,000
Peacebuilding and peace preservation	\$1,500,000
Adaptation and disaster risk reduction	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$13,300,000</b>

## CONTEXT ANALYSIS

Security trends demonstrate a continuous increase in the number of violent incidents in Burkina Faso (ACLED). Violence worsens the fragility of livelihoods and people's capacity to provide for themselves, straining already weak basic social services. As of 31 March 2023, 2,062,534 people were internally displaced in Burkina Faso (Le Secrétariat Permanent du Conseil National de Secours d'Urgence et de Réhabilitation ([SP-CONASUR](#)) 2023), a number that has consistently increased for the past four years. In addition, the high number of displaced people hosted in communities adds pressure on limited resources and can cause tensions in communities. Over 53 per cent of registered IDPs are women and 60 per cent are children under 15 years of age who face specific protection risks and are disproportionately affected by human rights violations ([Humanitarian Needs Overview \(HNO\)](#) 2023). Nearing the end of its fifth year, the sustained, large-scale humanitarian crisis in the country has forced people into multiple displacements ([Humanitarian Response Plan \(HRP\)](#) 2023). Insecurity and climate variability have also led to significant shifts in seasonal transhumant movement in Burkina Faso, leading to recurrent local conflicts between farmers and herders.

Moreover, in recent years, the effects of climate change, characterized by heavy flooding and prolonged dry seasons, have greatly affected Burkina Faso, further increasing displacement, and straining the availability of existing resources. In 2023, Burkina Faso was ranked 12 out of 190 countries in the INFORM Risk Index on vulnerability to humanitarian crisis, and the country is highly vulnerable to climate change impacts including, but not limited to, desertification, deforestation, low rainfall, and extreme weather events - floods, droughts, and high variability between dry and rainy seasons. These factors are already impacting agricultural yields and aggravating competition over natural resources.



Humanitarian aid brought relief to households and especially to women, who play a very important role in families © Vincent Kiendrebeogo / IOM Burkina Faso (2023)

INFORM Risk Index (August 2023)	Very High (12/191)
Human Development Index (2023/4)	Low
Fragility Index (2022)	Fragile
IDPs (CONASUR, March 2023)	2,062,534

## COORDINATION

IOM Burkina Faso is engaged in the current humanitarian response in support of the Government of Burkina Faso and other humanitarian partners, notably through the humanitarian coordination system aligned with the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). IOM coordinates and leads the national Mental health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Technical Working Group, and is an active member of the Protection Cluster, the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Area of Responsibility (AoR), the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster, the Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI) Cluster, the Health Cluster, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster (CCCM) (locally called *gestion des sites d'accueil temporaires* or GSAT), and the Information Management Working Group. Since its establishment in the country in 2003, the Organization has been supporting the Government of Burkina Faso by implementing development programs and providing humanitarian assistance. IOM's main governmental partners are the Ministry of National Solidarity and Humanitarian Action, National Reconciliation, Gender and Family, the Ministry of Health, the Department for the Prevention and Control of Non-Transmissible Diseases and the Regional Health Directorates. Additionally, IOM has a long-standing relationship with CONASUR when it comes to emergency response. In 2024, IOM Burkina Faso will continue to collaborate at the local and regional levels with partners and relevant structures and organizations that have access to the most remote parts of Burkinabè territory and benefit from their stable local presence. In addition, during the implementation of its Transhumance Tracking Tool (TTT), IOM works in close coordination with herders, farmers, local communities, and authorities to inform on, prevent, resolve and mitigate transhumance-related conflicts, as well as natural hazards.

## IOM CAPACITY






IOM has been present in Burkina Faso since 2003, with one main office in Ouagadougou and sub-offices in five of the six regions affected by the crisis: Kaya (Centre-Nord), Dori (Sahel), Ouahigouya (Nord), Fada (Est), and Tenkodogo (Centre Est). IOM has extensive experience in responding to humanitarian and recovery needs worldwide and applies a humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach to help reduce needs, risks and vulnerabilities and build resilient and peaceful societies. Since 2019, the country office has rolled out this approach, spanning activities related to protection, shelter and settlements, livelihoods, mental health and psychosocial support, health, information management (i.e. the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), community cohesion and peacebuilding. For instance, IOM supports vulnerable groups, in particular women and internally displaced persons, in their economic empowerment to strengthen their resilience in conflict situations. This complements the response to urgent humanitarian needs and works towards sustainable and long-term impacts. These programmes provide assistance to all population groups impacted by the ongoing crisis, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), host communities, migrants, refugees, and other affected populations. Applying "do no harm" and conflict sensitivity principles, community- and rights-based approaches, IOM ensures that the assistance it provides targets all affected communities while encouraging the use of pre-existing local social structures and mechanisms to support the population and relevant authorities. IOM's approach in Burkina Faso is aligned with humanitarian principles and falls directly in line with the national [Humanitarian Response Plan](#), the [Kampala Convention](#), the Harare Action Plan, as well as the revised [Migration Policy Framework for Africa \(2018-2030\)](#). IOM mainstreams protection principles to ensure safety and dignity, and to guarantee meaningful access to assistance for all persons in need, without discrimination. Particular attention will be given to effective participation and empowerment of the community.

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND EMPOWERMENT







Putting people at the centre of IOM's work is the key element of all activity implementation. The community-based approach that is followed by the IOM in Burkina Faso, including supporting established local community committees and setting up new ones, enables the realization of culturally sensitive, relevant and adequate assistance adapted to the context and community dynamics. Community committees promote the active participation of local communities, allowing them to participate in all phases of IOM activities from planning, making decisions on implementation and beneficiary selection criteria to monitoring the activities. This approach also promotes effective information-sharing about IOM's programming within the activity areas, ensuring the acceptance of the communities and the sustainability of outcomes. In addition, committees with membership quotas ensure, for example, the participation of women and displaced persons, bring different groups together and serve as spaces for dialogue and cooperation that contribute to sustaining peaceful coexistence and social cohesion. Continuous monitoring enables continuous learning and IOM is committed to listening to the views of the population and ensuring their right to providing feedback and pathways for complaints. In line with IOM's commitments to protect affected populations from sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), a range of measures will be undertaken to prevent, mitigate the risks of, and respond to SEA. Measures may include but are not limited to identifying and developing SEA risk mitigation actions to be integrated into all sectors of response; strengthening the capacity of frontline workers, implementing partners, national authorities and others to address SEA; strengthening or establishing where needed, complaint and feedback mechanisms that are safe and accessible for affected populations to report SEA concerns; supporting and actively participating in inter-agency and collective prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) response at country and/or regional level; and taking steps to ensure that SEA survivors, in addition to GBV survivors, have access to quality and timely assistance and support services. Special attention is paid to the inclusion of diverse groups and marginalized populations, taking into account factors such as gender, age, and diversity groups (including disability). Constant effort is given to mitigating the risks of gender-based violence and preventing sexual exploitation and abuse. Data collected is disaggregated to gain information on the needs and identify barriers to equal participation. To ensure transparency, IOM maintains established structures for effective and two-way communication with both the beneficiary communities and other stakeholders. IOM exchanges information while working in close cooperation with the government, donors, and other partners. Engaging in dialogue with donors and strengthening coordination with partners promote the necessary flexibility to be able to adjust programmes according to the feedback and views of affected populations and communities. The principles of accountability to affected populations (AAP) are incorporated in cooperation with implementing partners, as well as through appropriate monitoring and evaluation of compliance.

## IOM RESPONSE

### CROSS CUTTING PRIORITIES

-  Data and evidence
-  Protection mainstreaming
-  Gender equality
-  Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse
-  Disaster risk and climate change

### KEY OPERATING MODALITIES

-  Participation and empowerment
-  Conflict sensitivity
-  Integrated programming
-  Collaboration and partnership
-  Localization
-  Cash-based interventions

## SAVING LIVES AND PROTECTING PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

### Funding Required

\$6,800,000

### People Targeted

125,000

### People Targeted Description

IOM Burkina Faso will continue to provide humanitarian assistance and protection to:

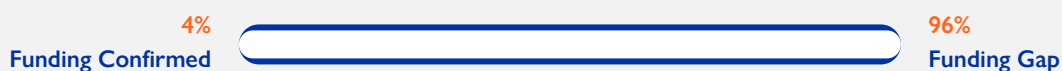
- IDPs who remain in displacement;
- IDPs at high risk of protracted displacement;
- Vulnerable host communities in areas of displacement where services are inadequate or overstretched;
- Survivors of human rights violations, gender-based violence, and exploitation, including trafficking;
- Local actors who provide services;
- Vulnerable migrants in transit stranded in Burkina Faso.

IOM Burkina Faso will help reinforce the capacity of local authorities and communities to be better prepared for increasing shocks triggered by natural hazards by targeting:

- IDPs;
- Returnees and communities in areas of return to access basic services, livelihoods, safety and security;
- Survivors of human rights violations, gender-based violence;
- Government authorities, civil society organizations and NGOs to contribute to capacity building and facilitate community stabilization and resume services.

IOM Burkina Faso will also continue to provide data on displacement and migration patterns to partners, in order to inform programming and policy. Beneficiaries will include:

- Partners: humanitarian and development partners and governmental entities;
- Benefiting populations: IDPs, returnees, herders and farmers, and other impacted communities;
- Entities: civil society organizations



## SHELTER AND SETTLEMENTS

IOM's Shelter and Settlements response aims to support the displaced, host, and other affected populations access safe and dignified shelter options in functioning settlements through interventions that adapt to meet immediate and evolving needs. IOM plans to:

- Distribute shelter materials and NFIs as per cluster standards, to respond to crises and complement the emergency response with other actors.
- Design, construct, and upgrade emergency shelters, transitional and other shelters, in coordination with the cluster strategy.
- Repair and retrofit damaged homes for vulnerable households, ensuring improved conditions of safety, privacy, and dignity.
- Conduct housing land and property activities that support upholding, improving, or restoring security of tenure.

### Funding Required

\$2,000,000

### Funding Confirmed

\$48,150



## MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

IOM's mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) programme aims to promote, protect and support

### Funding Required

the mental health and well-being of crisis-affected populations. IOM is the lead of the national MHPSS Technical Working Group under the Protection Cluster. IOM plans to:

**\$1,500,000**

- Support inter-agency efforts to strengthen the national MHPSS response.
- Strengthen the capacities of local actors and service providers in providing MHPSS.
- Deploy community-based psychosocial mobile teams organizing sociorelational, cultural, creative and art-based, sport and play as well as informal education activities.
- Conduct awareness-raising sessions on MHPSS needs and existing services.
- Provide counselling and peer support groups and referral to specialized mental health care services.



## PROTECTION

Protection activities aim to address or prevent the recurrence of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violations; restore dignity; or establish or foster environments that are conducive to the respect of rights of migrants, displaced persons or affected populations. IOM works to reduce protection risks for migrants, displaced persons and affected populations. This includes GBV risk mitigation as well as the inclusion of persons with disabilities. IOM proposes to:

**Funding Required**  
**\$1,500,000**

- Train IOM staff, national authorities and partners on protection, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), AAP, GBV core concepts, principles, risk identification and mitigation measures as well as Code of Conduct.
- Deploy protection mobile teams that will carry out community-based protection activities.
- Conduct protection risk assessments and development of mitigation measures to address the protection risks for each intervention.
- Mainstream information and sensitization on mitigating risks of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) throughout all activities.
- Address GBV contributing factors by conducting participatory community assessments on the perception of the needs of women and girls within the community to sustainably address questions of GBV within the community and reduce GBV risks ensuring doing no harm.
- Support survivors of GBV by equipping and supporting IOM staff and partners on ethical and safe referral pathways.
- Provide inclusive assistance sensitive to the needs of all population groups, such as the distribution of dignity kits for girls and women, and accessibility measures and reasonable accommodations for participants with disabilities.
- Provide individual protection assistance to migrants vulnerable to trafficking and other forms of violence, exploitation, and abuse through internal and external referral to health, psychosocial support, food and non-food item distribution, lodging in transit centres, land transportation facilities for domestic migrants, and other specialized services.
- Awareness-raising through workshops, trainings, cultural and art events on counter-trafficking and protection measures for migrants.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

IOM will work with the community, local stakeholders and authorities, and humanitarian actors to support emergency preparedness. IOM will:

**Funding Required**  
**\$1,000,000**

- Conduct an in-depth technical remote sensing flood risk and vulnerability mapping of target areas;
- Map potential risks and safe areas along identified hazardous zones (i.e. prone to the risk of flooding and wildfires) and conduct a census of people with specific needs;
- Strengthen the existing early warning systems to better serve the communities in monitoring water levels to promote early response in the case of high risk of flooding;
- Implement Emergency Tracking Tool (ETT) to provide information on sudden natural hazards, and conflicts that may have implications for the displacement of people
- Build capacity of knowledge management within the government response mechanisms;
- Conduct awareness-raising sessions and capacity-building of local authorities to increase comprehension and knowledge on migrants in line with IOM's guidelines on Migrants in Countries



and Crisis (MICIC);

- Contribute to inter-agency efforts for preparedness and early/anticipatory actions, to encourage a comprehensive humanitarian response to displacements.



## DISPLACEMENT TRACKING

IOM's DTM is a service tool and process to track and monitor population displacement during crises. In Burkina Faso, through the DTM, IOM will:

- Track mobility and the key figures and locations of IDPs and returnees through mobility tracking;
- Gather information on migration flows tendencies, and future intentions through Future Intention Surveys;
- Study structural factors driving people into displacement, including access to services, security, social cohesion and resilience to climate change through the Solution and Mobility Index, assessing stability and fragility of areas of return;
- Assess the multi-sectorial needs of populations through a Multisectorial Needs Assessment (MSNA). The data collection will take place in three regions in the south (Hauts Bassins, Cascades, Sud-Ouest);
- Improve coordination to reinforce access to information on the mobility, vulnerability, and needs of displaced and mobile populations, together with partners such as CONASUR and the humanitarian community;
- Expand data collection on transhumance and agro-pastoral conflicts through IOM's Transhumance Tracking Tool (TTT), in order to prevent and mitigate tensions linked to conflict surrounding transhumance campaigns in all relevant regions, such as the Boucle de Mouhoun, Hauts Bassins, Cascades, South-West, Center-South, Center-East, East, North, and Sahel regions.

**Funding Required**

**\$800,000**

**Funding Confirmed**

**\$55,954**

6%

94%



IOM provided emergency shelters and household equipment for internally displaced persons and refugees. © Vincent Kiendrebeogo / IOM Burkina Faso 2023

## DRIVING SOLUTIONS TO DISPLACEMENT

**Funding Required**

**\$6,500,000**

**People Targeted**

**175,000**

### People Targeted Description

IOM Burkina Faso will seek to address the drivers and impacts of crises and to mitigate future conflict, by targeting the following groups:

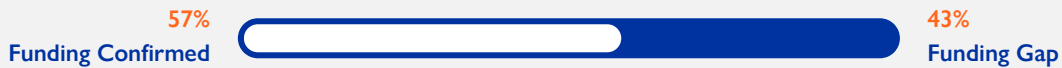
- IDPs and host communities;
- Returnees and communities in areas of return;
- Survivors of human rights violations, gender-based violence, exploitation including trafficking;



- Local authorities including traditional leaders and community representatives, government authorities, civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to contribute to capacity-building and facilitate community stabilization and the provision of basic services.

IOM Burkina Faso will also help reinforce the capacity of local authorities and communities to be better equipped to respond to increasing shocks triggered by natural hazards by targeting:

- IDPs;
- Returnees and communities in areas of return to access basic services, livelihoods, safety and security;
- Survivors of human rights violations, gender-based violence;
- Government authorities, civil society organizations and NGOs to contribute to capacity building and facilitate community stabilization and resume services.



## COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

Community stabilization activities aim to provide a necessary incremental step towards sustainably resolving displacement by creating the conditions for the restoration of basic rights and security; and by promoting social cohesion and empowerment; functioning state governance; livelihoods and service delivery, etc. IOM will continue working on community recovery by strengthening local capacities, fostering self-reliance, and creating environments conducive to resolving displacement including through:

- Supporting community-led planning processes to rehabilitate infrastructure and support the delivery of basic services.
- Implementing income-generating activities to support displaced and host communities to enhance social cohesion and economic recovery. Livelihoods opportunities will be explored with affected communities to ensure sustainability building on their aspirations and existing capacities, ensuring accountability.
- Empowering women and youth to diversify and increase their livelihoods through direct support such as the provision of agricultural inputs, vocational training or other grants.

Activities will be linked to a wider and more comprehensive process to create sustainability as well as avoid causing harm to women.

**Funding Required**  
\$4,000,000

**Funding Confirmed**  
\$3,585,854



## PEACEBUILDING AND PEACE PRESERVATION

IOM Burkina Faso supports the operationalization of the humanitarian-development peace nexus. IOM views working closely with local authorities and empowering community-based organizations and local networks to strengthen social cohesion and resilience as one critical way to do so. IOM will work to:

- Contribute to social cohesion, prevention and sustainable resolution of community conflicts. This will be done through strengthening the capacity of civil authorities throughout the regions to remove the feeling of abandonment.
- Contribute to resilience-building of the populations in cross-border areas (Benin, Burkina Faso and Togo) against exploitation by violent extremist groups and conflict resolution through strengthening dialogue between communities and law enforcement as per IOM's Community Engagement and Policing (CEP) approach.
- Contribute to peacebuilding efforts to support community transition out of conflict, notably through community-based conflict management, providing support to community reconciliation, reintegration processes and economic transformation intended to mitigate the drivers of conflict.
- Better support conflict prevention and mitigation strategies by providing regular and transparent data on pastoral mobility through the Transhumance Tracking Tool, as an early warning mechanism.

**Funding Required**  
\$1,500,000

**Funding Confirmed**  
\$135,886





## ADAPTATION AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

IOM will support local authorities and the Directorate for Civil Protection to reduce the risk of disasters and increase readiness to respond. IOM will work to:

- Build the capacity of local and national authorities for the establishment of a response framework and reinforcing their capacities to respond to emergencies;
- Support to capacity-building for local communities and authorities on protection risks, upholding PSEA protocols, taking into account age, gender and disabilities to increase knowledge and enhance the inclusion of marginalized groups in emergencies;
- Support the establishment of community contingency planning through community-based workshops, ensuring equal participation of women, youth, persons with disability and older persons;
- Pre-position shelter and NFI kits, as well as dignity kits or other articles that address the needs of vulnerable groups such as women and girls.
- Implement small-scale infrastructural mitigation works to mitigate the impact of climate change, including unseasonal rainfall, flooding, and landslides. Special emphasis will be given to the reuse potential of flood water for agricultural purposes at the community level;
- Address forced migration situations in the medium- and long-term by bridging humanitarian responses with adaptation and disaster risk reduction such as taking risks of natural hazards into account in location and building of shelters.


**Funding Required**  
**\$1,000,000**



### CONTRIBUTES TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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