

**United States Agency for International Development
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**Fiscal Year 2011: Title II Proposal Guidance and Program Policies
Supplementary Fiscal Year 2011 Title II Non-Emergency Programs
Country Specific Guidance: Burkina Faso**

I. Background

The Office of Food for Peace (FFP) has funds available for non-emergency programs in Burkina Faso in fiscal year 2011. This document supplements the FFP *Title II Proposal Guidance and Program Policies* with information on FFP's food security programming priorities in Burkina Faso.

II. Food Security Situation and Geographic Priorities

Although Burkina Faso has achieved impressive advances in economic growth in recent years, the country continues to experience alarming rates of childhood malnutrition, poor agricultural productivity, and high levels of poverty. Important factors contributing to food insecurity in Burkina Faso include: erratic rainfall; limited access to agricultural inputs and credit; poor post-harvest techniques; soil degradation and poor natural resources management; lack of access of smallholder farmers to markets and market information; limited off-farm employment opportunities; inadequate water and sanitation coverage and poor hygiene practices; high rates of childhood illness; lack of access to quality health care; and inappropriate infant and young child feeding practices.

Proposals should focus on implementing integrated Title II activities in geographic areas most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition. The regions of Nord, Centre-Nord, Plateau Central, Sahel and northern areas of Est have been designated as priority target areas.

III. USAID/Burkina Faso and FFP Programming Priorities

The non-emergency program focus is *“to reduce food insecurity among vulnerable rural populations in Burkina Faso.”* Proposals should encourage an enabling environment for promoting gender equality and local nongovernmental organization capacity building, where feasible.

In FY10, FFP partner, Catholic Relief Services, has commenced implementation of a new five-year Multi-Year Assistance Program targeting 58,633 households across three health districts in North Central and Eastern Burkina Faso. In FY11 FFP anticipates making one additional award up to an annual total of \$6.5 million for five years, subject to the availability of funding.

Mission and FFP priority objectives and recommended activities for Title II non-emergency

programs are summarized below:

1. **Reduce chronic malnutrition among children under five years of age and pregnant and lactating mothers by:**

- A. Preventing malnutrition among children under two;
- B. Improving infant and young child feeding practices;
- C. Preventing and treating childhood illness;
- D. Enhancing access to clean water and sanitation, and improving hygiene practices;
- E. Improving maternal health and nutrition;
- F. Linking with programs focused on the management of acutely malnourished children; and
- G. Increasing dietary diversity and quality through home gardens and a small livestock program.

2. **Increase and diversify household incomes by:**

- A. Expanding market gardening at community and household levels;
- B. Strengthening producers capacity to market and produce livestock;
- C. Building and protecting women and adolescent girls' livelihood capacity; and
- D. Applying value chain or agro-enterprise approaches with a particular emphasis on pursuing private sector market linkages and/or Global Development Alliance (GDA) opportunities.

3. **Strengthen and diversify agricultural production and productivity by:**

- A. Assisting smallholder farmers to transit from subsistence farming to integrated food and cash crop production;
- B. Strengthening integration of livestock and poultry ownership in smallholder production systems;
- C. Improving smallholders' access to essential agricultural production enhancing inputs and new technologies (i.e. Seeds, credit, labor saving tools, etc);
- D. Enhancing use of improved natural resource management techniques for soil fertility, conservation and land reclamation; and
- E. Strengthening agricultural producers' technical and managerial capacity.

In addition to the FFP Title II Proposal Guidance and Program Policies, FFP encourages applicants to consult the following reference materials to inform proposal design:

- Burkina Faso Food Security Country Framework available at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/ffp/burkinafscf.pdf
- Relevant technical resources related to food security, nutrition, and M&E available at <http://www.fantaproject.org>