

**Burkina Faso**

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SITUATION

Communities in Burkina Faso have experienced armed attacks since 2015 that have resulted in internal displacement, especially from the Northern part. In December 2018, the number of IDPs was 39,000 (Cf. OCHA, *Burkina Faso: Humanitarian Snapshot of 6 May 2019*). In January 2019, the crisis has reached a new phase with intercommunity conflict in Yirgou in January 2019 and then in Arbinda in April 2019 leaving men and boys killed. As of 24th April 2019, there were 364 reported security incidents, which left 394 people killed (OCHA, *Burkina Faso: Humanitarian Snapshot of 6 May 2019*). The recurrent armed attacks and insecurity continue to displace civilians and increase humanitarian needs mainly in Sahel, Nord, Est and Centre Nord regions of Burkina Faso. An estimated 149,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) are forced to flee their homes in search of refuge. Since, January 2019, communities in various localities have hosted some IDPs and the others are registered in the four (4) camps established by the government. The latest increase is due to recent displacements from villages around Arbinda to Foubé, Pensa and Kelbo in the country's north, as well as an improvement in registration led by CONASUR, the national platform for emergency management. The 149,000 IDPs are in 11 provinces spread over 5 regions out of 13. The most affected provinces are Sanmatenga in Central North region with 32,518 IDPs and Soum in Sahel Region with 91,077 IDPs. The most affected communities are Djibo (40,000 IDPs) and Arbinda (16,683 IDPs) in Soum province and Barsalogho (19,412 IDPs) in Sanmatenga province. The number of IDPs as of 24th April is 148,534, which in the last 3 weeks shows a ten percent increase. It is expected that the number will continue to increase since the situation has not changed for the better. Humanitarian needs of affected populations include access to basic education, health services since health and education centres are closed due to the violence. There are also pressing food aid and shelter needs. For example, in March 2019, although 357 schools were reopened, 1,088 remain closed, depriving nearly 146,000 children (53.6% boys and 46, 4% girls) of Education. In the health sector, 8 health facilities remain closed and currently only 36 provide only minimum services to the large displaced and host communities. Access to water is also a major challenge in areas where IDPs are currently hosted. Humanitarian organizations are supporting the Government to aid and protection to the displaced and other people in need. ACT Burkina Faso Forum members are responding to the crisis, but with limited funds. Insecurity and funding are the greatest challenges to the humanitarian response. At the date of 24 April 2019, around 22 percent of the US \$ 100 million, needed for provision of relief. More efforts are required to increase the humanitarian response.

NEEDS

The conflict has put the region in a state of crisis. The conflict-affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sufficient food
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe shelter and basic non-food items
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	basic health services and facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	livelihood activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	protection services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	adequate nutrition

Since January 2019, the Ministry of Woman, National Solidarity, Family and Humanitarian Action of Burkina Faso government, through the CONASUR is coordinating humanitarian Response through the CONASUR (at national level), CORESUR (at country regions' level) and COPROSUR (at country provinces' level) and has received support of UN Agencies and ACT Burkina Faso members among others. To support the immediate needs, Unfortunately, this dire situation is further compounded because of the upsurge in attacks and the persistence of the intercommunity conflict, causing IDPS number to continually rise. In February 2019, the government and its partners developed a contingency plan,

which has a request for \$100,000,000 for the priority sectors like Food Security/ Nutrition, WASH, Protection/Psychological support and, Livelihood/Early Recovery, Shelters and NFI's, Health. At the date of 24 April 2019, only 22% of this amount covered by the contributions from government, UN agencies, and humanitarian NGOs. Therefore, there is a pressing necessity to continue to mobilize funds for assistance to IDPs and host communities to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered. The Alert aims to broaden the humanitarian response towards a longer-term approach - to support displaced persons and their hosts, who are already living below the poverty line (less than US\$ 1 per day. There is a pressing need to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	The Government of Burkina Faso is coordinating the humanitarian Response through the Department of the Ministry in charge of emergency response at national level known as CONASUR, Department of the Ministry in charge of emergency response at regional level known as CORESUR, Department of the Ministry in charge of emergency response at Provincial level known as COPROSUR since January 2019.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	United Nations agencies are involved in coordinating interventions (OCHA, OIM, UNDP, WFP, FAO, UNICEF,)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	International NGOs (including ACT Burkina Faso members for example Christian Aid, LWR and Diakonia) are the implementing initiatives to support the affected.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement were present and engaged in the area and were present in before the crisis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Burkina Faso Army is present in the area and is working to maintain secure environments within IDPs camps.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	National NGOs like Association Dignus (an ACT member) are also part of the implementing partners. Association Dignus is a local NGO of the Association des Eglises Evangeliques Reformees du Burkina (AEERB). Reformed Evangelical Churches' Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	The role of civil society has been to strengthening social cohesion and initiate inter community dialogue. The local traditional and religious chiefs have played an important role in negotiating peace since the beginning of the crisis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	There is inter religious group made up of Christians and Muslims working in the Sahel region of Burkina Faso. This group has an exchange platform and contributes to the promotion of communities living together and tolerance. Their actions also extend to assisting people in distress.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Host communities have been first responders and played an important role in hosting displaced persons in need.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Some affected communities are living in camps when others are living with host communities

The government is coordinating the emergency response through the Ministry of Woman, National Solidarity, Family and Humanitarian Action through. The CONASUR is the department in charge of humanitarian response in case of emergency. Ministry of Woman, National Solidarity, Family and

Humanitarian Action through the CONASUR. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders. Sectors include WASH Cluster, Food Security and Nutrition Cluster, Protection Cluster, Shelters and NFI,s, Education Cluster, Health Clusters) The forum will establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Burkina Faso members have been working in Burkina Faso since 2008, and is now helping/planning to help people affected by the conflict
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Burkina Faso Forum works in areas affected by the conflict, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Burkina Faso is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Burkina Faso is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT Burkina Faso has identified a gap in Food, WASH, Food Security and Nutrition, Protection, Shelters & NFIs, Education and Health and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly fill the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Burkina Faso is planning to submit an appeal to provide Food and Nutrition Support, WASH (safe drinking water, hygiene latrines, and showers), Non-Food Items and temporary Shelter to ensure that the conflict affected persons' basic needs are met.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Burkina Faso Forum is ready to respond, by providing Food, Water, Hygiene Kits, Food, Latrines, Showers, Shelters and NFIs to 50,000 individuals including displaced persons, the disabled people, returnees and host communities among affected persons in the coming months.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to promote or reinforce a change in policy, programme or legislation.

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