

## BURKINA FASO – EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Burkina Faso is a West African State comprising more than 60 ethnic groups. It is one of the poorest countries in the world and is regularly affected by serious droughts.

In 2014, it was in 181<sup>st</sup> place out of the 187 countries classified in the United Nations Development Programme report (UNDP).



### Demographic characteristics

Population	16,460,100
Population under 18 years of age	8,642,100
Percentage of rural population	72.6%
Life expectancy at birth	55.9 years

Source: UNICEF 2012



In Burkina Faso, the adult literacy rate is 28.7%, and enrollment in primary school is 63.2%. Girls have an even lower enrolment than boys. They help with daily domestic chores and often marry at a young age.

Furthermore, the needs of one segment of the population are not always considered in the education system. For example, farmer's children have a very low enrollment because the education provided in public schools is not applicable to them. As a farmer's child, you must be able to help your family farm and raise livestock. The school

curriculum and calendar must be adjusted accordingly.

### Data related to education

Enrolment rate in primary school young men/ young women	53.8% / 50%
Rate of children reaching the last year of primary school	69%
Literacy rate for young men (15 - 24 years)	46.7%
Literacy rate for young women (15 - 24 years)	33.1%

Source: UNICEF 2012

**Enfants du Monde, in collaboration with its local partners, works to increase the enrolment rate and to improve the quality of education to better respond to local needs.**