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2025 activities report

Burkina Faso

NRC IN BURKINA FASO

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has been present in Burkina Faso since July 2019. We began our interventions in the Koulé region before extending it to other regions.

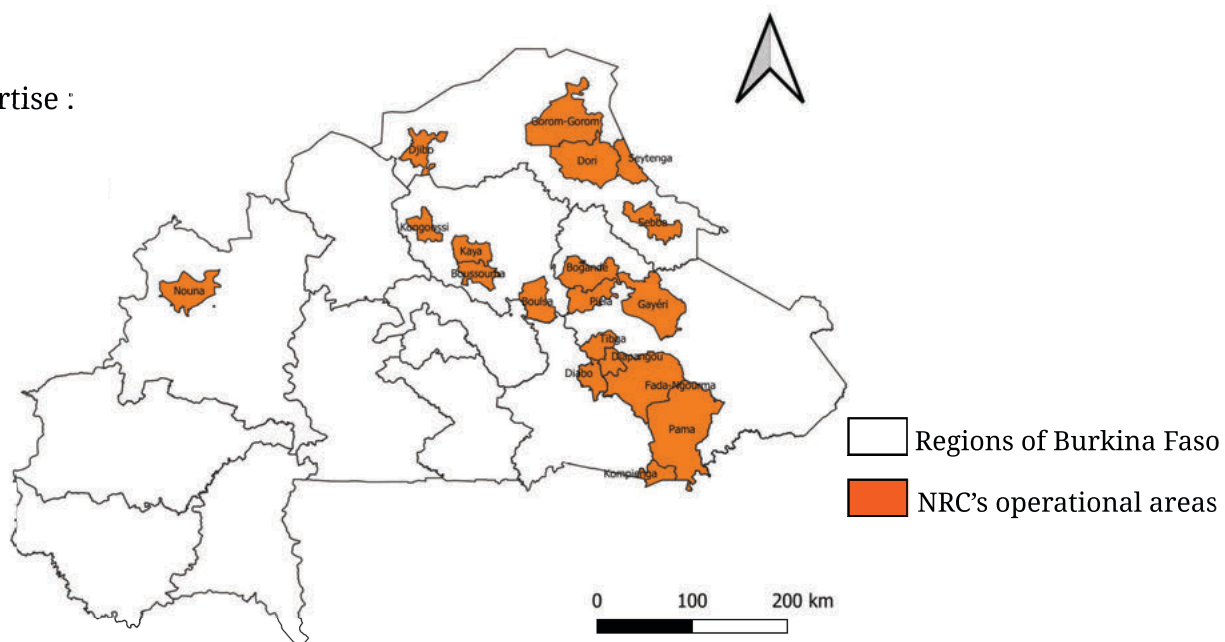
In 2025, at least **208,123 people** – 50.4% of whom were women and girls – were reached with NRC assistance, through a multi-sectoral response combining direct implementation and local partnership.

As of 2026, NRC has field offices in Dori, Fada N'Gourma and Kaya. Activities cover the following regions :

- 📍 Ouagadougou (Country Office)
- 📍 Soum, Liptako (Coordination Office in Dori)
- 📍 Bankui (via local partner)
- 📍 Koulé, Sirba, Goulmou (Coordination Office in Fada N'Gourma)

NRC's areas of expertise :

- Shelter
- Water, Hygiene and Sanitation
- Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance (ICLA)
- Education
- Protection (PfV)



OUR NATIONAL PARTNERS

In Burkina Faso, NRC works with the support of national partners, the Association for the Promotion of Local Initiatives (APIL), the TODI YABA association and the Centre for Democratic Governance in the Sahel Region (CGS).



INTEGRATED MULTISECTORAL INTERVENTIONS

NRC implements holistic programmes across interlinked sectors to ensure greater impact and lasting change for crisis-affected communities. In 2025, across its competency areas, the organization achieved the following results :

People reached

208 123



57 312

Education

Ensure access to quality learning opportunities for displaced children and youth.

Targets

107 914



60 770

ICLA

Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance): Facilitate access to legal identity rights, civil documentation and access to land.

Résultats

193%



43 654

Shelters

Provide safe housing and facilitate the settlement of IDPs in host locations.



53 450

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Provide access to safe drinking water, as well as supply, sanitation and hygiene services.



19 781

Protection from violence

Protect the rights and dignity of displaced populations through community-based protection mechanisms.



1 240

Livelihoods and Food Security

Meet basic needs, rehabilitate and improve the productivity of food systems, facilitate access to employment, income and economic opportunities.

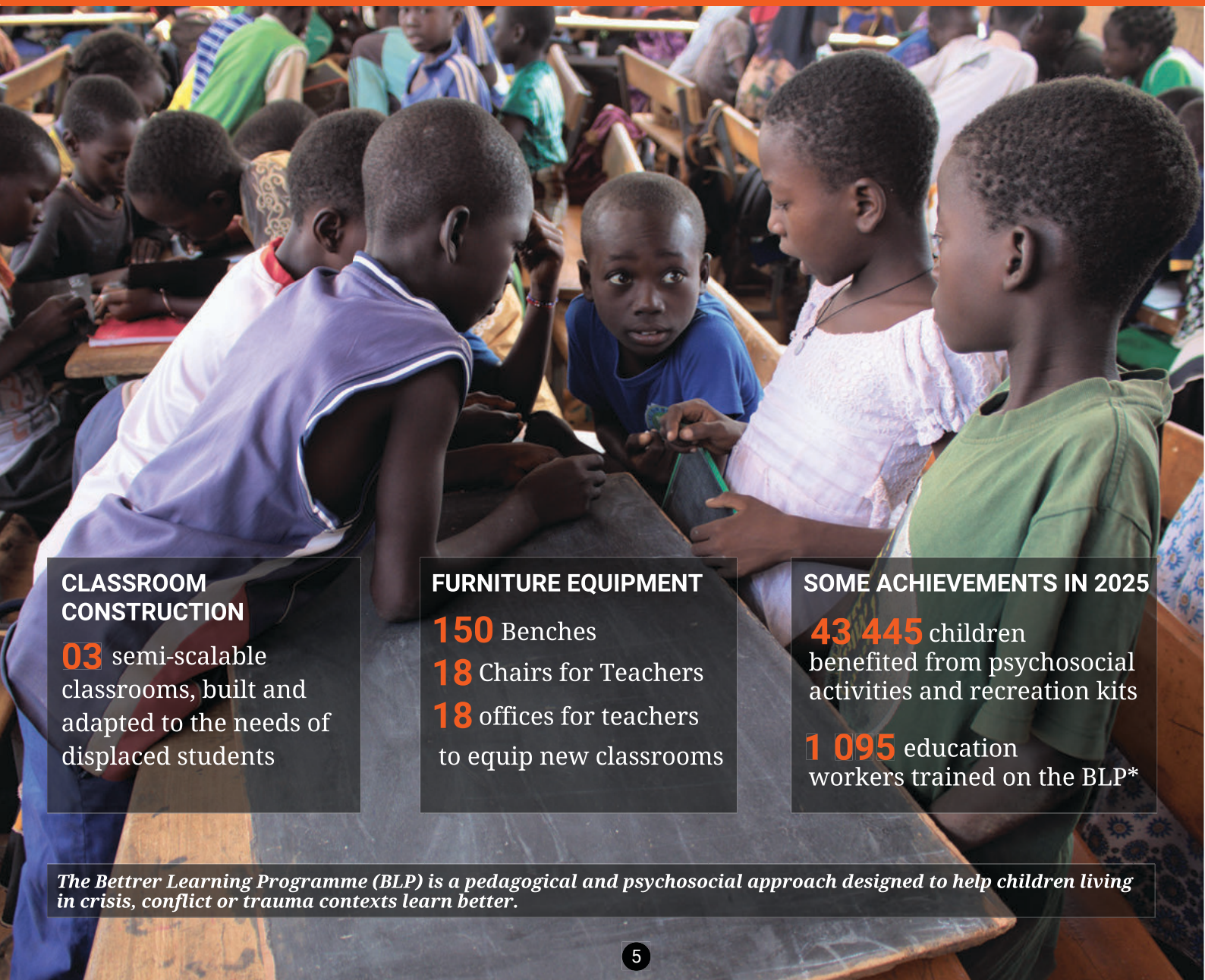


The **Education** strategic response framework is structured around four (04) programmatic modalities :

1. **Rapid emergency response** : emergency protective education preparing children for the transition to long-term learning pathways ;
2. **Non-formal education** : flexible education for out-of-school children through accelerated learning, catch-up, support, and bridging programmes;
3. **Support to the formal system** : children and youth re-enter public education;
4. **Training of young people.**

In 2025, the Education Programme provided **57 312 people, including 55 611 children (28 918 girls and 26 693 boys)**, with access to a safer and more suitable learning environment. The rehabilitated and equipped infrastructure contributes directly to access to education for displaced and vulnerable children.

Some achievement in 2025



CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION

03 semi-scalable classrooms, built and adapted to the needs of displaced students

FURNITURE EQUIPMENT

150 Benches
18 Chairs for Teachers
18 offices for teachers to equip new classrooms

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

43 445 children benefited from psychosocial activities and recreation kits
1 095 education workers trained on the BLP*

The Better Learning Programme (BLP) is a pedagogical and psychosocial approach designed to help children living in crisis, conflict or trauma contexts learn better.

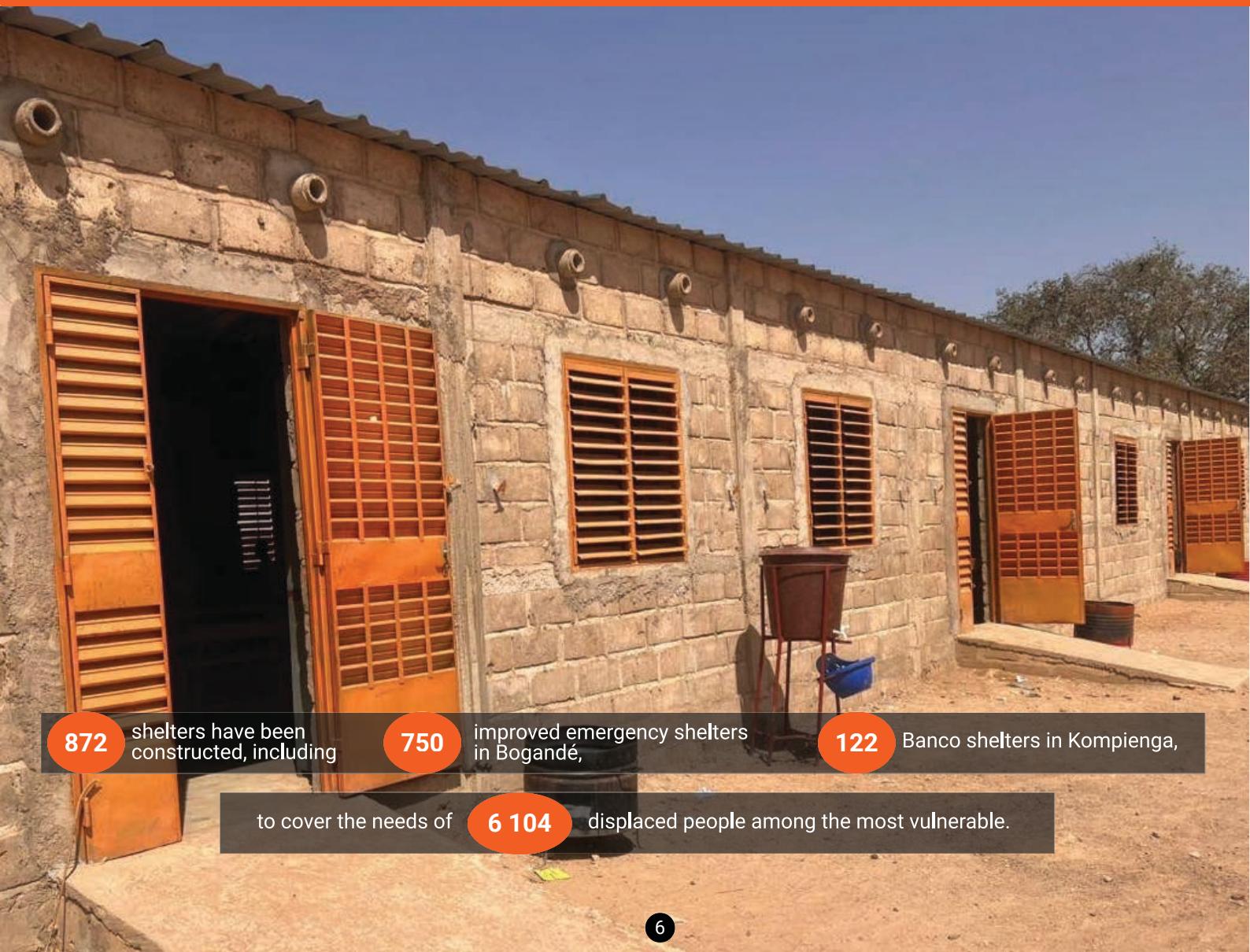


The activities carried out in **Shelter & GSAT** are structured around five (05) main axes :

1. **Shelter construction** : build community shelters (emergency, transitional, banco) to respond quickly to the needs of affected populations ;
2. **School infrastructure and support** : building resilient school infrastructure and mobilizing/supporting shelter committees for sustainable management ;
3. **Distribution** : provide essential household items (EHIs) to vulnerable households to improve their living conditions ;
4. **Site management** : participate, in concert with the State's technical services, in the planning and management of reception sites to contribute to security, organization and access basic services ;
5. **Community mobilization** : capacity building of shelter committees to support ownership, coordination, and sustainability of interventions.

Through its **Shelter & GSAT** programme, NRC reached **43 654 IDPs** with shelter assistance, helping to provide them with shelter and settlement in host areas and improve their living conditions upon arrival.

Some achievement in 2025



872 shelters have been constructed, including

750 improved emergency shelters in Bogandé,

122 Banco shelters in Kompienga,

to cover the needs of **6 104** displaced people among the most vulnerable.



Activities carried out in WASH include :

1. **Access to drinking water** : emergency water trucking to meet the immediate needs of affected populations ;
2. **Construction and rehabilitation** : setting up and rehabilitating WASH (water and sanitation) infrastructure;
3. **Capacity building** : support communities for the management and maintenance of infrastructure ;
4. **Distribution** : distribute WASH kits to vulnerable populations ;
5. **Awareness raising and mobilization** : promoting good hygiene practices to prevent diseases related to water, hygiene and sanitation ;
6. **Mobile teams** : Deploy mobile WASH teams to ensure access to services in hard-to-reach areas.

The achievements of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme have benefited **10 314 people , including 5 364 women and 4 950 men.**

Interventions aim to address both the immediate emergency and medium-term needs of affected populations, to ensure the protection of IDPs and host communities, while reducing the risks of spreading WASH-related diseases.

Some achievements in 2025

INFRASTRUCTURE

20 toilet blocks (toilets and showers) constructed in schools (including menstrual hygiene management latrines)

75 latrines emptied for 8,750 users

02 water points (PEA), rehabilitated

03 Manual Pumps (PMH) repaired using tool kits provided



**COMMUNITY-BASED
MANAGEMENT
AND PREVENTION**

04 water point management committees created

07 sanitation committees created

07 water points checked to ensure water quality

750 hygiene kits distributed to 6,750 vulnerable people

5-month community **awareness campaign** on good hygiene practices



Through its **Livelihoods and Food Security** programme, NRC has enabled **1 240 people** receive support to build resilience to displacement shocks. In rural, urban and displacement contexts, interventions sought to holistically address food security challenges, while supporting the gradual restoration of livelihoods of displacement-affected people, including host communities.

In 2025, however, this competency was in a phase of gradual disengagement within NRC Burkina Faso. The interventions carried out were mainly aimed at finalizing the activities in progress and ensuring a responsible closure of the support committed. This competency is no longer retained in NRC Burkina Faso's programmatic portfolio as of 2026.

However, NRC remains committed to food security and continues to seek programmatic synergies with other partners (national and international) to ensure needs remain covered for people in need.





Activities carried out in ICLA include :

1. **Information and counselling** : raising awareness on legal identity (LID) and Housing, Land and Property (LTP) rights ;
2. **Legal assistance** : support the population in obtaining civil status documents and securing land tenure ;
3. **Institutional support** : working with authorities to strengthen civil registration and land management systems ;
4. **Humanitarian Coordination** : contribute to the leadership and coordination of the AoR LTP;
5. **Advocacy** : initiating and leading actions to improve access to legal identity and LTP rights.

NRC provided information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA) support to **60 770 displacement-affected people** to strengthen their access to their rights. As many displaced people flee their homes and livelihoods, they are left without identity documents or proof of their rights, compromising their access to legal identity, adequate housing, land and property.

Some achievements in 2025

LEGAL IDENTITY (LID)

35 164 children obtained a birth certificate

15 310 people received national identity cards

10 910 people informed of their legal identity rights

6 588 people received legal advice

258 civil registrars trained in registration procedures

HOUSING, LAND & PROPERTY (LTP)

477 land stakeholders trained (including 342 women)

2 296 people informed of their housing, land and property rights

3 600 people were provided with legal advice on housing, land and real estate

2 532 people were able to claim their land rights

20 due diligence services in relation to housing, land and real estate provided to the water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH), and shelter sectors

NRC plays a lead role in coordinating the national Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility (AoR).



Protection activities include :

1. **Community safety and violence prevention** : strengthen community protection mechanisms, support the development of risk reduction plans and raise awareness on safety and violence prevention ;
2. **Individual protection response** : assist, refer cases to specialised services and provide psychological first aid.

Through its Protection from Violence programme, NRC reached **19 781 people** and support to prevent and reduce protection risks related to insecurity. Interventions aim to strengthen the resilience of affected communities and provide a targeted response to the most vulnerable.

Some achievements in 2025



SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK

257 people assisted in psychological first aid and individual support

1 233 people used the feedback mechanisms (requests, complaints, thanks, etc.)

678 requests processed

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

48 solar street lights repaired

34 community infrastructure maintained

9 community members trained in maintenance to ensure the sustainability of the project

COMMUNITY SAFETY

8 risk reduction plans developed and implemented with 280 participants

33 community structures set up at 11 sites



NRC works to protect the rights of people affected by displacement, their access to essential services and adequate funding for humanitarian action. This commitment is underpinned by NRC's key leadership role within the humanitarian coordination architecture and its active participation in key policy frameworks.

In this role, NRC is responsible for co-lead functions with :

- Humanitarian Access Working Group ;
- Forum of International Humanitarian NGOs (FONGIH) Advocacy Working Group ;
- Rapid Response Operational Coordination Group (GCOOR) ;
- Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility (AoR LTB) ;
- and is a member of the Education Cluster.





The BLP is there to ensure that teaching is still optimal despite the crisis situation.

“ With insecurity and population movements, today, there are teachers who are tested, students who are tested, parents of students who are tested. The Better Learning Programme is established to support all the actors in the system, especially the direct actors, so that everyone can find a little peace of mind first in their heads, in order to address the learning conditions.

Broadly summarized, the BLP is there to ensure that teaching is still optimal despite the crisis situation. The supervisors have told us about the benefits and we are following it closely. The impact on the ground is already visible and we can only be satisfied. In the years to come, this must be generalized in view of the quality of the contribution of this program to our education system.”



Paulin ZOMBRÉ
Technical Secretary for Education in Emergencies (ST-EiE)

It is the identity card that allows you to be identified with a nationality. But many of our parents didn't.



Hamidou*, internally displaced in Dori

“ Before, we had CNIBs [Burkinabe national identity cards] but it was burned. We were in Sampelga, people arrived and burned all our belongings. We made it out alive and we came to Dori, where our municipality was relocated.

We later heard the statement from NRC so we signed up. And we have benefited from identity cards. We are very happy because every time we ask to present the (identity) documents during the checks and you don't have any, you are embarrassed.

Sometimes, to withdraw money, without identification, you can't. It is the identity document that allows you to be identified with a nationality. But many of our parents were not as lucky as we are to be able to benefit from an identity card.”

We feel alive now.


“ I arrived in Gayéri with my family because of the difficult living conditions in my village, because of the insecurity. When we arrived, we were homeless. But thanks to the town hall and NRC's help, we were able to secure housing for myself and five of my children. We are housed and we feel alive now. We thank them for that.”




Jean Lompo*
Internally displaced in Gayéri, with his grandchildren





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