

PATHFINDER

AT A GLANCE

Pathfinder in Burkina Faso

Alimata Zoungrana is a member of the Singué women's community health club, Centre-Nord region, Burkina Faso
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Introduction

In Burkina Faso, Pathfinder works in partnership with the Ministry of Health and local partners to strengthen family planning; sexual and reproductive health; maternal, newborn, and child health; and nutrition and water, hygiene and sanitation services--with a particular focus on women, children, adolescents, and youth. Our interventions are also sensitive to the effects of climate change on gender equity and access to sexual and reproductive health services.

Our programs improve the supply of health services by strengthening health systems and capacities of local organizations. We support the Ministry of Health and local organizations in offering a wide range of voluntary contraception services and comprehensive safe abortion care in line with the country's legislative framework, to meet the reproductive health needs of women and young people.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Adolescents & Youth
- Contraception & Family Planning
- Safe & Comprehensive Health Care
- Maternal, Newborn & Child Health
- HIV & AIDS
- Advocacy & Policy
- Health Systems Strengthening
- Local Capacity Strengthening
- Social & Behavior Change
- Global & Multi-country Project Leadership

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024



265
maternal deaths prevented



457,857
clients reached with modern contraception



93,591
unwanted pregnancies prevented



48,057
unsafe abortions prevented



590,687
couple years of protection achieved

Project Highlights

Projet sauver la vie (PSLV) (2020–Present)

Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Boucle du Mouhoun, Centre-Nord, and Nord regions

The project supports Burkina Faso's Ministry of Health in strengthening primary health services, including family planning and safe abortion care, to accelerate progress toward achieving universal health coverage. This project improves the sexual and reproductive health of young people, women, and couples in three regions of Burkina Faso through strengthening the capacities of local organizations and community health workers, empowering youth empowerment, and advocating for policies and laws that support gender equity, social inclusion, and equitable access to safe abortion and family planning services.

Adissa Zoungrana with her daughter Sombayatou Sawadogo. Adissa is a member of the Singué women's community health club, Centre-Nord region, Burkina Faso.
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Mon corps, mes choix, mes droits (P3M) (2022–25)

SIDA

Centre-Est and Hauts-Bassins regions

The project works to increase access to safe abortions and prevent unwanted pregnancies among Burkina Faso's vulnerable populations and humanitarian contexts through strengthening the capacities of health providers and health centers. The project supports community structures and local partners, and lobbies strongly to improve the political, legal, and strategic environment around comprehensive family planning and reproductive health.

Jeunes Champions pour la résilience climatique et les droits sexuels et reproductifs (2023–24)

Chanel Foundation

Plateau-Central and Centre-Sud regions

The project supports young people in addressing three challenges: social inequalities, and climate threats, and limited access to reproductive health services. Collectively, these challenges limit their ability to respond to socio-economic and environmental risks. This integrated program includes several activities that are implemented by young people in their communities to reduce the health impacts of climate change and strengthen gender equality and community resilience.

(from left to right) Raabo Adjiratou, Sanata Ouedraogo, and Adissa Zoungrana, members of the Singué women's community health club, Centre-Nord Region, Burkina Faso.

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Pathfinder expands access to sexual and reproductive health services, opening the door to opportunities for women and all individuals to thrive—economically, educationally, and civically. Driven by our country-led leadership and local community partners, Pathfinder brings together a suite of services and programs that enable millions of people to choose their own paths forward.