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Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) of 7-8 February 2024, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by Croix-Rouge de Belgique <sup>(1)(2)</sup>.

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- <sup>1</sup> Croix-Rouge de Belgique is a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 132236315085-89.
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# Belgian Red Cross Humanitarian Response in Burkina Faso



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# Burkina Faso

Long-lasting Partnership  
between the **Belgian Red Cross**  
and the **Burkina Faso Red Cross**



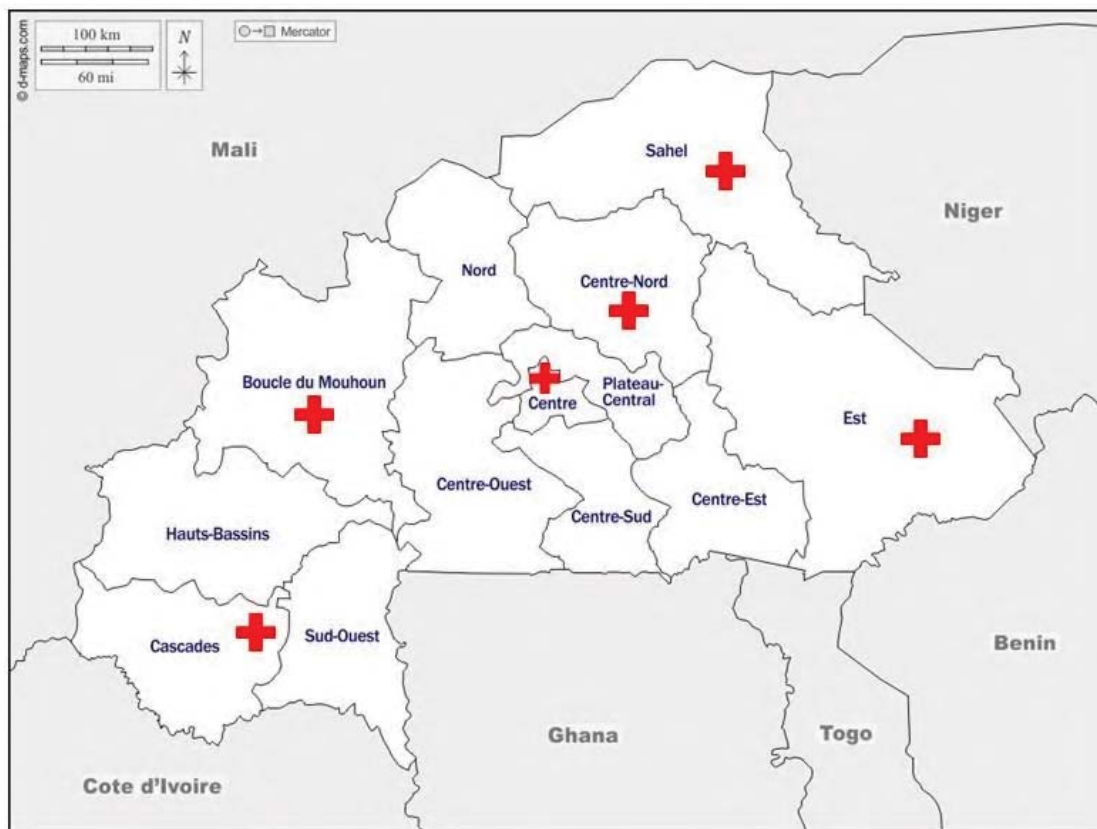
**1997:** emergency operations

Early **2000 - 2010:** child protection  
(DGD)

Early **2007:** beginning of ECHO  
nutrition project

From **2017:** community-based  
approach and resilience

**2018-2019:** security crisis, BFRC aims  
to become a key player in the response



## Burkina Faso: Ongoing Projects and Donors

	Secteurs d'Intervention	Bailleurs	SNP Partenaires
<b>RRM PDI (&lt; 3 months)</b>	<b>Multisectoral assistance</b> Food (voucher) Shelter, AME Wash Protection Nutrition/emergency nutrition	HIP ECHO Ambassade de France (AAP) DGD D5 Lux DEV <i>Centre De Crise et de Soutien</i>	CRLux (Shelter, AME, WaSH)  CRD (Protection)
<b>Residents Households (Food crises - famine)</b>			
<b>Other natural disates (Floods, droughts)</b>		PPP ECHO	
<b>Hunger period (residents TP et PDI &gt; 3months)</b>		PPP ECHO DGD D5	
<b>Supporting basic services (residents)</b>	Livelihood, IGA, Community based health (CBS), Nutrition, Wash, DRR, Social Protection, Institutional strengthening...	DGD D3 Cofin CRD PPP ECHO	RKV (PS), CRUK (Soc Prot) <i>Other Belgian NGO</i>

## Burkina Faso: Response to IDP Crisis (2022-2024)

- 25,342 households received emergency food assistance, and 10,162 households were supported during the hunger season.
- 805 shelters were built.
- 7,472 kits of essential NFI household items have been distributed.
- 6,472 hygiene kits have been distributed.
- 10,250 dignity kits were delivered to women of childbearing age.
- 2,239 children under the age of 5 were screened and confirmed as malnourished and cared for in Health and Social Promotion Centres or Learning and Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres.
- 21,440 family members of malnourished children took part in discussion groups and counselling sessions.
- 7,023 children aged between 6 and 23 months and 10,385 pregnant and breast-feeding women received enriched flour to prevent malnutrition.





## Operational modalities facilitating ACCESS

- The Red Cross Movement is a volunteer-based network
- The movement widespread presence is organized in local committees
- The Red Cross Movement network as the largest humanitarian organization
- Long-lasting partnership between the BRC and the BFRC
- The same system that would normally respond to crises and natural disaster
- Decision-making power is on the national red cross society
- 2 key approaches: delegate project management and community-based interventions
- Trustworthy relationship built through consistent and durable preparatory work

## Challenges

- Increasing logistical challenges in supplying local market and delivering and distributing food, goods and essential items
- Humanitarian personnel are facing increasing challenges in moving to outreach areas



## **Advance ACCESS through the localization of aid**

- Support the promotion of approaches and practices that reinforce the self-sustainability of local organizations
- Support and empower local actors through long-term investments in their institutional capacity
- Support organizations that strengthen mechanisms for more participation at local levels.
- Facilitate the participation of local organizations at humanitarian coordination mechanisms
- Increase strategic global and flexible financial support to strengthen local humanitarian action
- Ensure that local actors receive fair overhead costs
- Simplify due diligence and compliance requirements



## Recommendations

### Advance ACCESS through an enhanced protective environment

- Reprioritize protection in humanitarian and funding strategies
- Support the development of staff expertise and capabilities in the field of protection

