



# LAFI Burkina



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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## INTRODUCTION

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Lasting Action for Inclusion in Burkina Faso (LAFI Burkina) was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in October 2015 and is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registered charity number 1164093).

LAFI Burkina's vision is an inclusive society in Burkina Faso where people living with disability have equal rights and opportunities, with access to support to gain employment and alleviation from poverty. Our mission is 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 vision and mission support our core charitable objectives, which 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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

## BURKINA FASO

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In 2020, the security situation in Burkina Faso continued to deteriorate. The rise in violence in northern and eastern parts of the country caused the number of internally displaced people (IDPs) to rise to almost double the number in 2019. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reported that the number of IDPs increased from 87,000 in January 2019 to more than 1 million in December 2020. This increased insecurity led to increased protection needs, with the response being complicated with the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In a country already suffering from poverty, a weak healthcare system and attacks from armed groups, the pandemic exacerbated the struggles of marginalised groups such as people with disabilities, many of whom found themselves unable to work and struggling to buy food to feed themselves and their families.

## PARTNERSHIPS

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Our approach is to work with local organisations who know the local context in Burkina Faso, and who work directly with people living with disability. We provide them with financial and technical support to develop projects that improve the lives of children, women and men living with disability.

In 2020, LAFI Burkina continued its partnership with three local organisations in Burkina Faso: Tigoung Nonma, ICCV / Nazemsé and ODIS (Organisation for Inclusive Development and Solidarity).



Tigoung Nonma is a charity and cooperative of disabled artisans. It provides training and employment opportunities for its members and promotes their work to enable them to earn a sustainable living.



ICCV / Nazemsé is a community development organisation that focuses on improving the education of disadvantaged children and the social and economic wellbeing of women living in deprived areas of Kadiogo province. ICCV / Nazemsé promotes inclusive education to enable children with disabilities to be educated in mainstream schools.



ODIS (Organisation for Inclusive Development and Solidarity) is a non-governmental organisation that provides appropriate and sustainable solutions to the extreme poverty, exclusion and vulnerability faced by many of the most marginalised groups in Burkina Faso.

In 2021, 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 working with our partners to develop and seek funding for additional projects that promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in Burkinabè society.

## WORKING TOWARDS OUR OBJECTIVES

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### Impact of COVID-19 and Lockdown Restrictions

LAFI Burkina's work and the work of our local partners was heavily impacted by COVID-19 and the subsequent restrictions. LAFI Burkina was unable to carry out its traditional fundraising and some trustees were not able to offer as much time to their trustee role, as they juggled working from home with home schooling. An awareness-raising film screening that we had organised had to be cancelled, and we lost the opportunity to sell the crafts of artisans with disabilities at events in the UK.

As part of the lockdown in Burkina Faso, schools were closed from March to June and did not re-open until September, which resulted in some of ODIS's work on the inclusive education programme having to be postponed.

The growing insecurity situation combined with COVID-19 also had a hugely negative impact on the ability of Tigoung Nonma to sell the crafts of artisans with disabilities, as the market for their products dried up. Many artisans have therefore been unable to earn a living, meaning that the Cooperative has had to continually explore new opportunities to create sustainable income streams.

## TO PROMOTE DISABLED PEOPLE'S RIGHTS IN BURKINA FASO

### International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPwD)

In the lead up to IDPwD, we posted updates on our ongoing project with ODIS (Organisation for Inclusive Development and Solidarity). On the day itself, we marked the economic contribution that people with disabilities make in Burkina Faso by showcasing the work of our partner organisations.



## Film Screening

We unfortunately had to cancel the screening of the documentary film Emmanuel's Gift, the true story of a Ghanaian athlete born with a disability, which we had organised as part of Stirchley Open Cinema.



## 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.



**Season's Greetings**

We hope you and your loved ones are well. As we approach the end of 2020, we would like to thank you for all your support this year, and to update you on some of our activities.

**EDUCATION FOR ALL**  
We are working with our local partner in Burkina Faso, [ODIS](#) (Organisation for Inclusive Development & Solidarity), on a 2-year pilot project to improve access to education for children and adults with disabilities by raising awareness about disability rights within the local community, training teachers and finding solutions to overcome physical barriers to access.

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

PARLIAMENT.UK  
**Read UK Parliament's new children's book celebrating Disability History Month**

NEWS.UN.ORG  
**Burkina Faso 'one step short of famine', warns UN food relief agency**

A record one million displaced by violence in Burkina Faso amid Covid-19 | NRC

A record one million displaced by violence in Burkina Faso amid Covid-19. Armed violence has displaced one million people in Burkina Faso since the crisis began, resulting in some of the worst crimes including ...

nrc.no

The Human Rights-Based Approach to Disability

unitar.org

In 2021, we will continue to raise awareness of issues faced by people with disabilities in Burkina Faso, through our presence at relevant events, using social media, and organising fundraising activities.

## TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION IN THE BURKINABE COMMUNITY



### ODIS Project

This year we worked with ODIS to monitor the impact of their Inclusive Education and Training project, for which we awarded the organisation a grant in 2019. In spite of the difficulties they encountered due to COVID-19 restrictions, ODIS was able to continue with the majority of the project's activities, albeit with a slight delay:

- ODIS has supported 16 children to attend school. Of these children, 5 live with either a physical or intellectual disability, and the remaining 11 have either one or both parents living with a disability or have lost a parent due to a disability.



- ODIS is working in 5 inclusive schools in Ouagadougou and 2 neighbouring districts to help ensure all students feel included and empowered to participate and receive an education.



- ODIS has been able to buy a tricycle chair and other orthopaedic equipment to further support children with disabilities to attend school.



- ODIS has supported 10 people with disabilities (6 women and 4 men) to access professional apprenticeships to learn skills in welding, weaving, hairdressing, sewing, pyrography and leatherwork. This has enabled them to gain the skills needed to improve the quality of their artisanal crafts to increase their incomes.
- ODIS provided awareness raising sessions for trainers delivering apprenticeship training to enhance their understanding of disability inclusion and to help adapt their training to facilitate the full participation of learners by meeting their different learning needs. Several other information and awareness-raising sessions were conducted with the parents and families of the learners to help build their understanding of the contribution people with disabilities can make to their household and wider society.



- ODIS has been able to meet with local government leaders in Ouagadougou and the surrounding municipalities to raise awareness of the rights of people living with disabilities in the country. In each meeting, ODIS shared brochures and information sheets highlighting the barriers faced by adults and children living with disabilities in Burkina Faso. They also raised awareness of the contribution people with disabilities make to Burkinabè society, and the importance of their inclusion in national, regional and municipal development plans.

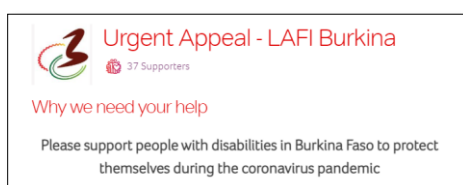


Given the achievements of the project so far in terms of allowing people with disabilities to access education and employment opportunities, and thus promoting their social inclusion, we aim to continue fundraising in 2021 for ODIS to be able to continue this important work.

## TO RELIEVE POVERTY AMONGST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN BURKINA FASO

### L4LAFI Urgent Appeal

As the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic began to be seen around the world, our partner organisation Tigoung Nonma contacted us to request our help in purchasing and distributing food parcels and hygiene kits to its members, to try to protect them and their families from the impact of this pandemic. All of the artisans with disabilities lost their only sources of income during the lockdown and they needed support to feed themselves and their families in the short-term. We therefore launched an urgent fundraising appeal to be able to assist them.



As part of our fundraising efforts, we launched the **L4LAFI Challenge**. We asked our supporters to do something beginning with the letter L, post a video or photo of them doing the activity on social media, tag LAFI Burkina and use the hashtag #L4LAFI, and to donate £5 to our urgent appeal, and then nominate 5 more people to do the same.



Through the appeal, our supporters raised £1,043. With this money, Tigoung Nonma was able to support 55 disabled artisans and their families during the pandemic, by distributing food parcels and hygiene kits.



## STALLS

In March 2020, we ran a stall at Stirchley Community Market in Birmingham, where we sold beautiful crafts that we order from our partner organisation Tigoung Nonma.



The artisans who are members of the Tigoung Nonma cooperative benefit from the purchase of their crafts by LAFI Burkina. The cooperative itself also benefits, 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.

We therefore use the stalls to promote Tigoung Nonma's work, as well as to raise awareness of the exclusion issues faced by people with disabilities in Burkina Faso, and what LAFI Burkina is doing to combat this.

We had planned to run a stall at CoCoMAD Festival in Birmingham, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, instead of a live festival, the organisers held a virtual festival where stallholders could promote their websites.



## GOVERNANCE

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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

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On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020, our trustee Davinder Kaur resigned from her role. Davinder joined us as a trustee in 2014, and provided invaluable support with our communications and fundraising work. We thank her for all her support with LAFI Burkina, and wish her all the best.

In February 2020, we elected Zarina Douglas-Sori as a trustee. Zarina has a great deal of experience supporting disability and women's organisations in Burkina Faso.

In November 2020, Louise Shaw was also elected to join us as a trustee. Louise spent time working with disabled people's organisations in Burkina Faso in 2017, and has worked as a fundraiser since 2015.

We are very happy to welcome Zarina and Louise onto our Board of Trustees.

There have been no other changes to our Board:

- Melissa Miller (Chair)
- Dana El-Hilu (Vice Chair)
- Zarina Douglas-Sori (Treasurer)
- Jonathan Fowle (General Trustee)
- Hannah Crichton-Smith (General Trustee)
- Louise Shaw (General Trustee)

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

## GENERAL FUNDRAISING

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In 2020, we raised a total of £4,591.45 (2019: £2,122.47). This amount includes a grant of £2,000 for the ODIS project. We are very grateful to the Souter Charitable Trust for awarding this grant. The remaining funds were accumulated primarily through donations and craft sales.

Please see our Financial Report for a full breakdown.

## GRANTS

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LAFI Burkina applies to trusts and foundations for funding for specific programmes with our partners, and also raises unrestricted income through fundraising events. These funds allow 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.

## RESERVES POLICY

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As at 31 December 2020, LAFI Burkina has restricted reserves of £1,433.98 (2019: -£959.37) and unrestricted reserves of £4,623.51 (2019: £4,358.47). This is in line with our Reserves Policy to retain £2,486.00 per year.

## DECLARATION

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

*Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees, on 27th October 2021*



**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 2020



Prepared on  
5 October 2021



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**Lasting Action For Inclusion in Burkina Faso (LAFI Burkina)**  
**Financial Activities**  
**January - December 2020**

	Restricted		Unrestricted		TOTAL	
	Jan - Dec 2020	Jan - Dec 2019 (PY)	Jan - Dec 2020	Jan - Dec 2019 (PY)	Jan - Dec 2020	Jan - Dec 2019 (PY)
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Donations</b>	297.50	0.00	908.71	1,048.40	1,206.21	1,048.40
<b>Fundraising</b>	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
Amazon Smile	0.00	0.00	18.79	5.73	18.79	5.73
Crowdfunding	0.00	0.00	1,212.10	120.00	1,212.10	120.00
Easyfundraising	0.00	0.00	58.50	38.46	58.50	38.46
Events	0.00	0.00		354.33	0.00	354.33
Grants	2,000.00	0.00			2,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>£ 2,000.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 1,289.39</b>	<b>£ 518.52</b>	<b>£ 3,289.39</b>	<b>£ 518.52</b>
<b>Sales</b>	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
TN Crafts	95.85	555.55			95.85	555.55
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>£ 95.85</b>	<b>£ 555.55</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 95.85</b>	<b>£ 555.55</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 2,393.35</b>	<b>£ 555.55</b>	<b>£ 2,198.10</b>	<b>£ 1,566.92</b>	<b>£ 4,591.45</b>	<b>£ 2,122.47</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2,393.35</b>	<b>£ 555.55</b>	<b>£ 2,198.10</b>	<b>£ 1,566.92</b>	<b>£ 4,591.45</b>	<b>£ 2,122.47</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Bank charge	0.00	0.00	20.00		20.00	0.00
Financial management costs	0.00	0.00	432.00	412.78	432.00	412.78
<b>Fundraising costs</b>	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
Event costs	0.00	0.00		93.60	0.00	93.60
<b>Total Fundraising costs</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 93.60</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 93.60</b>
Insurances	0.00	0.00	114.07	114.07	114.07	114.07
Office/General Administrative Expenses	0.00	0.00	11.99		11.99	0.00
<b>Project Grants</b>	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
ODIS	0.00	0.00		1,521.50	0.00	1,521.50
TN projects	0.00	0.00	1,355.00		1,355.00	0.00
<b>Total Project Grants</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 1,355.00</b>	<b>£ 1,521.50</b>	<b>£ 1,355.00</b>	<b>£ 1,521.50</b>
Project support costs	0.00	0.00		171.00	0.00	171.00
TN craft payments	0.00	95.92			0.00	95.92
Volunteer Expenses	0.00	0.00		49.90	0.00	49.90
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>	<b>£ 95.92</b>	<b>£ 1,933.06</b>	<b>£ 2,362.85</b>	<b>£ 1,933.06</b>	<b>£ 2,458.77</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>£ 2,393.35</b>	<b>£ 459.63</b>	<b>£ 265.04</b>	<b>-£ 795.93</b>	<b>£ 2,658.39</b>	<b>-£ 336.30</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>£ 2,393.35</b>	<b>£ 459.63</b>	<b>£ 265.04</b>	<b>-£ 795.93</b>	<b>£ 2,658.39</b>	<b>-£ 336.30</b>

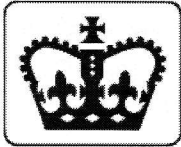
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## Statement of Assets & Liabilities

As of December 31, 2020

	Total	
	As of Dec 31, 2020	As of Dec 31, 2019 (PY)
Fixed Asset		
Total Fixed Asset		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Business Bank Account	6,057.49	3,399.10
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£ 6,057.49	£ 3,399.10
Net current assets	£ 6,057.49	£ 3,399.10
Net current assets (liabilities)	£ 6,057.49	£ 3,399.10
Total assets less current liabilities	£ 6,057.49	£ 3,399.10
Total net assets (liabilities)	£ 6,057.49	£ 3,399.10
Charity funds		
Retained Earnings	3,399.10	3,735.40
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,658.39	-336.30
Total Charity funds	£ 6,057.49	£ 3,399.10

As at 31 December 2020 there were restricted reserves of £1,433.98 (2019: -£959.37) and unrestricted reserves of £4,623.51 (2019: £4,358.47)



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**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 2020	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1164093
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**Set out on pages**

17-20  
(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 31/12/2020.

**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:** 28/10/21

**Name:** Abigail Morkton

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

ACA

**Address:**

12 Sharlands, Barrington, Ilminster, TA19 0JF

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