

# Annual report 2024

The Dutch 'Digital Education Foundation Burkina Faso' has been recognised as an ANBI legal entity since December 2022. In 2023, only preparatory work was done and 2024 was the first year in which a number of practical matters could be taken up and the necessary contacts made.

This under a general climate in Burkina Faso characterised by further deterioration of the security situation. On the one hand, this makes our work more difficult but at the same time increasingly necessary.

For Dutch citizens, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has assigned almost the entire area of Burkina Faso the colour red. This means a travel ban under all circumstances. Only for the capital Ouagadougou and Bobo Dioulasso, the country's second city, is the colour orange, meaning: travel only if strictly necessary. Travelling by road to those cities is also not possible because unsafe.

Fortunately, for years we have had a reliable partner in Burkina Faso who is very active on the ground and has an extensive network there.

Given the circumstances, we could not yet start the main activities as foreseen in our plans but nevertheless a number of useful activities could be undertaken. In the Netherlands, this consisted of collecting materials useful in technical education. Two shipments have since been sent with a large quantity of various materials. Some of these are not directly related to digital subjects but are important for many schools that lack everything. One example is 10 microscopes. In addition, over 20 laptops and a server were sent as well as a lot of WIFI equipment.

In Burkina Faso, a first digital library could be set up where laptops are available to pupils who can thus gain digital experience for the first time in their lives. More background information is available elsewhere on the website.

Financially, the following set-up is relevant; as the activities started in mid-2023, 2024 also includes the activities of the second half 2023 year

Of the many material items that have been donated, the value can only be estimated. The policy is that there are no stocks so they do not appear on the balance sheet. As soon as there is enough material to ship we do so. Apart from a low bank balance, there are no other financial assets. The most expensive items are the shipping costs, for which we depend entirely on donations. A few times a year we can hire space in a container that goes to Burkina Faso.

Income:

donations in children (estimated): € 30,000  
cash donations: € 264  
donations in cash directly to carrier: € 1500

Expenses

in child (estimated): € 30,000  
costs transport: € 1,500  
bank costs: € 239  
bank balance on 31 December 2024: € 25