



LAFI Burkina



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INTRODUCTION

Lasting Action For Inclusion in Burkina Faso (LAFI Burkina) exists to strengthen the capacities of our partner organisations in Burkina Faso to promote and protect the rights of people with disabilities to live in a fully inclusive society.

Our objectives are:

- To promote disabled people's rights in Burkina Faso
- To promote social inclusion in the Burkinabè community
- To relieve poverty amongst people with disabilities in Burkina Faso

This report covers LAFI Burkina's work towards these objectives, covering the period from January 1st to December 31st 2019.

FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

This year marked our five-year anniversary! LAFI Burkina was started in January 2014 by a group of volunteers who were passionate about working towards inclusion for people with disabilities in Burkina Faso. Five years on, and we are working alongside 3 partner organisations in Burkina Faso to create education, training and employment opportunities for children and adults with disabilities, as well as advocating for the full inclusion of people with disabilities in Burkinabè society. A big thank you to all of our supporters for joining us on this journey.

BURKINA FASO

This year has unfortunately seen increasing instability in Burkina Faso. There have been a growing number of attacks, which have led to the displacement of thousands of people, with many lacking adequate access to some of the most basic necessities: water, food and shelter. Although many of the attacks have been centred in the north of the country, there have also been some attacks in the capital, Ouagadougou. Moreover, the growing insecurity in the entire country has sadly affected the livelihoods of many people, including those of our partner organisations.

PARTNERSHIPS

LAFI Burkina continued its partnership with two local organisations in Burkina Faso: Tigoung Nonma and ICCV / Nazemsé.

This year, our partner Tigoung Nonma, a cooperative of disabled artisans, was recognised with an award for their contribution to improving the livelihoods of people with disabilities.



Tigoung Nonma, which means *Strength Through Unity* in Mooré (one of Burkina Faso's national languages), received the award from the Ministry of Women, Family and National Solidarity of Burkina Faso. Since their creation in 2005, Tigoung Nonma have supported disabled artisans with training opportunities, as well as with marketing and selling their products, so the award is definitely well deserved.



We are also happy to announce that this year we partnered with a third local organisation in Burkina Faso: **ODIS** (*Organisation pour le Développement Inclusif et la Solidarité*).



Inclusion and socio-economic development for disadvantaged people

ODIS (*Organisation for Inclusive Development and Solidary*), pictured on the report cover, was created to provide appropriate and sustainable solutions to the extreme poverty, exclusion and vulnerability of the most marginalised groups in Burkina Faso.

Although they are a relatively new organisation, we have been very impressed with their professionalism and the extensive experience of those involved in the organisation's creation and development. We are looking forward to a fruitful partnership in which we will work together for the inclusion of people with disabilities in Burkina Faso.

In 2020, we will maintain and develop our partnerships with partner organisations in Burkina Faso, with a continued focus on monitoring and evaluating current projects, as well as by exploring the implementation of further projects that aim to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in Burkinabè society.

WORKING TOWARDS OUR OBJECTIVES

→ TO PROMOTE DISABLED PEOPLE'S RIGHTS IN BURKINA FASO

FILM EVENT

In November, we took part in the Reading International Festival by hosting a screening of *Burkinabè Rising* – a film about political resistance in Burkina Faso. The film, directed by Lara Lee (Cultures of Resistance Films), follows a vibrant community of artists, musicians and engaged citizens in Burkina Faso, and displays their spirit of resistance to inspire revolutionary change.

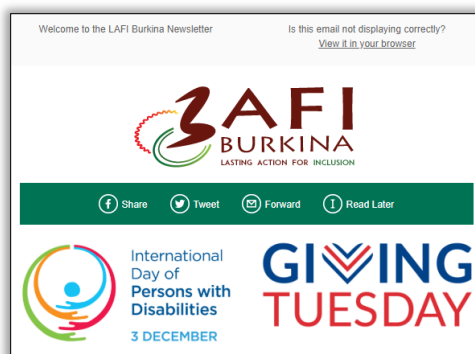




Before screening the film, LAFI Burkina’s Chair talked about disability rights in Burkina Faso, and how we are working to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in Burkinabè society. After the screening, attendees enjoyed a raffle, a food buffet, and some live music. We also setup a stall with some crafts on sale from Burkina Faso, as well as with information on our work.

WEBSITE, E-NEWSLETTER & SOCIAL MEDIA

We have continued to use our Website, e-Newsletter and Social Media to promote our work and share information on disability rights, Burkina Faso, and issues related to the inclusion of people with disabilities.



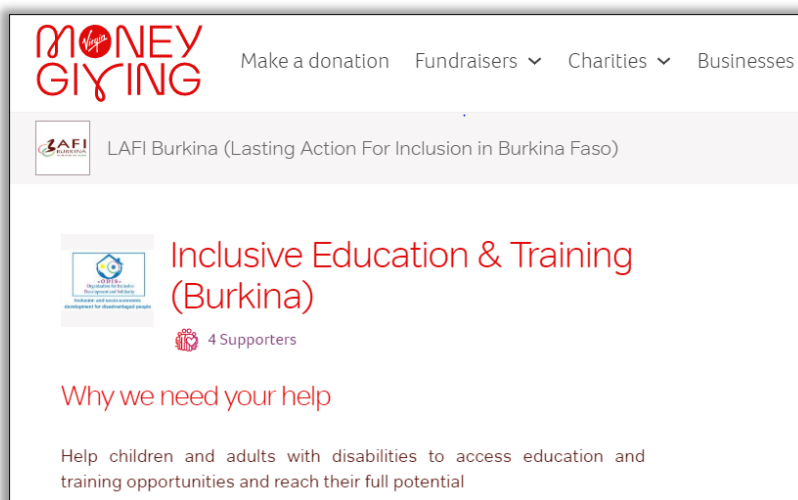


In 2020, we will continue to raise awareness of issues faced by people with disabilities in Burkina Faso, through being present at relevant events, using social media, and organising fundraising activities.

→ TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION IN THE BURKINABE COMMUNITY

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

This year, we marked International Day of Persons with Disabilities by launching a fundraising campaign for our new partner, ODIS, to implement a project on Inclusive Education and Training, for children and adults with disabilities in Burkina Faso.



The project aims to:

- *Improve the education and vocational training rate of people with disabilities*
- *Promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities*
- *Solve accessibility problems in schools, classrooms and vocational training centres*
- *Raise awareness of the issues faced by people with disabilities*

We plan to continue fundraising for the implementation of this important project in 2020, as it allows people with disabilities to access education and employment opportunities, and thus aligns with our objective to promote their social inclusion.

→ TO RELIEVE POVERTY AMONGST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN BURKINA FASO

STALLS

We have been very busy this year running stalls at a number of events in London and Reading (Mwalimu Express, Oakdale Junior School, Liberty Festival and Reading International Film Festival), selling beautiful crafts that we order from our partner organisation Tigoung Nonma, whilst also promoting their work. We also use stalls to raise awareness of the inclusion issues faced by people with disabilities in Burkina Faso, and what LAFI Burkina is doing to combat this.



The artisans who are members of the Tigoung Nonma cooperative benefit from the purchase of their crafts by LAFI Burkina, and the cooperative itself will also benefit, as it receives 20% from each sale made by its members to ensure that its activities are sustained. As the cooperative seeks to provide sustainable incomes for its members, supporting the cooperative allows us to work towards our objective to relieve poverty amongst people with disabilities, as well as to promote the inclusion of the cooperative's members in the socio-economic development of their country.

GOVERNANCE

LAFI Burkina is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation, functioning in line with our Constitution, with all our trustees appointed by existing trustees.

All trustees must follow LAFI Burkina's policies, including taking into consideration the risks identified in the LAFI Burkina Risk Register and doing their best to mitigate these.

Our volunteers also follow our policies as they support LAFI Burkina with its activities, namely with fundraising and events. When planning and executing our activities, we have abided by the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

We continuously review and formulate organisational policies and procedures to guide best practice from our trustees, volunteers and partner organisation staff, as well as to support our growth and development and help us to meet our objectives in a more effective and efficient manner.

LAFI Burkina has complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This year, on March 7th, our trustee Sarah Wheeler resigned from her role. Sarah was one of our founding trustees so we will always be grateful to her for all her hard work with LAFI Burkina, right from the start. We wish her all the best. There have been no other changes to our Board:

- Melissa Miller (Chair)
- Dana El-Hilu (Vice Chair)
- Jonathan Fowle (General Trustee)
- Davinder Kaur (General Trustee)
- Hannah Crichton-Smith (General Trustee)

All our trustees give their time voluntarily and have received no remuneration or other benefits.

GENERAL FUNDRAISING

In 2019, we raised a total of £2,122.47 (2018: £928.65). This was accumulated primarily through fundraising event donations and craft sales. Please see our Financial Report for a full breakdown.

GRANTS

The unrestricted income we have raised so far allows us to award grants to our partner organisations to support projects that correspond to our objectives.

In line with our Grant-Making Policy, our partners have to submit a funding application form in which they present the project for which they require funding, along with a log frame and a budget proposal.

After careful consideration from LAFI Burkina, as well as support on modifications to enhance projects, partners sign a Grant Agreement Form so that a grant may be awarded.

This year, we made our first grant to our new partner organisation, ODIS, for a sum of £1,521.50, to support their project on Inclusive Education and Training.

RESERVES

LAFI Burkina retained a total of £3,399.10 in our reserves for 2019 (2018: £3,735.40). This is in line with our Reserves Policy to retain £2,486.00 per year.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the Annual Report and Financial Report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees, on 1st October 2020



Melissa Miller
CHAIR



Dana El-Hilu
VICE CHAIR

Management Report

Lasting Action For Inclusion in Burkina Faso (LAFI Burkina)
For the period ended 31 December 2019



Prepared on

16 September 2020

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Financial Activities

January - December 2019

		Total
	Jan - Dec 2019	Jan - Dec 2018 (PY)
INCOME		
Donations	1,048.40	602.89
Fundraising		
Amazon Smile	5.73	
Crowdfunding	120.00	
Easyfundraising	38.46	70.19
Events	354.33	
Total Fundraising	518.52	70.19
Giftaid		91.10
Sales		
TN Crafts	555.55	164.47
Total Sales	555.55	164.47
Total Income	2,122.47	928.65
TOTAL	2,122.47	928.65
EXPENDITURES		
Financial management costs	412.78	365.97
Fundraising costs		
Event costs	93.60	
Total Fundraising costs	93.60	
Insurances	114.07	114.07
Project Grants		
ODIS	1,521.50	
Total Project Grants	1,521.50	
Project support costs	171.00	
TN craft payments	95.92	
Volunteer Expenses	49.90	
Total Expenditures	2,458.77	480.04
NET OPERATING INCOME	-336.30	448.61
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£ -336.30	£448.61

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As of December 31, 2019

		Total
	As of Dec 31, 2019	As of Dec 31, 2018 (PY)
FIXED ASSET		
Total Fixed Asset		
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
Business Bank Account	3,399.10	3,735.40
Total Cash at bank and in hand	3,399.10	3,735.40
NET CURRENT ASSETS	3,399.10	3,735.40
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	3,399.10	3,735.40
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,399.10	3,735.40
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£3,399.10	£3,735.40
CHARITY FUNDS		
Retained Earnings	3,735.40	3,286.79
Surplus/(Deficit)	-336.30	448.61
Total Charity funds	£3,399.10	£3,735.40



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Lasting Action For Inclusion in Burkina Faso (LAFI Burkina)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2019	Charity no (if any)	1164093
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10-14
(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2019.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 17/10/20

Name: Abigail Monkton

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACA

Address:

The Ox House, Crablake Farm, Exminster Hill, Exminster, EX6 8DW

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No such matters