



Policy plan

Stichting Digital Education Foundation Burkina Faso

1. General

The Digital Education Foundation Burkina Faso, henceforth DEF Burkina was established in November 2022. The reason is that the initiators have found that the education situation in Burkina Faso is dramatic. There has been unrest and basically war in Burkina Faso for 30 years with the vast majority of schools, over 7000, closed. There are large numbers of refugees seeking to escape the mostly jihadist violence. The closure of the schools has a major impact as many young people cannot get an education, or only a very limited one. Currently, large parts of rural Burkina Faso are controlled by radical groups, causing great lawlessness with dire consequences.

Digital technologies offer opportunities to still start teaching and therefore give future prospects, In addition, it makes other sources of information available to the target group.

2. Purpose of the foundation

The main aim of the foundation is to promote digital education in Burkina Faso.

To achieve the goal, the following activities are recognised:

In the Netherlands:

- raising funds by leveraging the network of board members and joining existing fundraising activities and other financial supports as they arise.
- Collecting equipment necessary to equip classrooms; examples include Laptop PCs, Wi-Fi and networking equipment in addition to workshop tools.
- Shipping the collected appliances to Burkina Faso.
- Expanding and seeking further cooperation with third parties, such as UT Twente, Nuffic, TNO etc..

In Burkina Faso:

- establishing an internet platform for digital education in Burkina Faso
- establishing a distance learning platform
- Contributing to the development of a digital education policy in Burkina Faso
- installing digital libraries in schools and online
- opening practical training centres (makerspace) with digital tools
- training teachers for digital education

This enumeration is not exhaustive, other activities that can directly or indirectly serve the main purpose are possible.

4. Organisation of DEF Burkina

The foundation has two bodies, the board and the advisory committee. The board is based in the Netherlands, the advisory committee in Burkina Faso.

As at November 2023, the board consists of the following persons

Ton de Liefde, chairman

Erik Rörsch, member

Iara Pedro, member

The members of the advisory committee are now:

Mahamadi Sakande, chairman

Nadège Sakande Tiendrebeogo, member

Members of the board and advisory committee are appointed for an indefinite period.

The Foundation is represented by the Board of the Foundation, unless otherwise provided by law. The Foundation may furthermore be represented by two members of the Board of the Foundation acting jointly (Article 7 of the Articles of Association).

The Foundation will not pay any board member and advisory committee member any financial compensation for his/her activities. Only expenses incurred for and at the request of the board may be eligible for reimbursement

5 financial management

As it is not known at the time of drafting this policy plan how successful fundraising will be, it is not possible to draw up a fixed plan. The policy is to start activities as soon as possible. The first shipment of materials is now on its way to Burkina Faso.

Therefore, the following setup for the year 2023 and 2024 is tentative:

revenue

fundraising € 20,000

donations in kind value € 15,000 already received

Expenditure in the Netherlands

shipment of equipment to Burkina Faso € 970

Expenditure in Burkina Faso

local purchase of teaching aids € 1,500

maintenance, electricity, rent, tax, office expenses, water € 5,000

For the start, the project has been housed at a local school, therefore there are low costs and experience can be gained. Once resources allow, expansion will take place to locations further away from existing facilities and costs will increase.

It is explicitly not the intention to build up any assets, should that be possible in the future, for example through a bequest, the proceeds of those assets will be spent exclusively to expand the foundation's activities.

The first year will be used to gain experience with teaching methods and, as soon as finances allow, with furnishing classrooms especially close to the refugee camps.

In doing so, the use of adapted containers such as those developed by TU Twente for use in Jordanian refugee camps is being considered. By cleverly placing containers, robust shelters for classrooms can be realised.

An investment of €30,000 is involved per container for purchase, modification, furnishing and energy generation by solar cells.

The aim is to have at least two operational branches in rural areas by 2025, in addition to the school that functions as a start-up site.

If the foundation is wound up while there is still a capital, this will be transferred to an organisation undertaking activities for the benefit of young people in Burkina Faso.

5. Basic data of the foundation

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