



HEALTH

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Despite increased government funding and the expansion of its range of health interventions, Burkina Faso continues to face important challenges in the health sector. Communicable diseases remain the primary cause of morbidity and mortality in the country - malaria is the largest cause of mortality for children under the age of five.

OUR WORK

USAID's health activities in Burkina Faso are designed to strengthen the country's healthcare system and contribute to our integrated multi-sectoral resilience approach. We support leadership, governance, service delivery, human resource development, and access to high-quality equipment and supplies. The priority areas of intervention include malaria, HIV/AIDS, neglected diseases, and nutrition as well as public access to the delivery of services related to water, sanitation, hygiene, family planning, maternal, newborn, and child health.

MALARIA PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

USAID works with the Government of Burkina Faso to reduce the morbidity and mortality rates related to malaria, with a focus on children under five years of age and pregnant women. USAID also supports Burkina Faso's National Malaria Control Program to scale up malaria prevention and control. The U.S.

Government has provided \$115M in funding over the past ten years to Burkina Faso to fight malaria on a national scale while supporting seasonal malaria chemoprevention in selected districts in the regions of Boucle du Mouhoun, Sud-Ouest, Centre-Nord, Centre-Est, Est, Centre-Sud and Centre-Ouest, and indoor residual spraying in three regions Boucle du Mouhoun, Sud-Ouest and Centre-Nord.

HIV/AIDS (PEPFAR)

USAID's contribution to the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS supports the government of Burkina Faso in its effort to achieve the UNAIDS 95-95-95 target which provides that by 2030: 95% of people living with HIV know their HIV status, 95% of all HIV-infected people screened receive long-term antiretroviral therapy, and 95% of people receiving antiretroviral therapy have a sustainably suppressed viral load. From 2019 to 2021, the United States Government is providing \$23.2 million (13,224,000,000 FCFA) in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Burkina Faso. While certain activities have national coverage, the focus is on the Centre, Centre-Ouest, and Hauts-Bassins regions.

NUTRITION

USAID's activities are designed to improve the health and nutritional status of women and children under five years of age and contribute to multi-sector resilience. These activities span a broad range of humanitarian and development programs, including long-term and resilience focused initiatives. One of the main objectives is to increase the availability and access to nutritious food and potable water. USAID promotes better practices and behaviors among vulnerable populations with regards to sanitation, water, nutrition, and seeking medical help in a timely manner. USAID also builds the capacity of local healthcare providers to prevent, manage, and treat acute malnutrition as well as the illnesses it can cause in children. Between 2018 and 2024, USAID will invest \$17 million (9,690,000,000 FCFA) in the field of nutrition with a focus on the most vulnerable populations located primarily in the Centre-Nord, Est and Sahel, Centre Ouest, Centre Est and Sud Ouest regions.

MATERNAL, NEWBORN, AND CHILD HEALTH

USAID programs are designed to improve the access and utilization of quality maternal, neonatal, and child health services. The focus is placed on children, adolescents, first-time parents, and women under the age of 25. USAID promotes the use of reproductive, maternal, antenatal, obstetric, and neonatal services. This includes the distribution of medical supplies and commodities to healthcare facilities. These activities support resilience of the most vulnerable.

FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

USAID works on increasing the demand for and access to quality family planning services. This includes, for example, increasing access to long-term contraceptive methods or post-partum care. The delivery of such care is provided by front-line and community healthcare workers and builds resilience by reducing the impact of family planning and reproductive health related stresses. USAID supports the Ministry of Health with \$7 million (3,990,000,000 FCFA) per year to increase the demand, access and use of family planning and high-quality maternal, newborn and child health services at the national and peripheral levels including Centre-Ouest, Sud-Ouest, Centre-Nord, Centre-Est, Est and Centre regions.

NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

USAID supports scaling up an integrated mass drug administration approach for the control and elimination of neglected tropical diseases. These diseases include trachoma, lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, and soil-transmitted helminths. A mass drug administration approach

means that instead of treating individuals only if they show symptoms, all members of a group are treated at once. This greatly helps in interrupting transmission cycles. For example, in the 48 districts where trachoma was endemic in 2011, this approach led to a significant retreat of the disease. Between 2018 and 2024, USAID plans to invest \$10 million (5,700,000,000 FCFA) for the control and elimination of neglected tropical diseases nationwide using mass drug administration targeting five neglected tropical diseases in endemic zones, disease mapping, capacity building and disease surveillance.

COVID-19

COVID-19 represents a present threat to resilience. In response, USAID supports public information and the provision of water, sanitation, hygiene, and medical supplies to better prevent and control the disease. This is also to ensure that women, children, and vulnerable people continue to have access to essential health and nutrition services throughout the response to the pandemic. To date the U.S. Government has supported Burkina Faso with \$4.85 million (2,760,390,870 FCFA) of COVID-19 funds in support of risk communication and community engagement, infection prevention and control, logistics and supplies, and surveillance nationwide.

OUR GOALS

- Increased malaria prevention and control interventions
- Improved nutrition and water and sanitation practices
- Reduced maternal, newborn and child mortality
- Increased access to and utilization of family planning and reproductive health services
- Improved prevention, detection and response to infectious disease outbreaks and newly emerging health threats.

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