

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 threshold program, which focused primarily on improving girls’ primary education completion rates, concluded on September 30, 2008. Schools constructed under the threshold program were handed over to the government of Burkina Faso during a ceremony on October 30, 2008 in the Seno Province.
- ★ Three additional rooms, for grades four, five, and six, will be added to the 132 MCC threshold program-built schools under the MCC compact awarded to Burkina Faso. Housing to accommodate the additional teachers will be constructed, and the outreach and incentive interventions that were part of the threshold program will continue.
- ★ Over half of the nearly 17,000 children enrolled in the 2007-2008 school year were girls. The girls’ drop out rate was maintained below 2% in Burkina Faso’s MCC threshold program schools.
- ★ Tin Tua completed the literacy data collection and analysis and determined out of the 258 literacy centers opened, over 6,000 participants were educated. FAWE completed the data collection and final evaluation of the mobilization campaign component. The organization determined that information and awareness campaigns reached almost 18,000 people. Door to door campaigns in communities reached 148,423 community members including 78,366 women. Girls’ education day organized in 127 communities gathered more than 75,000 community members including nearly 35,000 women.
- ★ MCC hired an independent evaluation firm, Mathematica Policy Research, to conduct an impact evaluation of the threshold program. Preliminary findings are very positive. Their report is expected to be completed in the upcoming months.

Threshold Status

Status.....Program Completed

Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$12.9 million

Agreement Signed.....July 22, 2005

Country Information

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

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