



Burkina Faso Scholarship Program Budget and Project Description

Summary of Program

The Burkina Faso Scholarship program was founded in 2009 in order to provide scholarships for children in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso. The scholarships provide children funds for their meals and secondary school fees. Our goal is to provide disadvantaged students with the opportunity to complete their secondary school education and pursue their chosen profession. Many families in Burkina Faso do not have the money for school fees and their children are forced to drop out of school, closing the door to many future opportunities.

The program was started in conjunction with Action Governance Integration Reinforcement (AGIR), a local organization in Burkina Faso. For Granted worked closely with AGIR to design the program and they also serve as our implementing partner helping to ensure community involvement, monitor the program, and account for program expenditures. With the help of AGIR, For Granted hopes to expand this program and continue providing access to education for disadvantaged children throughout Burkina Faso.

Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso is a land locked country in West Africa faced with extreme poverty and 14 million inhabitants. Burkina Faso currently ranks 177th out of 182 countries on the Human Development Index, making it one of the lowest countries ranked. The country's per capita income averages more than one hundred dollars below that of the rest of sub-Saharan Africa. Burkina Faso has seen relative growth in the past ten years along with political stability. The country needs to invest in the education of its children to ensure they are successful facing the challenges of the future.

Secondary School Education in Burkina Faso

The gross primary school enrollment in Burkina Faso has increased rapidly from 57% in 2005 to 72.5% in 2007, though the literacy rate remains at 33%. The 33% literacy rate is linked to the lack of secondary schools and poor enrollment in secondary schools. While enrollment in primary schools has increased, there has yet to be a push towards universal secondary education. The importance of finishing secondary education is vital to not only the future of children, but also the future of the country.

AGIR

AGIR (Action Governance Integration Reinforcement) is a local non-profit organization committed to achieving developmental goals in Burkina Faso. Founded in 1992, AGIR works on projects related to hygiene, sanitation, education, resource management, and basic community development. For Granted worked with AGIR to design this scholarship program which reflects core values common to both organizations. The scholarship committee developed the criteria to select the students for the scholarship, monitor their progress, and report transparently on all aspects of the program.

Criteria for Scholarship Selection

For Granted and AGIR formed a scholarship selection committee to ensure that the most deserving students receive the scholarships annually. The committee is located in Burkina Faso and consists of AGIR members, school administrators, and local welfare service representatives. The selection committee awards scholarships based on past academic performance, appreciation for education in their life, future goals and their financial need. Further, selected candidates must not also be receiving financial assistance from another organization or from welfare services.

Current Recipients

The current recipients of the scholarships come from low-income families and extreme situations; most of the candidates are orphaned and live in severe poverty. The students selected by the committee would not be able to attend secondary school without the financial support of the scholarships provided. They all have exhibited exceptional scholastic achievement and a strong desire to continue excelling in their educational pursuits to reach their chosen profession.

Transparency

All transactions pertaining to the program are tracked with supporting documentation and shared with everyone involved in the program in the form of regular financial reports. Additionally, students provide regular feedback on their academic experience and administrators provide regular reports on the students' progress.

Future Program Goals

The project currently supports ten students who are in different stages of completing their secondary school education. Secondary education in Burkina Faso is divided into two tracks: lower and upper. The lower secondary school consists of four years of general study. Upon successful completion of a final exam, the students are awarded the *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle*. Those who wish to continue their education may either continue at an upper secondary school for another three years of general study or seek entrance to a vocational school to pursue a two- or three-year program of training for teachers, nurses, midwives, police officers, customs officials, or public administrators. Those who successfully complete such a program are awarded the *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle*, while upper secondary graduates who pass their Baccalaureate exam earn a *Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre*.

The For Granted and AGIR scholarship program will support students through their entire secondary school education. With the help of funds raised through collaboration with Global Giving, we hope to expand this program to provide scholarships for students from two cities, Ougadougou and Bobo-dialasso, and from two rural towns, Yako and Niogo. AGIR currently works closely with the communities of those locations and plans to expand this program to support the secondary school education of 50 children throughout Burkina Faso.

Program Costs

Scholarship Program Cost Overview

Number of students	Fifty (50)
School fees for 1 student for 1 year	\$44.44 (20,000cfa)
Meal fees for 1 student for 1 year	\$40 (18,000cfa)
School and meal fees for 50 students for 1 year	\$4,222 (1,900,000cfa)
School and meal fees for 50 students for 7 years	\$29,554 (13,300,000cfa)
Program assessment (annually)	\$422 (190,000cfa)
Total estimated program costs for 7 years	\$32,508 (14,630,000cfa)