

GFDRR Country Programming Framework: Burkina Faso

Risk Information

Description	Area (Sq. km)	Population ('000)	GDP (US\$ m)
Country Information ¹	274,000	15,234	7,948
Percentage at risk from two or more hazards ²	35.1 %	61.7 %	%

1 From World Development Indicators - 2010 , World Bank Group 2 From Natural Disaster Hotspots Study; a Global Risk Analysis, 2005

Country Classification

GFDRR Category	Least Developed Country (LDC)	Income Group	Lending Category	HIPC ³	SIDS ⁴	LLDC ⁵
Priority	Yes	Low	IDA	Yes	No	Yes

3 HIPC: Highly Indebted Poor Country, 4 SIDS: Small Island Developing States, 5 LLDC: Landlocked Developing Countries

Country's History of Natural Disasters: (Based on the disaster events recorded over past 100 years)

- Drought, Epidemic, Flood, Insect infestation

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GFDRR Interventions

Project Title	Amount US\$	Co-finance	Status	Single-Country Project Focus
Burkina Faso: Post Disaster Needs Assessment	150,000	0	Active	Yes
Disaster risk management in Africa - strategic framework, good practice, communication	495,000	170,000	Active	No
Disaster Risk Management in the Sub-Saharan Africa Region	300,000	0	Active	No
DRM TA to Focus Countries in AFR	631,830	0	Active	No
Enhancing the Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity in Agriculture and Rural Development Department in Bank	50,000	0	Active	No
Integrated Weather Risk Management for Sustained Growth in Burkina Faso	50,000	5,000	Active	Yes
Post Disaster Needs Assessments and Regional Study of West African Floods	685,426	0	Active	No

Single-country focus projects: **Total Amount:** 200,000, **Total Co-Finance:** 5,000

Sector Focus

Agriculture and Rural Development , Catastrophic Risk Financing and Financial Sector Development , Climate Change Adaptation , Economic Policy and Macroeconomic Analysis , Education , Energy and Mining , Environment , Gender and Development , Health Nutrition and Population , Housing , Multi-sector , Other , Poverty Reduction Strategy , Project Finance and Guarantees , Public Infrastructure , Public Sector Governance , Public-Private Partnership in Disaster Risk Reduction , Rural Sector , Social Development , Social Protection , Transport , Urban Development , Water Supply and Sanitation

Summary of Progress in the Country

Progress Summary

DRM in Development Strategies

About 90% of the Burkinabe population depends on subsistence agriculture, which is vulnerable to periodic drought. Cotton is the main cash crop and dominates the economy but its production has been affected by irregular, insufficient and unpredictable rainfalls. According to the National Agricultural Statistics and Forecasting Services, at least 33,000 ha of farmlands were washed away during the floods that hit Burkina Faso in August-September 2007. Both the ongoing PRSP Priority Action Plan (2006-2008) and World Bank Country Assistance Strategy (2006-2009) realize the importance of agriculture, especially cotton production for the economy, but are short of any concrete plan to deal with uncertainties posed by natural disasters that affect production.

Impacts from GFDRR Projects

To minimize the poor's vulnerability to insubstantial cotton harvests GFDRR has supported the provision of safety nets through the development of early warning systems and cost-effective risk mitigation in order to enhance shared growth and reduce poverty. In December 2009, a workshop on weather risk management in the cotton sector was held in Burkina Faso, where the findings of a GFDRR financed research on weather index insurance in Burkina Faso was disseminated.

The Region has been very active to mobilize assistance and respond to crisis situations in several countries due mainly to

flooding (Central African Republic, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Namibia and also Togo and Malawi). As a result, a post disaster risk assessments has been prepared. Preparatory work for the regional PDNA has taken place during the period. It is expected to be completed by May 2010.

Country Program (2010-2012)

The Country Program for Burkina Faso is being developed in parallel with a Climate Change Policy Note for the country. The first draft of the Burkina Faso Country DRM Plan was presented for review and will be finalized by the end of the year 2010.

[Progress as of April 30, 2010]