

BURKINA FASO – HEALTH 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 181st 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 the rural population	72.6%
Life expectancy at birth	55.9 years

Source: UNICEF 2012



In Burkina Faso, maternal death is 340 for 1'000 women. The poorest, least educated women and those living in rural zones are particularly affected.

Child death rates are at 66 deaths for every 1,000 live births – that's 16 times higher than in Switzerland. This is particularly due to the fact that rural populations do not have access to quality medical care and that they do not have the means, knowledge or capacity to respond to emergencies.

Data on maternal and neonatal health

Births attended by qualified health care personnel: urban/ rural areas	93.3% / 60.5%	
Neonatal death rate (per 1,000 births)	28	in Switzerland: 3
Infant death rate (before 1 year of age) (per 1,000 births)	66	in Switzerland: 4
Death rate for children under 5 years of age (per 1,000 births)	102	in Switzerland: 4
Maternal death rate (per 100,000 births)	340	in Switzerland: 8

Source: World Health Organisation 2012

Enfants du Monde, in cooperation with local partners, is committed to fighting maternal and newborn mortality through improvements to medical care for pregnant women, mothers and newborns, as well as improving education for them.