



ANNUAL REPORT BRIEF

PROGRAM YEAR 23

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

FP client, Boussouma health district, 2023

Pathfinder International supports women to make their own reproductive health decisions. We are a global health organization with programs led by local teams from the communities they serve. We work with local partners to advance contraceptive services, comprehensive abortion care, and young people's sexual and reproductive rights around the world—including those affected by poverty, conflict, climate change, and natural disaster. Taken together, our programs empower millions of women, men, and young people to choose their own paths forward.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear Partners,

In 2023, Pathfinder faced numerous challenges that undoubtedly impacted our projects and programs in Burkina Faso. Despite these obstacles, our Country Office remains steadfastly dedicated to advancing the well-being of communities, working closely with our overseeing ministry, the Ministry of Health, and Public Hygiene.

Throughout the past year, we have embraced a resilient mindset, adopting a continuous adaptive management approach. Pathfinder Burkina Faso, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene and with the generous support of USAID, bolstered services across 75 non-governmental health facilities. This support enhanced their effectiveness within the national health system. Furthermore, initiatives such as the revitalization of the Village Birth Attendants strategy, the implementation of the Community Performance Card, and the establishment of Community Health Clubs have empowered communities and ensured the sustained delivery of essential services. Pathfinder Burkina Faso remains steadfast in its commitment to both service continuity and community engagement, despite the challenges faced.

The organization's enhanced ability to adapt is a direct result of its reinvigorated vision, initiated in 2021. Through the implementation of its Country Led Strategy, local offices now wield greater autonomy in decision-making and resource allocation, all while receiving unwavering support from global leadership. This approach is underpinned by a governance philosophy that is focused on equity, impact and sustainability. In this way, countries are better positioned to support locally driven development efforts.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene, at all levels, for their steadfast collaboration spanning nearly a decade. This fruitful partnership, evident in the tangible progress witnessed on the ground, is founded on a bedrock of mutual trust and respect. Pathfinder Burkina Faso reaffirms its unwavering dedication to aligning its efforts closely with national priorities, thereby ensuring a sustained positive impact on local communities' well-being.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our generous donors and development partners who have consistently shown faith in our mission over the years. These include esteemed institutions such as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Netherlands Embassy, the Swedish Embassy, The Large Anonymous Donor, and the Chanel Foundation. Additionally, I wish to extend sincere gratitude to the international and national non governmental organizations, civil society organizations, administrative bodies, religious and traditional leaders, as well as resource persons who stand beside us in our daily endeavors.

I also want to extend warm congratulations to all our dedicated Pathfinders whose commitment and determination drive us closer to our goals each day. As we embark on the journey of 2024, it is a year poised for consolidating our achievements and spearheading significant community health initiatives. Pathfinder, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene, stands at the forefront of this endeavor, tirelessly working to empower communities and enhance their self-sufficiency in healthcare management. Now, more than ever, we are called to fortify our efforts in building resilience and advancing Burkina Faso's aspirations for universal health coverage. Together, let us continue the noble fight towards a healthier, more resilient future for all.

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BURKINA FASO TEAM





ACRONYMS



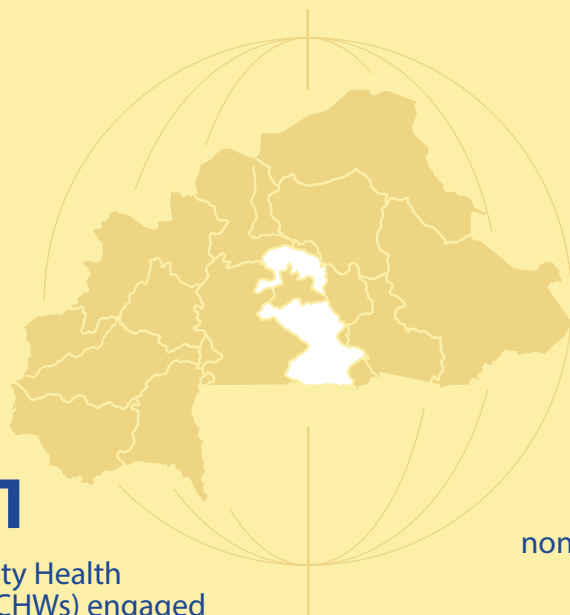
ABBEF	Association burkinabè pour le bien-être familial
ACF	Action contre la faim
AFV	Association femme et vie
AGED	Association pour la gestion de l'environnement et le développement
MVA	Manual Vacuum Aspiration
ANC	Ante Natal Care
APIL	Action pour la promotion des initiatives locales
CHW	Community Health Worker
ATAD	Alliance technique d'assistance au développement
VBA	Village Birth Attendant
COGES	Health facilities management committee
CSPS	Centre de santé et de promotion sociale (Health and Social Promotion Center)
VCAT	Value Clarification Attitude Transformation
DRS	Direction régionale de la santé (Regional Health Direction)
HD	Health District
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
DTC-HepB-Hib3	Diphtherie Tetanos Coqueluche Hépatite B, Haemophilus Influenza

ECD	Equipe cadre de district sanitaire
GASPA	Groupe d'apprentissage et de soutien aux pratiques de l'alimentation du nouveau-né et du jeune enfant (Newborn and Infant Feeding Practice Learning and Support Group)
CAC based on law	Interruption sécurisée de la grossesse (ISG) selon la loi
OPJ	Officier de Police Judiciaire (Police Judiciary Officer)
PDS	Président de délégation spéciale
FP	Family Planning
PAC	Post Abortion Care
SOGO	Société des gynécologues et obstétriciens du Burkina
EmoC	Emergency Obstetric Care
SOS/JD	SOS jeunesse et défis
RH	Reproductive Health
RMNCH	Reproductive Maternal Neonatal and Child Health
Tin Tua	Association Tin Tua
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
HV	Home Visits
GBV	Gender Based Violence
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

PATHFINDER BURKINA FASO AT A GLANCE



11
regions



45
health districts covered

6 331
Community Health Workers (CHWs) engaged

888
public and non-governmental health facilities supported

Served a total of
14 478 515
individuals



3 425 250
women of reproductive age



2 602 066
children under 5 years old



8 032 381
adolescents and young people under 25 years old

Our projects

- Projet Santé Sexuelle et Reproductive (PSSR)
- Projet Sauver La Vie (PSLV)
- Projet 3M « Mon corps, Mes choix, Mes droits »
- Projet Amplifier la planification familiale (USAID/AmplifyPF)
- Projet PREPARation pour la RESilience au BURKINA (USAID/PREPARE-BURKINA)
- Projet Momentum Integrated Health Resilience (USAID/MIHR)

Our key technical areas

Family Planning

Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)

SRH Rights

Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Nutrition

Immunization

WASH

Cross-cutting topics

Gender/Gender-Based Violence

Climate Change

Adolescents and Youth SRH

Resilience

Advocacy

Digital Health

Our implementation Approaches

Health System and Community Health Strengthening

- o Health Facilities Preparedness
- o Local organizations and communities' capacity strengthening, including resilience capacities
- o Quality of Care
- o Health services Integration

Data quality and data use for decision-making

Innovative approaches

- o Remote supervision
- o delocalized supervision
- o On-site training
- o Clinical mentoring
- o Digital Health

Partnership/ Collaboration

Highlights on capabilities



01

Main office in Ouaga



08

regional Offices



102

Staff—Programs and Operations



\$ 15,663,971

Year's Budget



Mrs Lydia Saloucou Zoungrana, President of Pathfinder Africa (right) and Mr Biniam Gebre, former President of Pathfinder Africa (left), on a courtesy visit to Dr Robert Lucien J-C KARGOUGOU, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene of Burkina Faso (centre).



Member of the Singué women's community health club (Centre-Nord region), 2022

Major donors

- United States Agency for International Development (USAID),
- Netherlands – Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- Large Anonymous Donor (LAD),
- Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)

Implementing partners

Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, AFV, ABSFM, CAPSSR, SOGOB, SOSJD, ABBEF, Marie Stops Burkina, APIL, ATAD, Action Contre la Faim, AJVLS, ESF, SOS SAHEL, Network of FP/RH Young Champions Ambassadors, AGED, Tin-Tua Association.



Pathfinder
INTERNATIONAL

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



DE BEIJING À DURBAN,
COMBATTONS LE RACISME
POUR AUCUNE



Symbolic handover of equipment to non-governmental health facilities in Ouagadougou, 2023

1 Healthcare providers' clinical skills strengthened across diverse technical domains including maternal, neonatal, and child health (MNCH), family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH), nutrition, and PAC/CAC based on the country law, etc

557

providers trained on clinical FP/RH, PAC/CAC based on the country law, VCAT, etc.

2,112

providers trained on Emergency Obstetrical and Newborn Care (EmONC), Nutrition, Immunization, Essential WASH Actions

90

mentees with acceptable skill score (at least 90%) for EmONC, Long Acting et Reversible Contraception Methods (LARC) and Manual Vacuum Aspiration (MVA)

777

on-site supervision visits, remote supervision, or de-localized supervision

2 Health Infrastructure strengthened and procurement of various equipment for quality services delivery

113

public and non-governmental health facilities + 4 advanced health posts equipped with medical equipment for FP, PAC/CAC based on the country law, EmONC, Nutrition services delivery.

82

public health facilities upgraded to standards

36

Nutrition Recovery and Education Centers (CRENs) supported

3 CHWs Capacity Strengthening for Community Based FP service delivery and essentials MNCH, nutrition services continuity in fragile setting

- 4,729 CHWs supported as part of Government financial motivation policy for CHWs
- 930 CHWs supervised, mentored on the Community Integrated Package including integrated community case management (iCCM)
- 1,450 CHWs trained and equipped to provide community-based FP services, including DMPA self-injection
- 152 CHWs trained and equipped to provide immunization services in security challenged setting
- 434 Village birth attendants (VBA) trained and equipped to provide hygienic deliveries in communities where health facilities are closed due to insecurity
- 284 community health clubs set up and functioning
- 394 Newborn and Infant Feeding Practice Learning and Support Group set up and functioning (GASPA)

4 Facilitated enabling environment to deliver Gender and Youth sensitive SRHR services

Social and Behaviour Change

809 988 people reached on various topics including MNCH/FP/RH, Nutrition, Immunization, COVID-19, WASH through Home visits, Group discussion, Community outreach, social media, etc.

Social Accountability Activities

- 08 Quality Improvement Teams set up
- 03 Community Dialogues organized
- 03 Open site Visit organized



Advocacy Activities

12

advocacy meetings toward 12 religious and traditional leaders opponent to SRHR access

03

advocacy meetings led by local Task Forces by engaging 98 leaders (Governors, mayors, Regional Health Directors, Heads of Health Districts, Lawyers, Businesswomen, and men) for SRHR domestic financing

03

VCAT training sessions organized for 45 teachers and Schools principals as they serve as allies in the prevention and management of unwanted pregnancies in secondary schools.

01

digital campaign on the Maputo Protocol and the penal code on safe abortion reached 498,597 people on social networks

Youth Engagement

34

Girls' Academies and 11 Boys' Academies set up

184

Adolescents and Young FP/RH Champions actively involved in our projects

51,186

clients referred by the Young Champions

5 Health Governance and Leadership strengthened: Planning and Budgeting; Guidelines and Policies Development

Technical and financial support for the development/revision of guidelines and policies

- VBAs and CHWs Task Shifting Training materials to ensure continuity of maternal child health, immunization, and nutrition essentials services in the fragile settings.
- National immunization policy in security challenged zones
- Development of micro-action plan guide for the implementation of Reach Every Child/Reach Every District Approach
- Development of the DGOS 2023-2025 strategic plan
- Adaptation of the SWEDD model for community-based interventions
- Development and validation of community health self-care intervention packages
- Updated National Health Information Standards and Tools

Technical and financial support for strategic annual planning and budgeting

- 5 years Regional and District Health Plans— South-West, Centre-East and Centre-West regions
- Development of 2023 Regional and District Health Action Plans —10 Health Districts and the 3 regions— South-West, Central East, and Central West
- 2023 annual plans and budget review and adoption sessions in the South-West, Central West, Central North and Sahel regions

Technical and financial support for Health System Governance Frameworks

- Health District SMT and Head of Health facilities quarterly meetings in Garango and K-Vigué health districts
- Regional Technical Committee on Health (CTRS) meetings and district health councils (CSD) meetings in Barsalogo, Boulsa, Kaya, Kongoussi, Boussouma, Manni and Dori health districts





Technical assistance for data quality improvement and data use for decision-making

- National Health Information System (SNIS) standards and tools review
- Health Facility Readiness Assessment—108 facilities
- Data Quality Assessment in **539 health facilities**
- Routine Data Quality Audit in **11 health facilities**
- Data quality review in **10 districts**
- Performance analysis and data use sessions conducted in **16 health districts**
- Data collection tools and reporting training for health providers— **91 public and non-governmental health facilities**

6 Collaboration/ Partnership

- Alignment to, technical and financial support to national policies
- Localization effort through capacity strengthening of 11 local NGOs (ABBEF, SOS/Jeunesse et Défis, ASFB, SOGOB, APIL, ATAD, ATT, AGED, AJVLS, ESF, SOS SAHEL)
- Horizontal collaboration, co-creation, joint planning with partner projects for synergy of action to optimize impact: Breakthrough ACTION, Advancing Nutrition, USAID/Burkina Faso Integrated Health Services Bilateral (IHS), Global Health Supply Chain Program-Procurement and Supply Management and FTO (GHSC-PSM and GHSC-FTO), Country Health Information Systems and Data Use (CHISU) project, ViMPlus, TerreEauVie, Yidgiri, etc.



Member of the Singué women's community health club (Centre-Nord region), 2022

KEY RESULTS

Thanks to the synergistic efforts of the Government of Burkina Faso, our donors and other partners, Pathfinder has contributed to the achievement of the following results:

Contraception and Family Planning



703 526
Couple Year Protection



508 333
clients served with modern
contraceptive methods

including

- 180 077 new users
- 251 473 young people < 25 years old

86,4%

of annual expected target of FP clients reached

7,8%

post partum FP 48H

64,8%

Post Abortion FP

Comprehensive Abortion Care



22 015
PAC and CAC based on law procedures
services delivered

Maternal, Newborn, Child Care and Nutrition



ANC4 Coverage



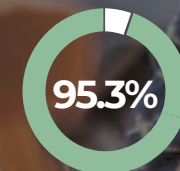
240,543
deliveries performed



2,565,657
children aged < to 5 years of age who
benefited from specific nutrition activities



868
GBV survivors managed



DTP-HepB-Hib3 Coverage

Health impact of our interventions



102,436
unwanted pregnancies averted

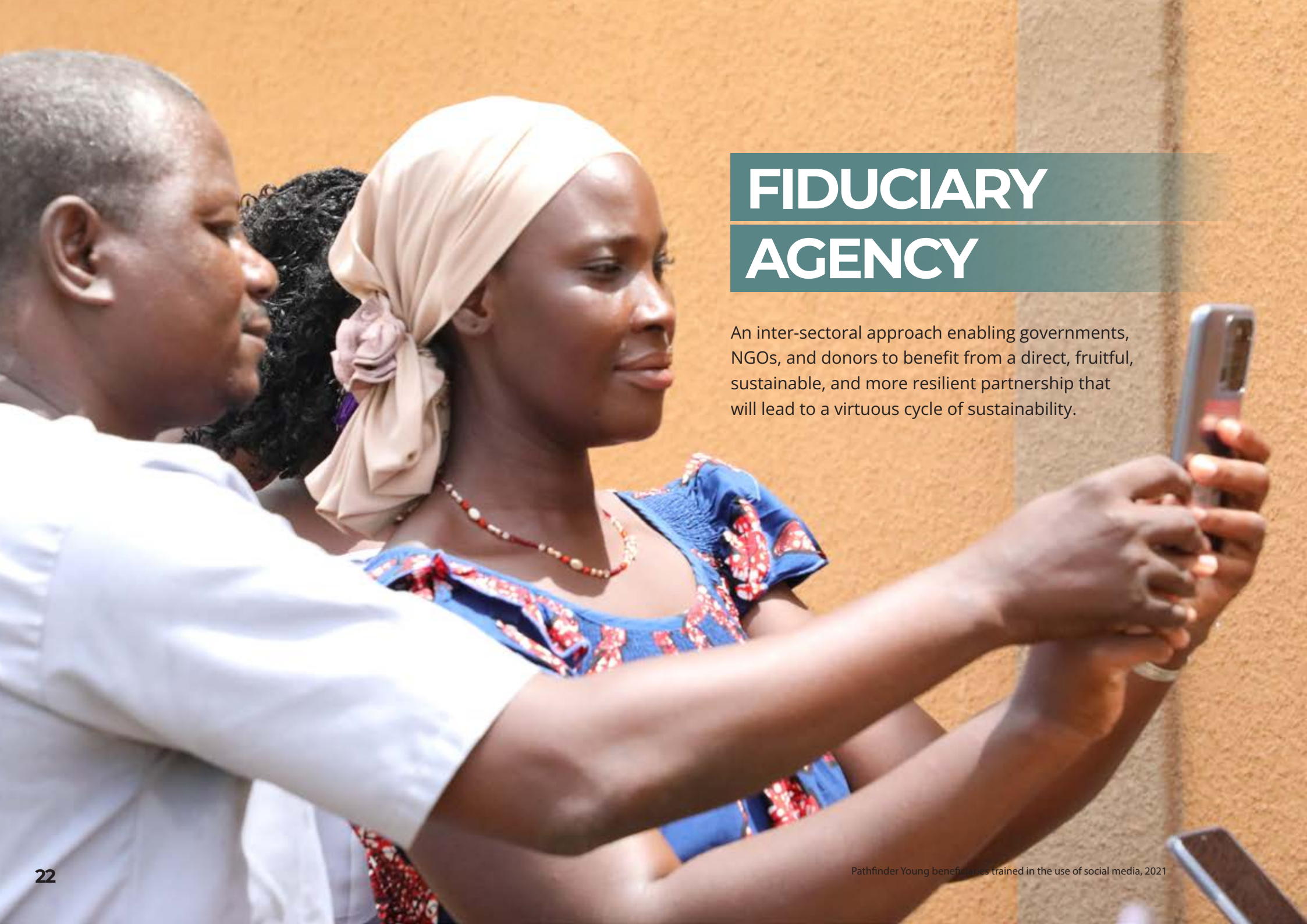


54,806
unsafe abortions averted



309
maternal deaths averted





FIDUCIARY AGENCY

An inter-sectoral approach enabling governments, NGOs, and donors to benefit from a direct, fruitful, sustainable, and more resilient partnership that will lead to a virtuous cycle of sustainability.

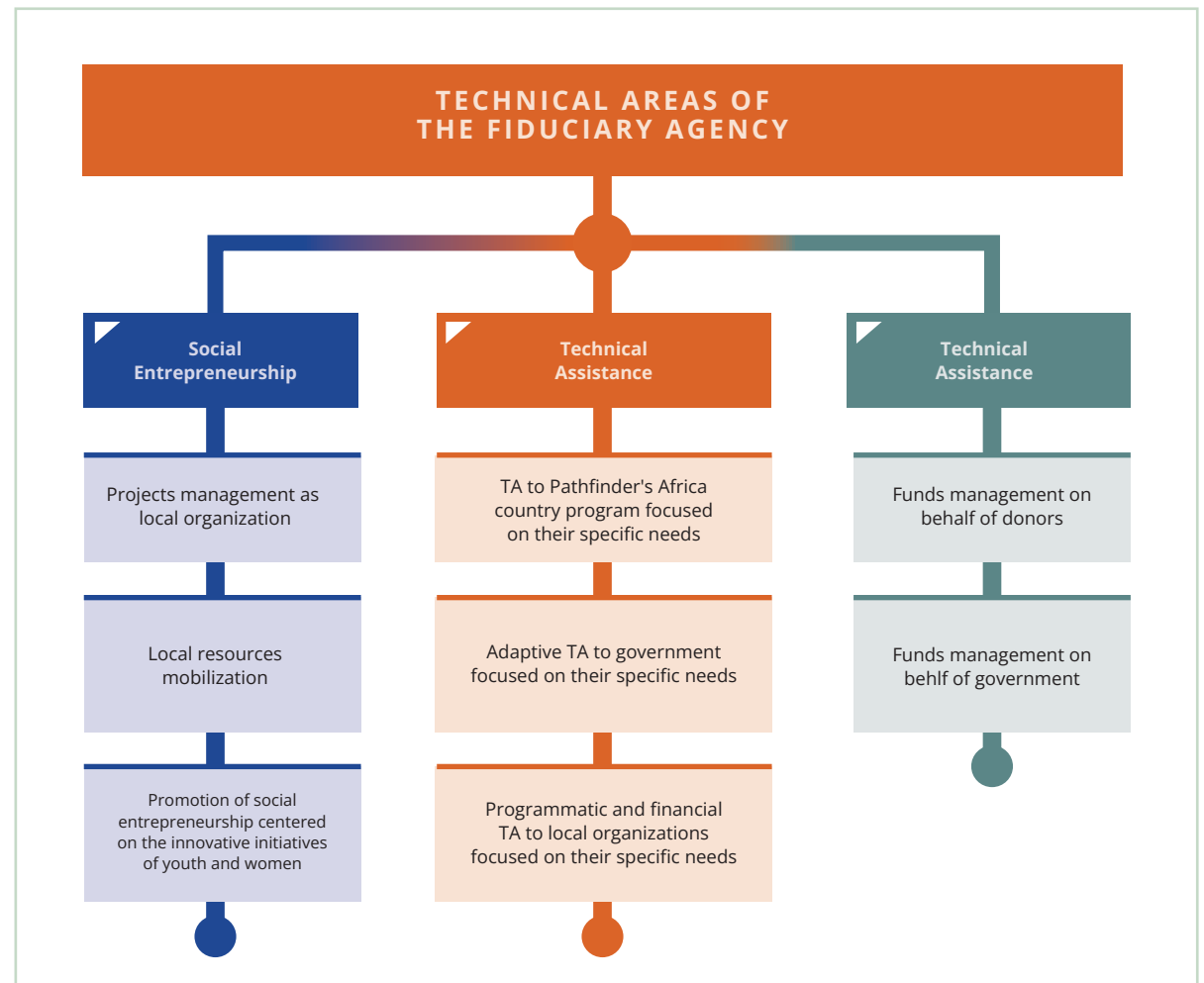
Background

The debate on global health financing is closely linked to the issue of localization, particularly concerning how financial resources are allocated and managed locally. Some models of global health financing encourage the decentralization of resources, allowing local authorities to have greater control over fund management. Localization in the context of global health financing therefore involves recognizing the importance of local actors and creating flexible financing mechanisms that consider the specificities of each country. As a result, donors are moving towards these new financing models, which involve directly allocating funds to governments and local organizations, hence putting them in the driver seat.

To support this effort and better position governments to access these funds, a fiduciary agency was established within the country program of Pathfinder Burkina in 2018 to serve as an intermediary between donors, governments, and local organizations.

What is the Pathfinder Burkina Fiduciary Agency?

The FA is a structural entity of Pathfinder designed to act in the interest of governments, local organizations, and donors through programmatic and financial technical assistance tailored to the needs of each stakeholder.



Key Facts about the Fiduciary Agency



Funds Mobilized

Over six years of implementation (2018 – 2023), the Pathfinder Fiduciary Agency managed approximately \$38,095,000 USD for the benefit of governments, donors, and local organizations



Funded Technical Areas

- Health (reproductive health, emergency health management, COVID-19),
- Women's empowerment,
- Technical assistance, strategic Communication.



Partners

- Government of Burkina Faso,
- Government of Senegal,
- Large Anonymous Donor,
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation,
- Act Afrique.



TESTIMONIES

Mrs TIENDRÉBÉOGO/ TIEMTORE SAFIATA

(standing in white headscarf), midwife and head of the maternity ward at the Al-Haira Islamic Medical Centre, Pathfinder beneficiary

“ I'd like to thank Pathfinder, which works to provide ongoing training for health workers like me, who work in non-governmental health structures. This training enables us to improve our skills on a daily basis. Today, Pathfinder's support makes my work as a health worker much easier, and I have faith that the future will be better. ”



ZONGO CATHÉRINE

(with a mask), VBA trained by Pathfinder

“ The training has improved my knowledge so that I can better help women. I work a lot more at night, because our parturients usually come at night. This is because the health facilities, which operate at minimum capacity, have no night shift staff due the insecurity. So, all night deliveries are done at my place. In the morning, I take the woman and her baby to the health centre for better care. ”

ZONGO THÉRÈSE

(with baby)

“ On the evening of my delivery, after being told that there was no night shift at the health centre, I was told that we could go to Catherine so that she could help me. She saved me and my baby ”

WHAT WE DO

Countries have drawn up local multi-year strategic plans that align with donors and local government's priorities.



HOW WE WORK

With sufficient resources, capacity and delegated authority to deliver and adapt as necessary, they can achieve the greatest impact.

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