



A CRITICAL NEED

Protect children's health and hygiene with new toilets in Burkina Faso

PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL



WATER AND SANITATION

2020



“Lack of sanitation, and particularly open defecation, contributes to the incidence of diarrhoea and to the spread of intestinal parasites, which in turn cause malnutrition.”

UNICEF, 2015

COVER: Though our local partners teach children about handwashing, without facilities such as sinks, it is difficult for children to put their learnings into practice.



Project overview

Thank you for considering this generous and life-changing partnership opportunity with Compassion Australia. Your generosity would help to promote good hygiene practices among 2100 children by building new toilets and handwashing facilities at six child development centres.

Supporting:

2100 Compassion assisted children, plus hundreds more family members, staff, volunteers and community members

Location:

Six Compassion child development centres in Burkina Faso

Project timeframe:

September 2020 to July 2021

Project code:

BF INT-21327

Estimated local contribution:

US\$11,600*

Funding required:

AU\$136,400

*Our local partners would also like to make a financial contribution towards this project—a demonstration of their commitment to the project's sustainability and their community's ongoing development.

Your support would fund the construction of new bathrooms, one at each centre. Each bathroom will have six toilets, with three for girls and three for boys, a washroom and changing room for girls and a set of eight handwashing sinks. The participating centres include: BF0140, BF0158, BF0607, BF0621, BF0622 and BF0628.

Our local partners will employ the services of local tradespeople for the work, overseen by an experienced builder, helping to invest in the local economy while improving children's health and hygiene.

Along with the construction of new bathrooms, this project will deliver hygiene training for centre workers, with the aim of empowering them to teach the children in an ongoing capacity. The training will cover topics such as personal hygiene, safe waste disposal, home cleanliness and sanitation. Each centre will also establish a sanitation committee, which will include youth representatives, to oversee the ongoing maintenance of the new bathrooms and ensure they remain safe and functional for many years to come. With better health and improved hygiene, children can spend more time playing, growing and learning new skills for their future.



100km

BURKINA FASO

Why is this project critical?

During the COVID-19 crisis, our local partners continue to prioritise children's health and teach good hygiene practices such as handwashing that can curb the spread of germs. However, at these six participating child development centres, where the existing toilets are dilapidated and unsanitary, children are struggling to put their lessons into practice.

Instead of using the unsafe existing toilets, many children choose to practise open defecation, causing environmental pollution in the community. Alternatively, they line up in long queues to use the toilets, even though the facilities are unsanitary. Children frequently miss lessons and activities because they are waiting to use the toilet, and disease outbreaks are becoming problematic. Some of the most common diseases include diarrhea, intestinal worm infection, typhoid, cholera and hepatitis.

Fortunately, similar projects implemented at other Compassion centres have shown a drastic improvement in children's health and hygiene after the construction of new toilets and handwashing facilities. Your support would help to do the same at these six child development centres, transforming the health of more than 2000 girls and boys.

As COVID-19 continues to affect lives worldwide, your support would empower six of our local partners in Burkina Faso to teach children hygiene habits that can keep them safe and healthy.

Project objectives:

#1

By August 2021, all the children will use the new toilets rather than practising open defecation

#2

By August 2021, 90 per cent of the children will have increased awareness of good hygiene and sanitation practices

#3

By August 2021, 50 per cent of the children will display healthy hygiene habits such as handwashing



With better health and hygiene, children become free to play, laugh, learn and reach their full potential.

WANT TO SEE YOUR PROJECT FIRSTHAND?

Talk with your Relationship Manager about how you can travel with Compassion overseas.

Good health, clean water and nutritious food are a child's right.

ARTICLE 19, CONVENTION
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE
CHILD, 1989

The Compassion difference

Compassion's approach to poverty is unique. Our program doesn't just address children's physical needs, but the needs of their heart, mind and soul. We work with more than 7000 local partners around the world to implement our child development program where it is most needed, in a way that best suits each community. With deep roots in their communities, our partners are best placed to identify children's needs and respond with contextual solutions that change lives long-term.

INVESTING IN LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT

Compassion is committed to sustainable child development. For this reason, our projects are always carried out as long-term collaborations with maximum community engagement.

Your support will equip local community leaders with the information and skills to drive the implementation of this project and respond confidently to any project changes along the way.

With strong community investment, this project will also have effects far beyond the physical work, touching all aspects of community life: building the local economy, investing in the community's skilled workers, and giving children a strong support network as they grow.

WILL COVID-19 AFFECT MY PROJECT?

Where possible, Critical Needs projects will continue as planned. However, as some countries we work in currently have strict quarantine measures, regulations and curfews, there may be delays with some Critical Needs projects. Should there be a delay in the one you are supporting, you will be informed when the information becomes available. Please understand that there may be a delay in receiving this information during this time.

KEEPING YOU UPDATED

You will be kept updated on the project's activities and successes through children and staff letters, interviews and photos. Your Relationship Manager will also be available to answer your questions and provide information.



Financial integrity

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Compassion Australia relies on the tax-deductible donations from foundations, trusts, businesses and individuals from our community to fund our child development program.

Your donations are tax-deductible (excluding donations to the Bible Fund). Compassion Australia has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status for its Overseas Aid and Development Fund, as listed on the Australian Business Register under our ABN 67 001 692 566.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Transparency is important to us; we are committed to earning, and keeping, the trust and confidence of our donors and sponsors. In its 2018 assessment, Charity Navigator—the USA's largest charity evaluator—awarded Compassion International 100 marks out of 100 for accountability and transparency, as well as 78.46 for its financial score, earning us an overall three-out-of-four-star rating!

Approximately 80 per cent of your donations will directly benefit the children in our program. The remaining 20 per cent is allocated to fundraising that grows our ministry, and administration to ensure the safe transfer and management of your gifts.



80% *Program development and delivery*

20% *Administration and fundraising costs*

ETHICAL FUNDRAISING



The Professional Body for Australian Fundraising

Using a small portion of donations for fundraising allows Compassion to provide even greater support to the children in our program. For every dollar spent on fundraising, we receive more than seven times that in return which allows us to assist even more children with a much wider range of development activities.

Compassion Australia is an active member of Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA). As an FIA Organisational Member, Compassion Australia is a signatory to the FIA's Principles and Standards of Fundraising Practice, and therefore upholds the highest ethical and professional standards for fundraising.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Compassion Australia's annual report, available on our website, provides a comprehensive overview of our financial position, progress and goals. Visit compassion.com.au/about-us/financials

While we know that important financial decisions take time, we don't like to keep our local partners waiting too long for a response. One month after you receive this proposal, this project will become available for other supporters to fund.

Ready to support this project or have further questions?

Please contact your Compassion Relationship Manager.



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