

The Hunger Project-Burkina Faso

Executive Summary

The present report summarizes the progress The Hunger Project (THP)-Burkina Faso has made during the period July 2010 to December 2010.

This period was marked by THP-Burkina Faso’s recognition as an **Officer of the National Order**, with a personal congratulation from Blaise Compaoré, the President of Burkina Faso. This prestigious award is recognition from the Government of Burkina Faso for services rendered to the people of Burkina Faso by THP-Burkina Faso.



The major objectives of THP-Burkina Faso were to improve food security, contribute to increased household incomes, fight illiteracy and obtain government recognition for services rendered by THP-Burkina Faso.

The period was distinguished by the following major accomplishments:

- Increased agricultural yields through the application of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa’s (AGRA’s) fertilizer microdose program;
- Increasing the supply of stock in food banks through warrantage;
- An increase in credit granted to men and women to carry out income-generating activities (IGAs);
- Continuation of literacy programs for populations predominantly female; and
- The decoration of THP-Burkina Faso as an **Officer of the National Order**, a high distinction in Burkina Faso, resulting in increased advocacy. This has been the greatest achievement of the period.

Details on Progress

Objectives	Achievement
Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of large diameter wells for the establishment of market gardens at Vowogdo, Vy, Diapangou and Sapouy Epicenters. • Implementation of warrantage through the allocation of

	capital through the AGRA project.
Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversations and discussion forums in the presence of village chiefs, with a leadership role given to traditional authorities to discuss "AIDS and tradition." • Distribution of condoms. • Distribution of mosquito nets.
Reduce child mortality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition training for women with young children or who are pregnant or lactating.
Improve maternal health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of gynecological consultations by specialists for the benefit of rural women.

Partnerships

THP-Burkina Faso's partnerships during Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 of 2010 are listed here:

- **The Government in Burkina Faso** within the framework of free distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets to populations;
- **The National Fund for Literacy and Non-formal Education (FONAENF)** for literacy among Bissiga, Fétombaga and Loaga Epicenter populations;
- **The National Fund for Literacy and Non-formal Education** for the creation of oversight committees in Loaga Epicenter in 2011;
- The Canadian division of **Engineers Without Borders** for the provision of solar energy at Bougué Epicenter;
- **The Professional Association of Microfinance Institutions** in Burkina for training THP-Burkina Faso's microfinance program (MFP) staff;
- **The Ministry of Social Action of Burkina Faso** to support young mothers in the villages of Nagreongo Epicenter in becoming literate, and also providing them with training in soap production and the necessary production equipment.

Broader Advocacy and Awareness

In December 2010, THP-Burkina Faso was awarded a medal and given the prestigious title of **Officer of the National Order** with personal congratulations from the President of Burkina Faso, Blaise Compaoré. This medal emphasized the Government of Burkina Faso recognition of THP-Burkina Faso's services rendered to the people of Burkina Faso.

Recent Innovations

THP-Burkina Faso has remained focused on ensuring the food security of its epicenter populations. Recently, local plants that offer high nutritional value have become a major focus of

the food security portfolio of the epicenters. Inspired by progress made at THP-Benin with the growth and sale of high nutrition value plants, THP-Burkina Faso has begun to focus on cultivating these plants over a wider acreage, including the use of moringa (a local vegetable tree) in children's nutrition programs.

Profile of a Leader in the Community



My name is Delma Jean. I am a farmer and a member of Bissiga Epicenter. At the epicenter, THP-Burkina Faso provides Vision, Commitment and Action Workshops (VCAWs) that are organized to strengthen our organizational capabilities, and also provides sector-specific trainings. I also received training on microdose technology and the production of organic manure.

In the past, I could not produce more than ten bags of maize per hectare of land. That kept me in poverty for many years.

Through the acquisition and application of new knowledge, I could increase my production. Now, I get 35 bags of maize per hectare of land. THP-Burkina Faso has thus contributed to my success and that of other epicenter farmers who apply the new technology of microdosing.

Today, I have grain attics to store my harvest, and my family is well nourished. Through selling the surplus of my crop yield, I can support the expenses of my family and improve my living conditions.

I now live in a solid house and I manage to send my two children to secondary school, which is quite a feat for an owner of a small farm like mine.

Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 (2011) Priorities

The primary activities of THP-Burkina Faso will focus on:

- Boosting the committees of the epicenters for their empowerment;
- Improving food security;
- Improving the conditions of access to water and sanitation;
- Increasing the income of households;
- Improving children's nutrition;
- Reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS; and
- Developing partnerships.