



Annual Report 2010 – 2011



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Together, we can make a difference for
the generations of today and tomorrow



The SEMAFO Foundation is a charitable organization focused on helping countries in West Africa, specifically the communities in Burkina Faso, Niger and Guinea.

Our Mission

Our mission is to support communities and offer an improved quality of life, notably in the regions where SEMAFO or one of its subsidiaries is present. The Foundation hopes to influence change through its actions and investments in community development projects. We help with the education and empowerment of local populations in the hope to help the people reach their greatest potential.

Our Volunteers

The SEMAFO Foundation maintains a pool of volunteers who participate in the realization of concrete projects. For the 2010-2011 year, 80 dedicated volunteers worked a total of 4,229 hours in both Montreal and Africa. Volunteer activities provide support for collecting, sorting and distributing donations as well as implementing projects that will ultimately benefit the target populations.

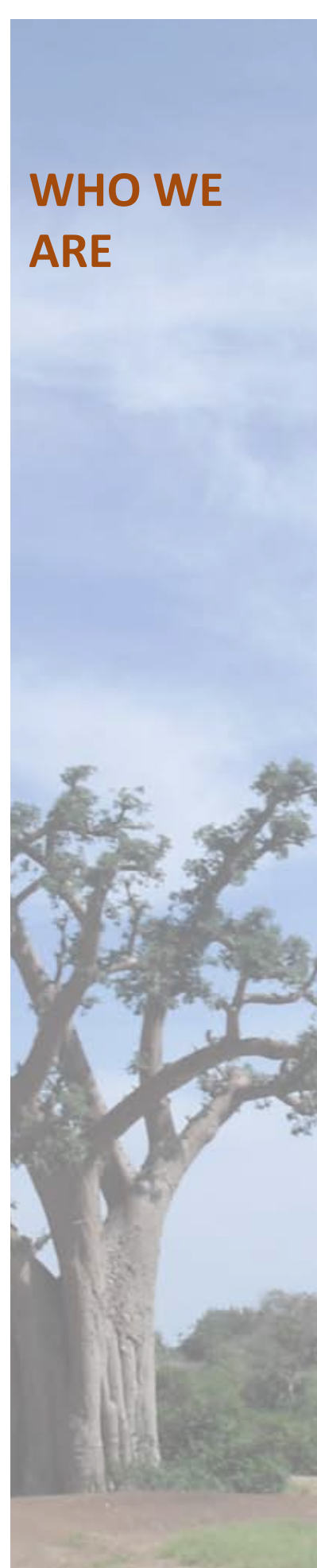
Our Employees

In 2010-2011, two new individuals joined the Foundation's team of employees at the Ouagadougou office in Burkina Faso.

Our Donors

In addition to the Foundation's regular contributors, there were 82 new benefactors throughout the year, bringing the Foundation's total number of donors to 578. Donations were primarily in the form of material goods such as books, clothes, shoes, school supplies, computer equipment, medicines, toys and household items; all of which meet basic needs and put a smile on the face of beneficiaries in Africa. Financial donations, in turn, aid in establishing projects in which the Foundation's beneficiaries participated to improve both their independence and quality of life.

WHO WE ARE



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Since its inception two years ago, The SEMAFO Foundation has developed a humanitarian “savoir-faire” that, each day, helps a little more in making a difference in West Africa. This success results directly from identifying the real and immediate needs of the target population: providing access to quality primary education, to healthcare, basic needs like water and electricity and also access to income-generating projects to develop the population’s autonomy and improve the quality of life of these communities.

By collaborating with both local and international partners, the SEMAFO Foundation increases the positive impact on African beneficiaries and is recognized as a driver of development in the fight against poverty.

Today, the Foundation has an impeccable reputation and a notoriety that is continuously gaining ground.

I would like to convey my gratitude, both personally and on behalf of the Board of Directors, to everyone who contributed to the value creation through the realization of tangible projects: the Foundation’s partners, employees, volunteers and benefactors.

Benoit La Salle, FCA
President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

The 2010-2011 year can be defined by one word, “launch”. The launch of the sesame, Shea and paprika projects. The launch of our Ouagadougou office. The launch of financing activities. The launch of the Foundation’s visibility.

Indeed, while the 2009-2010 year was dedicated to planting seeds, the 2010-2011 year marked the first appearance of vegetation and the first harvest. In its first phase, the sesame project helped 14 villages generate revenues of \$150,000. The Shea production project experienced a phenomenal start, with the arrival of a partner to distribute the Shea butter products and soaps. With an initial investment of \$90,658, the project, during its first year of production secured a contract from Korea for 6 tonnes of Shea butter.

With respect to education, the Foundation provided 10,000 elementary students with essential school supply kits. This gesture was widely praised by both parents and teachers and resulted in a high level of visibility for the Foundation in both Burkina Faso and Niger.

The 2010-2011 year also marked the launch of a prevention of cervical and uterus cancer project in partnership with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada and of Burkina Faso (SOGC and SOGOB).

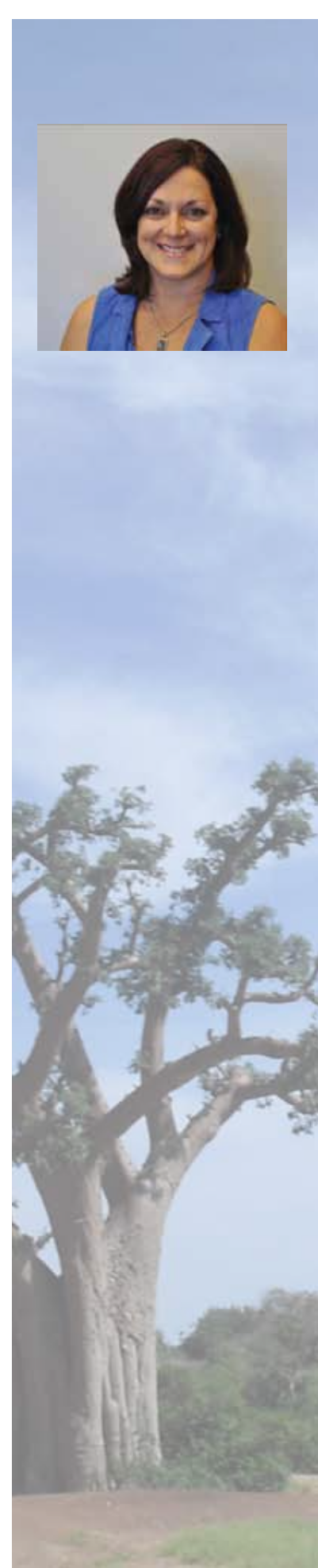
In order to efficiently coordinate all our projects on-site, we established an office in Ouagadougou and hired 5 new individuals, including 2 in Niger, who opened an office in Niamey last July.

Additionally, the Foundation reaffirmed its public commitment to respect the principles of ethical fundraising and financial accountability, by joining Imagine Canada’s Ethical Code program.

For 2011-2012, education remains one of our top priorities. The Foundation has pledged, among other things, to build 2 *Collèges d’Enseignement Général* - Colleges of General Education (CEG) and 3 primary schools, to proceed with the electrification of 8 primary schools and 2 CEGs, to continue to support school lunch programs, the production of sesame, Shea and paprika and finally, to set up a training program in savings and credit for all the men and women with increased incomes as a result of these projects.

The SEMAFO Foundation is still a young organization in its early development phase. We are joined in our activities by volunteers from the SEMAFO mines, particularly from the Environmental Service and Community Relations departments as well as the wives of the on-site staff. Without these individuals and our volunteers in Montreal, the Foundation’s work would not be possible. Thank you all so very much.

Chantal Guérin, MBA
Director General



THE SEMAFO FOUNDATION



Revenue Generating Projects

Implementation of 3 projects for the production of sesame and paprika as well as a center for the production and transformation of Shea products.

\$365,628



Education

- Construction of 8 schools
- Installation of solar panels on schools
- Support masters level education
- Purchase of textbooks and distribution of school kits
- Construction of latrines
- Establishment of 3 libraries
- Renovation of classrooms
- Exchange Project
- Support for the year-end closing ceremonies
- Support for 3 annual Constituencies of Basic Education (CEB) sports tournaments

\$191,624

The Foundation's Impact

2009

Activities begin with one individual



2011

The Foundation touches the lives of 98,300 people



AT A GLANCE - 2010-2011



Health

Distribution of medicine and medical supplies to 13 health centers and one hospital
 Construction of a maternity ward
 Help for women with obstetric fistula
 Participation in the fight against cervical cancer

\$52,671



Community Support

Installation of 4 multifunctional platforms
 Construction of 4 water wells
 Donation of 2 grinding mills and a motor pump
 Electrification of the Bossey Bangou village

\$132,765

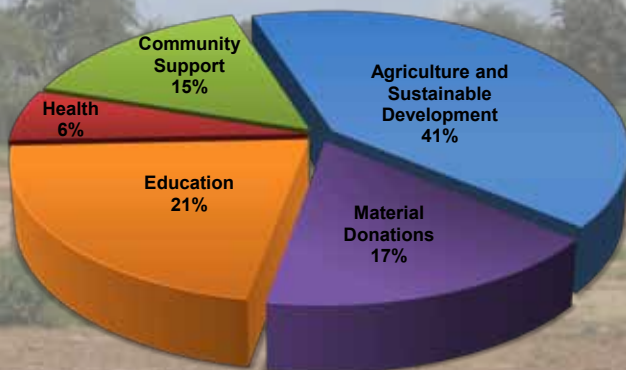


Donations

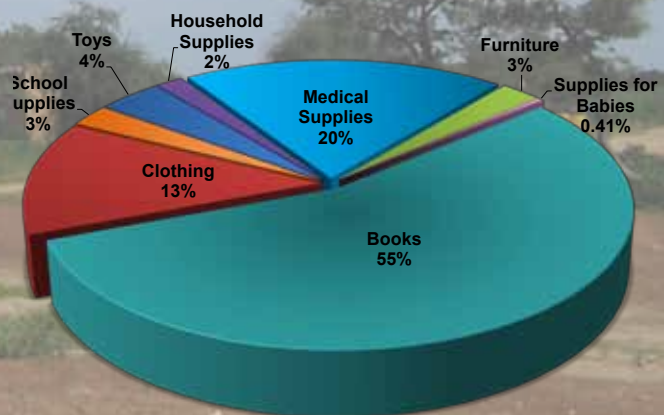
70,064 donated items including:
 27,211 books
 16,824 articles of clothing
 17,071 school and offices supplies
 1,670 medical supplies
 4,685 games
 2,087 household items
 516 furniture and supplies for babies

\$148,838

Realized Activities: Burkina Faso and Niger



Donations Collected: Burkina Faso and Niger



BURKINA FASO

Revenue Generating Projects

The Foundation continues to send donated materials to different communities while guiding them in the development of their social and financial independence. In this regard, this year the Foundation supported 2 sustainable development projects, the fabrication of Shea products and the production of sesame.

Center for the Production and Transformation of Shea Products

With Burkina Faso processing between 40,000 and 80,000 tonnes of Shea nuts a year, the country is the second largest producer of Shea in the world. Abundant in the SEMAFO Foundation's target areas, Shea is known for its high fat content and is used locally for cooking, medicine and cosmetics. Apart from transforming a minimal amount of Shea into soap or for consumption for the community, the local women sell the Shea at a higher than market price to the center for the production and transformation of Shea products.



Annie Jaud was a volunteer from January 25 to April 6, 2011. She spent 10 weeks among the women of the Yona Gnogondémé Association for the development of the project. An intern took over upon Annie's departure to continue training administrative management

Following the establishment of the center by SEMAFO Foundation, the Shea program has been dominant among the projects for this past period. By focusing on the production of a product that is certified and exported on both a local and international level, the Foundation is helping women generate a significant income for their families. In order to obtain organic certification, a quality assurance system was put in place to ensure product traceability, hygiene and food safety. All manufacturers and producers have been trained to respect the *Conformité Européenne (European Conformity)* and Natural Organic Products certification standards. Training sessions were offered to participants to enable them to ensure good management and are supported by an intern and the Foundation staff.



Production: 20 tonnes of biologically certified Shea butter and 10,000 bars of soap per month

- **Investment: \$90,658**
- **Beneficiaries: 8,000 women from 10 villages**
- **Production: 200 women from 3 villages**
- **Transformation: 60 women and 2 men**
- **Export Sales: \$11,534 (Sweden, Canada)**
- **Cumulative Profit: \$12,600**
- **A potential of 200 tonnes of Shea nuts (approximately 70 tonnes of Shea butter)**

BURKINA FASO

Sesame Development Program

In collaboration with the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) and the technical services for agriculture, the sesame development program helped equip and train producers from 14 villages within 3 communes of the Boucle de Mouhoun region: Bana, Kona and Pompoï.

The training focused on the physiology of the plant, the ecological requirements for its culture and sesame crop management, harvesting and conservation.

The Foundation also assists farmers in marketing the sesame product to ensure the best price per kilogram. This project has generated \$150,000 in revenues in its first year.



The project's overall objective to fight against poverty has largely been achieved

- Investment: \$22,900
- Beneficiaries: 3,500 people (14 villages - 14 women's groups, 2 men's groups and 284 individual producers)
- First Year Revenues: \$150,000

Agriculture

Agricultural work occupies 86% of the population and represents 40% of the country's GDP.

As part of the framework to make the school lunch programs self-sufficient, referenced on the following page, the SEMAFO Foundation initiated the creation of collective fields to produce the grain used for the lunch programs. The Foundation provided the training, tools and fertilizer needed.

Furthermore, men from the Yona village received support from the Foundation in the form of fences, plows and training, to assist with the creation of a vegetable garden. The harvested products will be sold at the nearby SEMAFO mine site, which will ensure additional income.



Identify the needs for the vegetable garden

BURKINA FASO

Education

In the Boucle du Mouhoun region, SEMAFO Foundation's main zone of intervention, the gross enrollment rate for primary school is 72.6%, which ranks the region 8th out of the 13 Burkina Faso regions. With respect to secondary education, the region is in 10th position with a low rate of 21.2%. It is therefore essential that education, school lunch programs, support for extracurricular activities and improvements to school infrastructure, remain the SEMAFO Foundation's main focus. To this end, the Foundation has supported university education at the masters level, has installed solar panels at 5 elementary schools and 2 CEGs, and sponsored football tournaments for 3 CEBs.

Lunch Programs

The implementation of school lunch programs in Wona is progressing well and continues to be a necessity in the region. In fact, one school registered its highest enrollment of students since its creation in 1962. As of March 31, 2011, the program had served 25,098 meals. We noticed that children as old as 10, who had never been to school, were coming to see the program monitor in the hopes of gaining access to one of the two schools. The Wona village is registering the highest enrollment rate in the region and the highest success rate on government exams. Moreover, the recent construction of enclosed work areas has significantly improved the quality of service.



The Wona School: 651 students eat a nutritious meal every day

- Investment: \$33,656
- Beneficiaries: 5 meals per week for 674 students and teachers

Community Support

Wells

The SEMAFO Foundation installed 4 water wells for the Wona B school and the Wona, Bana and Somena villages, as well as repaired a well in Kona.



Inauguration of the Wona village well

BURKINA FASO

Multifunctional Platform (MFP)

Support for the development of MFPs has also been a focus of the Foundation during this period of activity. By providing access to energy at the heart of the villages, 4 MFPs enabled women and girls to free themselves of heavy housework in favor of income-generating activities and education.

Putting MFPs in place not only helps in the fight against poverty, but also boosts economic growth, aiding in the creation of small businesses by way of a micro-credit program in collaboration with the Burkina Faso Credit Union Network.



A MFP is an infrastructure of energy that is used for operating different power devices (milling grain and rice, grinding Shea, battery, welding, etc.)

- Investment: \$20,211
- Beneficiaries: 4 villages, 1,323 female association members



Distribution of medicine and medical supplies to CSPS (Health and Social Promotion center) of Bana

Health

Access to Healthcare

The SEMAFO Foundation also works to facilitate the population's access to healthcare by providing medical supplies to 5 clinics and a hospital (Bobo-Dioulasso). Additionally, in partnership with Health Partners International Canada, the Foundation has been able to distribute basic medicines such as Advil, Tylenol, aspirin and antibiotics.

Advocate Hygiene and Sanitation

On the initiative of a volunteer who stayed at the Yona village, hygiene related activities were carried out, notably the introduction of litter bins and encouraging local children to collect plastic waste in the village. As there is a great value set on clean drinking water, the Foundation has built 3 wells for the Wona, Bana and Somona villages as well as performed repairs on the Kona well.

Support for Women with Obstetric Fistula

With the assistance of doctors from Quebec, the SEMAFO Foundation has helped 7 women undergo the operation necessary to treat the disorder and continues to provide regular support to women during their recovering.

BURKINA FASO

Prevention of Uterine Cancer

This project, over a period of 5 years, aims to improve access for women aged 25 to 50 to the screening and treatments for precancerous cervical lesions, with the hope of reducing both the presence of the disease and mortality in Burkina Faso. This project, funded by the SEMAFO Foundation and SOGC, is based upon the findings and recommendations of international organizations such as the Alliance for Cervical Cancer Prevention (ACCP). The project seeks to standardize primary reproductive and sexual healthcare within existing healthcare services, so as to strengthen health infrastructures, train health professionals, educate communities about the importance of this issue and lobby for the Government of Burkina Faso to ensure that public health policies and intervention strategies constructively attack this cause of female mortality.

The project was implemented in collaboration with the SOGC, the SOGOB and several local organizations and targets 2 university areas (Ouagadougou and Bobo Dioulasso) as well as two rural areas (Balé and Mouhoun).

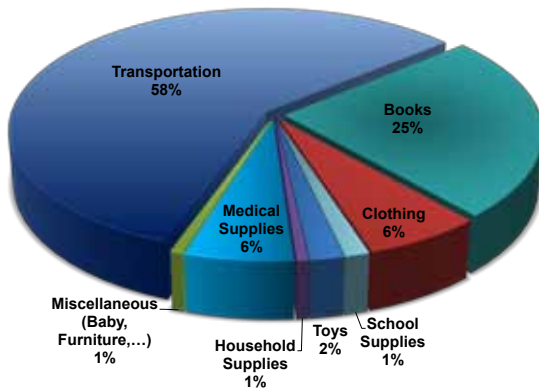


Dr Lalonde explains to doctors at the Bobo Dioulasso hospital how prevention and cryo-therapy can help women in Burkina Faso

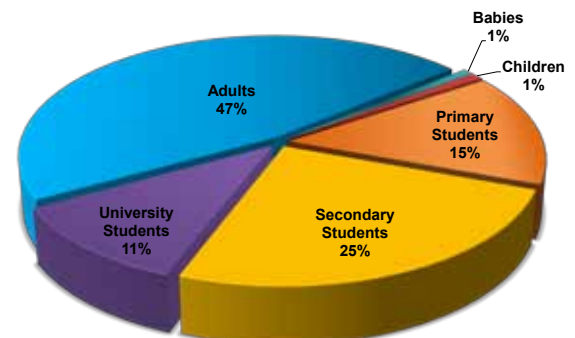
Material Donations

The total value of distributed donations was \$72,424 including the transportation of the goods, which was graciously provided by SEMAFO. The value of the materials was determined by a “flea market” evaluation system. The items were distributed as follows: 42% to children (babies, children, primary and secondary students) and 58% to adults (university students and adults).

Breakdown of Distributed Donations



Allocation of Goods



Revenue Generating Projects

Paprika Production Project

The paprika production project primarily targets women with the objective to effectively and efficiently produce and transform paprika under the best possible conditions. This project will contribute to reducing poverty by creating new jobs, diversify and improve revenue streams, strengthening the skills of supply chain participants and supporting the activities involved in processing and marketing paprika.



On June 28, 2011, 28 participants attended a workshop organized by the SEMAFO Foundation that hosted specialists and producers who helped define the premise of the paprika production project set to begin in the fall of 2011

- Investment: \$252,126
- Beneficiaries: 443 producers in Niger and 300 in Burkina Faso

Community Support

The SEMAFO Foundation provided the necessary equipment (3 cabinets, 30 chairs, 3 reading tables and 3 book-cases) to support the establishment of a library in Gotheye. The launch will take place autumn 2011.

The SEMAFO Foundation also purchased 2 grinding mills for the Bossey Bangou village and a motor pump for the Tiawa village.

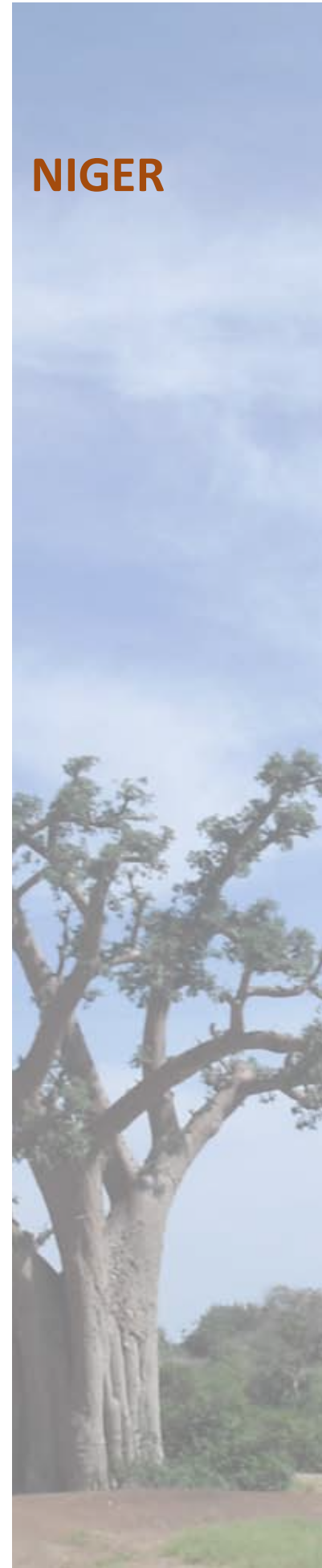
Electrification

In partnership with the Nigerian electrical company NIGELEC, the Foundation has begun working towards the electrification of the Bossey Bangou village. Electrification will expand educational opportunities, strengthen the available health care and permit the use of electrical equipment, while offering the opportunity to develop income generating activities.



September 17, 2010: Launch of electrification work for the Bossey Bangou village

- Investment: \$180,600
- Beneficiaries: Bossey Bangou village



NIGER

Education

In the communities surrounding the SEMAFO mine in Niger, less than 15% of children attended school prior to the mine opening. The area's enrollment rate has now reached the national rate of 60%.

In Niger, the Foundation supports the Minister of Education by purchasing school books and the country's teaching manuals for both the elementary schools and colleges in the area. This year, 950 English, French, math, history and geography text books were distributed along with boxes of chalk, slates and geometry sets.

In addition to the distribution of donations, the Foundation also provided the students with kits comprised of essential school supplies. This initiative will help alleviate the pressure on parents at back to school time.

Inauguration of the Schools

During this past period, the Foundation inaugurated the 7 primary schools built in Boulkagou, in the presence of national authorities. The official presentation of the keys was made to the governor of the Tillabery region, Mr. Ibrahim Bagadoma.

The Foundation also completed construction of a new primary school in Djikiri. The new school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2011. Renovations were also carried out for 2 classrooms in Boulkagou and cabinets were purchased for the kindergarten in Boulkagou and the Boulon Djounga school.



A new school in Djikiri is under construction



Boulkagou's kindergarten students

Exchange Project

The SEMAFO Foundation initiated an exchange project between the kindergarten classes of Boulkagou and Sainte-Anne-des-Plaines in Quebec. This project allows 60 students, between the ages of 5 and 6 to learn about cultural, geographical and social differences.

Director General, Chantal Guérin, visited each of the schools in order to present the corresponding country's information and pictures. Quebec teachers are greatly involved and even enlist their student's parents' support in the project. In addition to sending their counterparts correspondences, gifts of clothing, books, toys and other items, Quebec teachers share their lives with the African teachers.

Health



The Foundation also supported the Bolsi community by building a maternity ward

The Foundation has distributed medicines and medical supplies (stretchers, autoclaves, droppers, walkers, etc.) to 8 health clinics. These clinics are in great need of equipment and it is rare that they have even simple tools like gloves or blood pressure monitors. Basic supplies such as baby scales, delivery and small surgical kits are nonexistent.

In collaboration with Health Partners International Canada and the Rotary Club of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, the Foundation has been able to distribute essential medicines and supplies to the Touré clinic, such as aspirin, bandages and antibiotics.



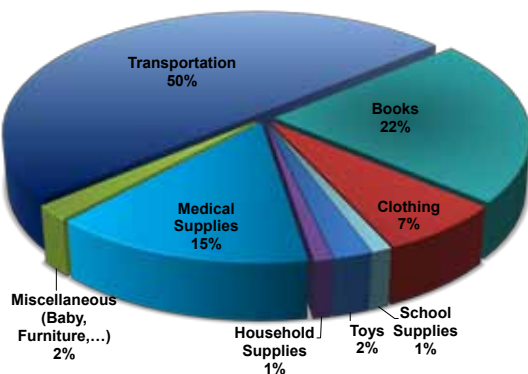
Distribution of medicines and medical supplies in Boulkagou

Material Donations

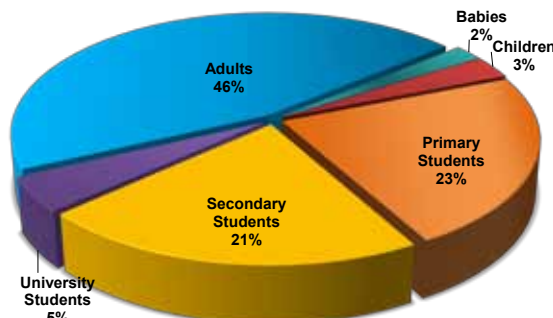
The value of distributed donations totalled \$76,414, including transportation, which was graciously provided by SEMAFO. The value of the materials was determined by a “flea market” evaluation system. The items were distributed as follows: 49% to children (babies, children, primary and secondary students) and 51% to adults (university students and adults).

To facilitate the distribution of donations, the Foundation purchased 2 trucks, one for Niger and another for Burkina Faso.

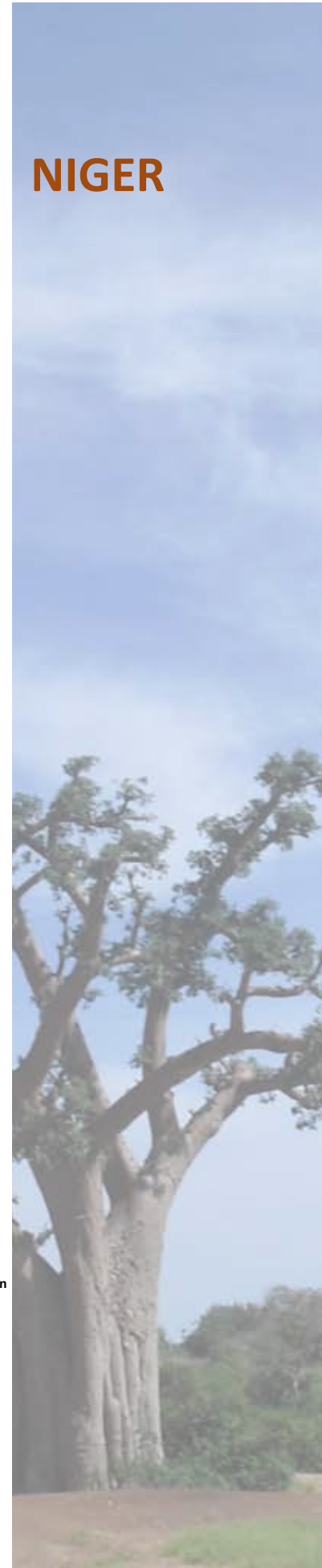
Breakdown of Distributed Donations



Allocation of Goods



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND COMMITMENTS

Burkina Faso

- Continuation of current projects : Shea and sesame production, school lunch programs, cervical cancer prevention
- Construction and development of 4 libraries
- Construction of a CEG in Wona to respond to the critical need for infrastructure and school facilities at the collegial level
- Construction of 3 elementary schools in Fofina/Bissa, Dangouna and Wona as well as additional facilities to accommodate the teachers, libraries, restrooms and stores
- Other school infrastructures: construction of restrooms in Kona and the CEG in Bana, construction of water wells for the schools in Somona, Dangouna and the CEG in Wona
- Purchase a motor-tricycle for the Here-Djigui Association's awareness campaigns
- Provide lighting for 6 health centers in the Bana and Kona communities
- SMCs: establish school management committees, an internal authority dedicated to the management of primary schools in Burkina Faso
- Promote hygiene and sanitation in the village of Wona in partnership with CREPA-Burkina and with the financial support of Total-Burkina
- MFP: setting up a women's management and training committee for beneficiaries
- Micro-credit and savings education for 15 villages
- Distribution of school kits

Niger

In light of the extreme conditions in Niger, severe poverty, famine and limited rainfall, there is abundant market opportunities for the production of paprika and its derivatives. As a result, the decision was made to put forward a significant financial investment of \$2 million over the next 4 years in support of the paprika project in Niger as well as in Burkina Faso.

Even with this commitment, we are still considering other investments :

- Construction of a CEG in Boulkagou
- Construction of 3 water wells
- Construction of 2 sewing houses
- Fences for the Boulkagou, Bossey Bangou and Tiawa schools
- Electrification of 8 primary schools and 2 CEGs
- Electrification of the Libiri village
- Distribution of school kits



The SEMAFO Foundation places great value on the relationships it develops with its partners. By working together, the SEMAFO Foundation believes that we all hold the possibility for change in our hands.

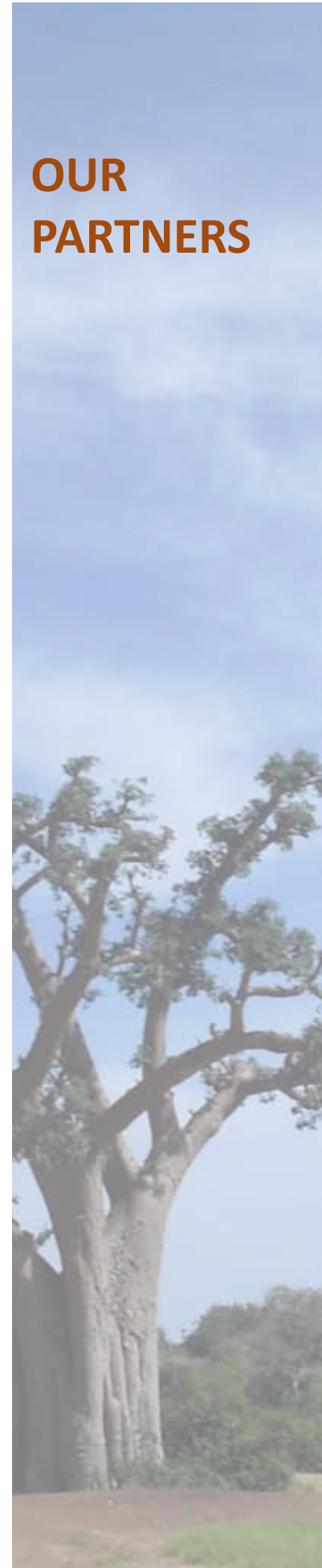
OUR PARTNERS



The confidence bestowed upon the SEMAFO Foundation by its donors is essential to the Foundation. As a member of Imagine Canada's Ethical Code program, the SEMAFO Foundation meets the expectations of its donors and demonstrates its commitment to high standard for accountability and transparency.

SEMAFO Foundation Partners

Partners in Canada	Partners in Burkina Faso	Partners in Niger	Other International Partners
SEMAFO Inc.	SEMAFO Burkina Faso	Société des Mines du Liptako (SML)	
	State of Burkina Faso	State of Niger	
		NIGELEC (Nigerian electrical company)	TOTAL
KARITEX (La maison de Karité)	SUKA Foundation, active in the fields of health and education		CFC (Common Fund for Commodities)
Health Partners International Canada	KIMI Association, an association for the aid of preventative healthcare		Zonta International, Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide
	OCADES CARITAS, Catholic Organization for Development and Solidarity		Jhpiego, dedicated to improving the health of women and their families in developing countries
	The Burkina Faso Credit Union Network		Développement International Desjardins
The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada	The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Burkina Faso		
	The Burkinabé Association of Midwives and Birthing Attendants		
	Paprika-B		



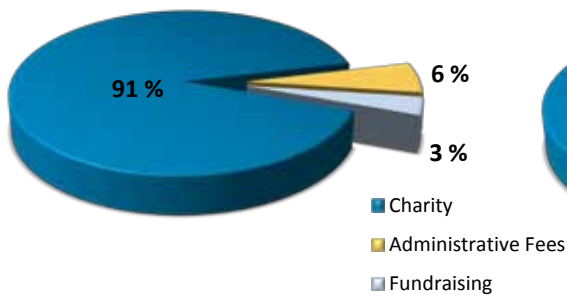
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	For the year ended June 30, 2011	For the year ended June 30, 2010
Revenues		
Contributions from SEMAFO Inc.	\$ 1,171,095	\$ 1,250,000
General contributions	\$ 169,998	\$ 148,004
	\$ 1,341,093	\$ 1,398,004
Expenses		
Charitable Activities		
Projects	\$ 742,688	\$ 719,266
Professional fees, salaries and benefits	\$ 164,050	\$ 125,435
Travel expenses	\$ 40,611	\$ 35,111
Foreign exchange loss	\$ (10,079)	\$ 34,870
Information Technology (IT) expenditures	\$ 2,743	\$ 13,317
Call charges for fundraising and awareness building	\$ 3,789	\$ 9,568
Transportation and storage of donated goods	\$ 5,318	\$ 4,341
Office supplies	\$ 3,111	\$ 4,275
Amortization of capital assets	\$ 1,346	\$ -
Rent	\$ 2,469	\$ -
Promotional items	\$ 4,853	\$ -
Other	\$ 2,861	\$ 3,498
	\$ 963,760	\$ 949,681
Administrative Costs		
Professional fees, salaries and benefits	\$ 54,559	\$ 36,527
Office supplies	\$ 2,255	\$ 1,878
IT expenditures	\$ 345	\$ 1,840
Banking fees	\$ 2,213	\$ 1,813
Liability insurance	\$ 1,438	\$ 1,339
Amortization of capital assets	\$ 1,015	\$ -
Rent	\$ 617	\$ -
Promotional items	\$ 2,862	\$ -
Other	\$ 1,781	\$ 2,252
	\$ 67,085	\$ 45,649
Fundraising Costs	\$ 39,316	\$ -
	\$ 1,070,161	\$ 995,330
Excess of revenue over expenses for the period	\$ 270,932	\$ 402,674
UNALLOCATED ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	\$ 443,455	\$ 40,781
UNALLOCATED ASSETS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	\$ 714,387	\$ 443,455

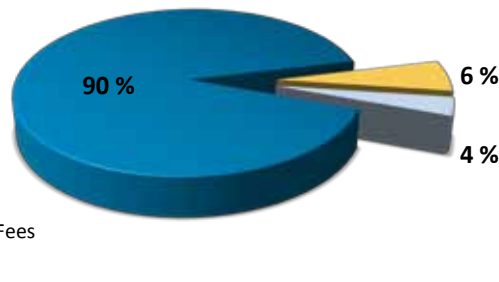
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 594,833	\$ 436,809
General contributions receivable	\$ 66,465	\$ -
Accounts receivable	\$ 34,687	\$ 2,682
Prepaid expenses	\$ 72,903	\$ 30,781
	<u>\$ 768,888</u>	<u>\$ 470,272</u>
Property and Equipment	\$ 83,282	\$ -
	<u>\$ 852,170</u>	<u>\$ 470,272</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 59,434	\$ 26,817
Deferred general contributions	\$ 78,349	\$ -
	<u>\$ 78,349</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
NET ASSETS		
Not assigned	\$ 714,387	\$ 443,455
	<u>\$ 852,170</u>	<u>\$ 470,272</u>

Expenses Including Materials Donated



Expenses Not Including Materials Donated

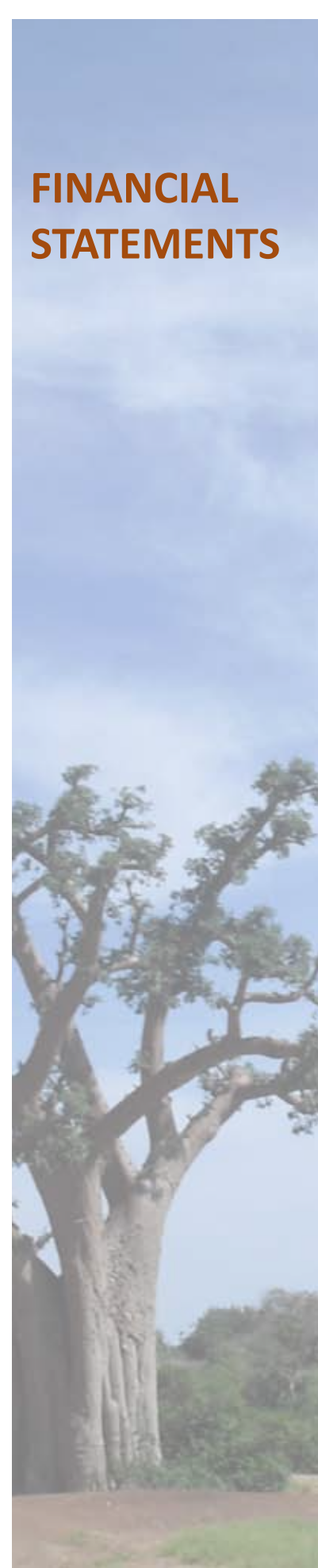


Management Report

The financial statements have been the subject of a report by the Foundation's auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, chartered accountants. Due to the difficulty in determining the fair market value of contributions received in the form of equipment and services, they have not been reflected in the financial statements.

The Foundation's management maintains a system of internal controls, however, designed to ensure that the accounts reflect its operations. For the 2010-2011 year, the Foundation received material donations valued at \$152,386 and distributed goods valued at \$148,838.

The data presented on this page has been taken from the audited financial statements and summarized. Complete financial statements are available upon request to the senior management at 514 744-4408, extension 3350.



A large, ancient baobab tree stands prominently in the center of the frame. Its thick, textured trunk is composed of several fused stems. The tree's canopy is a dense network of green leaves, spreading out against a vast, bright blue sky filled with soft, white, wispy clouds. The ground around the tree is a mix of dry earth and sparse green vegetation, typical of a savanna environment. In the background, more trees and a small structure are visible on the horizon.

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