

# Burkina Faso

For more than three decades, Helen Keller Intl has worked alongside government, civil society, and development partners in Burkina Faso to help communities build healthier, more resilient lives. In a country where poverty can make healthcare and good nutrition difficult to access, our work addresses the root causes of malnutrition and child mortality, controls and eliminates neglected tropical diseases, and empowers women to build agency and financial stability—reaching all community members regardless of gender, age, race, religion, or ethnicity.



Number of staff: **51**  
People reached annually: **3.7 million**



Office opened: **1999**  
Operating budget: **\$3.9 million**

## Challenges



More than 40% of people live below the poverty line, making access to nutritious food a challenge.

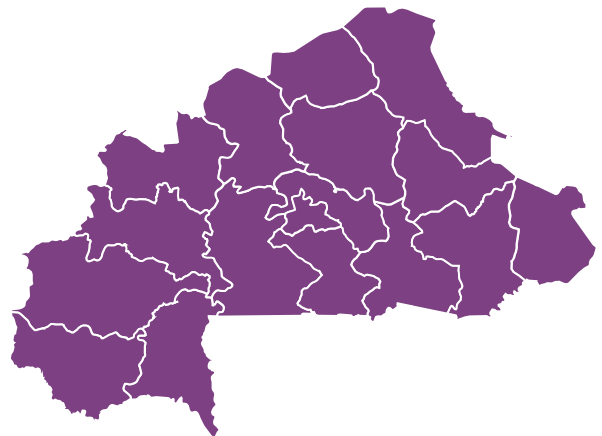


Schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, and onchocerciasis are all endemic in Burkina Faso.



Vitamin A deficiency affects more than 50% of children under the age of 5, weakening their immune systems, stunting their growth, and, in severe cases, causing blindness.

## Where We Work



- Bankui
- Djôrô
- Goulmou
- Guiriko
- Kadiogo
- Kuilsé
- Liptako
- Nakambé
- Nando
- Nazinon
- Oubri
- Sirba
- Soum
- Sourou
- Tannounyan
- Tapoa
- Yaadga

## Our Solutions

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Train women to develop and maintain their own nutrient-rich gardens, champion nutrition, and develop entrepreneurial skills.



Partner with the Ministry of Health to ensure people receive essential medication to prevent and treat neglected tropical diseases with a goal of elimination by 2030.



Support the Ministry of Health in delivering biannual vitamin A supplementation campaigns for children under the age of 5, including deworming and malnutrition screening.



## Our Impact

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- ✓ Supported more than 2,000 households in Ziro province with training on growing micronutrient-rich crops, climate-smart and sustainable agriculture, and nutrition best practices.
- ✓ Reached more than 300,000 people with treatment for at least one neglected tropical disease.
- ✓ Reached more than 1.6 million children with a full biannual dose of vitamin A.

**Key partners:** GiveWell, Gates Foundation, Light Foundation, Project Resource Optimization (PRO)

## About Helen Keller Intl

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Guided by our founder's remarkable legacy, Helen Keller Intl works to improve the lives of people around the world by protecting vision, enhancing nutrition, and fighting disease. Working in 20 countries—across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States—we help families grow and eat nutritious food, stave off malnutrition, strengthen their immune systems, access life-saving medical treatments, avoid blindness, and protect their vision. Together, with a global community of supporters, we're building a world where every person can live a healthy life filled with potential.

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