



KAFO

Annual Report

A l'honneur de
Monsieur Truman Howard
Grand ami de Dieu
Père, enseignant, mentor et
ami de tout le monde



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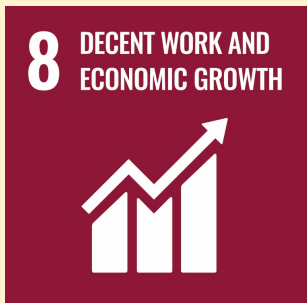
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KAFO's mission is to improve access to education, healthcare, water, economic development and environmental protection in the remote village of Konkourona in Burkina Faso.

Programmatic Pillars

Our work started in 2019 with a focus on Good Health and Well-Being, Quality Education, Clean Water and Sanitation. Since then, we have expanded our mission to include Decent Work and Economic Growth and Life on Land, and are currently addressing ten of the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals adopted by United Nations Member States to provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet.





Good Health and Well-Being

In 2023, the Sandia Millogo Health and Social Promotion Center (CSPS) was opened to provide essential services to the entire population of Konkourona and surrounding villages.

Approximately 3500 people live in and around the village and now have access to maternal and child care, primary care, wound care, wellness checks, vaccines and medicines. Healthcare workers treat common illnesses, such as malaria and respiratory infections, and were faced with dengue fever this year.

The incidence of water-borne diseases has been observed to be much lower, now that the population has access to clean water.

The community is grateful to have healthcare so readily available to them and the CSPS has become a center of activity. The Center opened with 3 healthcare providers and two additional nurses were added over the course of the year in response to the high demand for care.





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Quality Education

Elementary School

Students are highly motivated to use the tools provided to them by KAFO and MSN to learn. There is a library that is well stocked with books, kindles, games, computers and a printer. Classrooms have textbooks, papers, pencils, chalkboards, desks, and chairs, everything students need.

Tutoring is available in well-lit classrooms at night, and classes start early in the school year to increase the number of opportunities students have to excel.

Middle School and High School

Students are currently traveling by bike for two hours each way to get to the nearest middle and high schools. A new middle school and housing for teachers is being built in Konkourona for the 2024-2025 school year. In the meantime, KAFO and MSN work with families to provide middle school and high school students with bikes, books, backpacks and educational materials so they can succeed.



Clean Water and Sanitation

Women in Konkourona now have access to clean water at several fountains. They save hours each day that used to be spent manually hauling water up in buckets from deep wells and boiling it prior to use.

Latrines have been built and are being used throughout the community to drive for improved sanitation practices.

The impact of the availability of clean water and sanitation on health is significant. Throughout Burkina Faso, people have diarrhea, respiratory infections, and contract many other neglected tropical diseases as a result of poor hygiene and sanitation. These illnesses are rare in Konkourona now as a result of greatly improved practices.





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Decent Work and Economic Growth

A community Management Committee is responsible for overseeing the Sandia Millogo Health and Social Promotion Center, which produces a reliable source of revenue.

Proceeds from visits to the Center and the sale of medicines are used to replenish medicines, vaccines, equipment and materials, and pay salaries. The government of Burkina Faso pays some of the healthcare workers, and MSN pays others to meet the high demand. Jobs have also been created for a Pharmacy Manager and a cleaning staff, who are paid by MSN.

Economic sustainability is built into all development projects in Konkourona to ensure that the community can continue to thrive on its own, allowing support from KAFO to be used for new development efforts, such as construction of a vaccination center, housing for teachers, a high school, or a technical school.

Maintenance plans are also put in place to ensure that new infrastructure continues to function as intended.



Life on Land

Most families support themselves through agriculture in the unpredictable climate of Burkina Faso. The dry season from October to May each year allows only a short time to grow food and what they grow must be stored for use through the entire year, until the next harvest. If there is a dry year, food must be rationed to last for two or more years.

There is a great demand for firewood throughout the country for cooking meals, since most households do not have access to electricity or gas for cooking. Vendors from the major cities drive out to remote areas to buy all the wood they can find for sale in the cities. Cutting down trees leads to expansion of deserts and loss of habitat for wildlife.

KAFO and MSN are working together to improve tree planting and management strategies to fight desertification and habitat loss around Konkourona.



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Our Commitment

Remote villages in Africa are often referred to in international initiatives as the “last mile” of development, as most efforts focus on national and regional needs, and infrastructure development and services rarely reach villages. KAFO and MSN see empowering villages as “the first mile,” claiming that a country's overall development can be enhanced by investing in people, starting with educating children and improving basic health care for all citizens. Our First Mile Community Development Program aims to promote peace and prosperity throughout the region, using the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a guide.

100% of public donations support development in Konkourona, Burkina Faso.

We provide donors regular updates on our progress and undergo audits in both Burkina Faso and the United States each year to ensure accountability and transparency.





Board of Directors

Jules Millogo, President

Catherine Hoath, Secretary and Treasurer

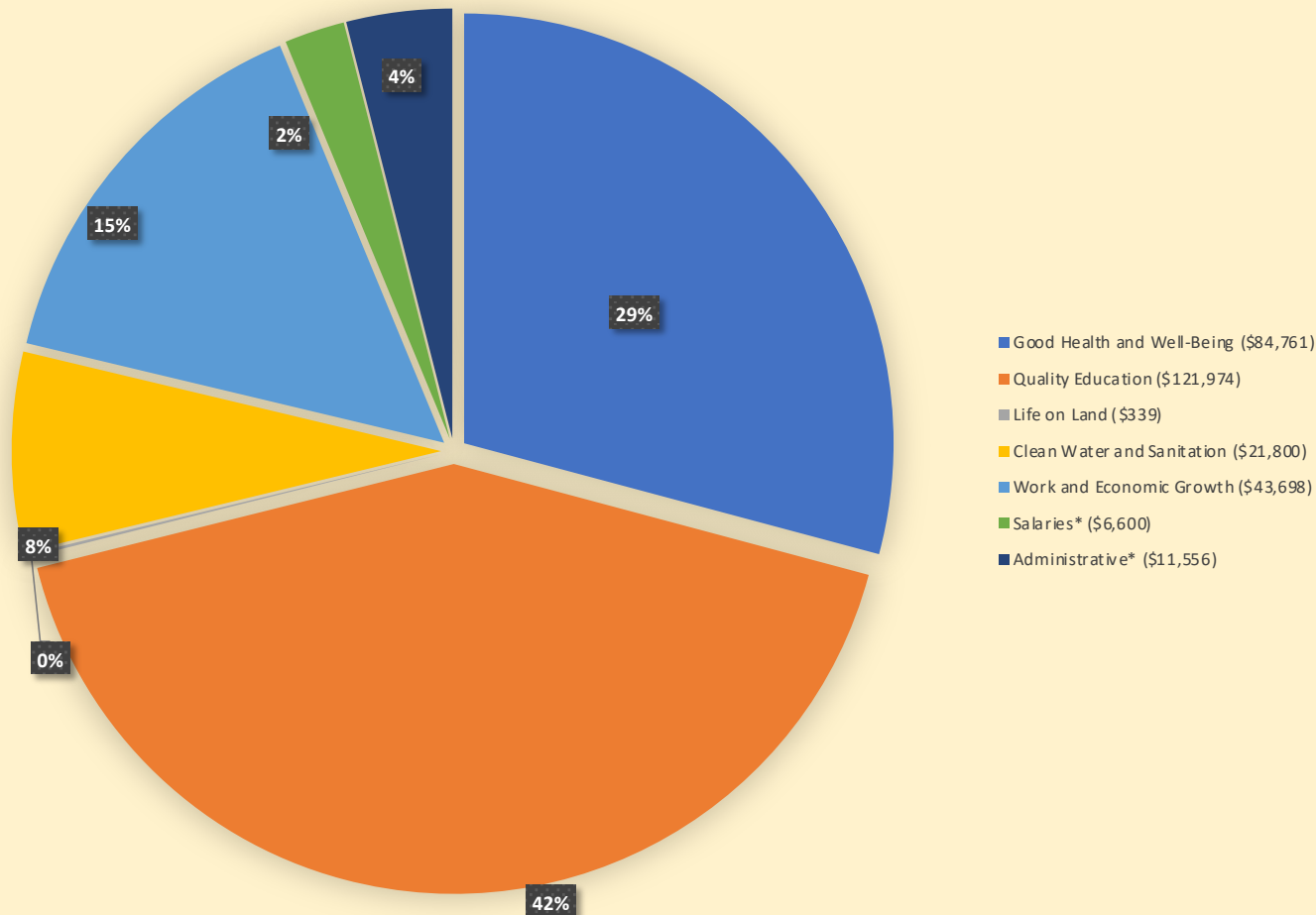
Gail Houseman, Board of Directors

Roland Sutter, Board of Directors

Irène Millogo, Board of Directors

Financials

Allocation of Expenses



* Covered by KAFO founders.

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Total Raised

Individual Contributions
\$176,483

Corporate Contributions
\$23,578

Donated Goods & Services
\$31,920.68

Fundraising Revenues
\$762.10 GlobalGiving
\$7,547.82 Sponsor a Child

Interest
\$7.70

Looking Ahead

When KAFO was founded in 2019, few students progressed beyond elementary school, leaving most boys to begin agricultural careers and most girls to be married after 6th grade. The community had access to some water, but it was contaminated and water-borne illnesses were common. People who were sick had no access to healthcare in the village and death of citizens of all ages was common.

Together, KAFO and MSN have helped the people of Konkourona improve their lives dramatically. Such great opportunities exist, where there were so few previously.

Many more improvements are planned for the next few years, as education is further strengthened through addition of a high school and technical school, new healthcare programs are implemented, access to water and sanitation is expanded, and solutions to desertification are found. New jobs will be created and the plans to sustain these improvements will be implemented.

Please join us in our efforts to help some of the world's most vulnerable people.