

Burkina Faso Program Summary

Burkina Faso’s program is focused on creating a plan to increase girls’ primary school enrollment and attendance rates in the 10 lowest performing provinces in the country. The program provides for the construction of 132 schools and other interventions designed to improve the access and quality of education for girls within these 10 provinces.

Program Highlights

- ★ Burkina Faso’s two-year, \$12.9 million MCC threshold program, which focused on improving girls’ primary education completion rates, ended on September 30, 2008. . The program included the construction of 132 schools in 10 of the poorest provinces for grades first through third, teacher training, the provision of take-home rations to girls who maintain a 90% school attendance rate, literacy training for mothers and other interventions designed to improve the access and quality of education.
- ★ Nearly 16,700 Burkinabe students – 55 percent of which are girls -- are enjoying spacious and well ventilated classrooms, new latrines, easy access to clean, potable water, comfortable desks, school manuals, canteens and take home rations. Students are also benefitting from the regular presence of their teachers due to their accommodations on the school premises.
- ★ From April – June 2008, software activities reached out to a wider community in the project zone. Nearly 30,000 participants in seven provinces were able to attend structured listening/discussion sessions of recorded messages on girls’ education.
- ★ With regard to the literacy campaign, the threshold program achieved an 89% success rate in reaching mothers targeted by the program, up from 84.1 % in 2007.
- ★ The threshold program has funded the production of 5,400 leaflets promoting girls education in 5 languages and distributed 4,200 in all of the program communities. The remaining 1,200 were distributed in July.

Threshold Status

Status.....Implementation, Year 2

Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$12.9 million

Agreement Signed.....July 22, 2005

Country Information

Population.....13,227,835*

GNI Per Capita Income.....\$400*