Prevention of Violent Extremism and Community Resilience in Burkina Faso

FACTSHEET

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BUDGET: US$1,000,000
KEY PARTNERS: Ministry of Youth and Promotion of youth entrepreneurship and Ministry of Women, National Solidarity, Family and Humanitarian Action

Objectives

The main purpose of this project is to contribute to the stability and resilience of the selected areas, which are at the risk of being drawn into conflicts and insecurity, by providing income opportunities for youth and women and promoting social cohesion.

As a result of project, beneficiaries will receive opportunities for diversified livelihoods through vocational training and rapid employment creation for at-risk youth, IDPs, returnees.

Project Outputs

Output 1: Alternative livelihoods support and vocational training for at least 1000 (male & female) at-risk youth, IDPs, returnees, provided.

Output 2: 400 women and 20 women groups have been empowered, diversified and improved their income.

Output 3: Population confidence on security forces and public administration enhanced and local conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms strengthened.

Contribution to SDGs

The project will contribute to SDG 1, 8, 9, 11, 16 and 17.

Development Challenges

Burkina Faso, like other countries in the Sahel region, is facing a multi-dimensional crisis marked by a deterioration of the security situation, particularly along its border with Mali and Niger (West-NorthEast), with a rise in regular attacks by terrorists and non-state armed groups in the northern part of the country, destroying the livelihoods of people and communities, basic infrastructure and the foundations of the economy at the local level and causing many civilian and military casualties and a massive internal displacement of the population (560 000 IDPs). This continuing deterioration has led to an unprecedented humanitarian situation. In addition, youth unemployment, which is high could expose young people, especially in the regions experiencing the onslaught of land attacks, to enrollment and involvement in violent extremism.