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<b>Country</b>	Burkina Faso
<b>Population</b>	1,200,000
<b>Title of policy or practice</b>	Amélioration de l'offre des cantine scolaires (Improvement of the school canteen supply)
<b>Subtitle (optional)</b>	Adoption of a strategy to improve the nutritional situation of children attending school in the municipality of Bobo-Dioulasso
<b>URL video</b>	
<b>Category</b>	Social and Economic Equity
<b>SDGs</b>	SDGs: 1,2,3,4,6,17.
<b>Brief description</b>	<p>Burkina Faso, with a population of about 18.5 million inhabitants, is characterized by a high percentage of children under 15 years of age. A large part of this population lives below the poverty line, leading to a situation of malnutrition that risks slowing progress toward the attainment of the SDGs. In 2016, the government decided to transfer resources for school canteens to the municipalities and the Municipality of Bobo-Dioulasso set itself the goal of improving the supply of quality food in school canteens.</p> <p>The aim is to improve food security, nutrition and sustainable development. Its objective is to reduce the rate of child malnutrition while promoting the children's participation in school, improving school enrolment, reducing drop-out rates and combating nutritional deficiencies. It consists of serving a complete meal a day to the students. The main beneficiaries are the 460 primary schools and 172,793 students.</p> <p>School canteens are extremely important for teachers, a mid-day meal provides better performance and for parents, canteens help support the most vulnerable children and reduce diseases related to malnutrition.</p>
<b>Date of start and state (ongoing/completed)</b>	11/2018 Ongoing
<b>Actors and stakeholders involvement</b>	<p>For the implementation of the school canteen project, the Municipality of Bobo-Dioulasso works in close collaboration with <i>Circonscription d'éducation de Base</i> [Basic Education District]; the school administration (public and private); <i>Comités de Gestion</i> (COGES) [Management Committees]; Parents' Association (APE) and <i>Associations des Mères Éducatrices</i> (AME) [Mothers' educators Associations].</p> <p>It also involves the State (Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance), which is in charge of transferring financial resources, and the communities.</p>
<b>Approach</b>	<p>The canteen project is carried out as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the choice of foodstuffs;</li> <li>• eating habits;</li> <li>• special health conditions;</li> <li>• the balanced nutritional composition or taste appeal;</li> <li>• the cost;</li> <li>• current and future availability;</li> <li>• the work and the necessary cooking time;</li> <li>• fuel and water saving;</li> <li>• storage conditions;</li> <li>• the choice of the type of market;</li> <li>• the determination of food quantities;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the distribution;</li> <li>• the storage;</li> <li>• the preparation;</li> <li>• monitoring.</li> </ul>
<b>Innovation</b>	<p>The Municipality of Bobo-Dioulasso aims to improve the supply of canteens in schools by providing primary schools with food to improve nutritional quality through the promotion of local products. Balanced diets, hygiene and sanitation are major challenges.</p> <p>The major innovation for our initiative was to provide school canteens with local products, with an emphasis on nutrition and including food hygiene not covered in the curricula. The aim was to support the canteens with a handwashing programme in the city's and the 36 villages' primary schools. This strategy involved the following departments and actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Directorate of Education;</li> <li>• the Health and Hygiene Directorate;</li> <li>• the Public Procurement Department;</li> <li>• the Environment and Sanitation Department;</li> <li>• the Decentralized Cooperation Department;</li> <li>• the school principal;</li> <li>• the Parents' Association</li> <li>• the Mothers' educators Association.</li> </ul> <p>The strategy applied offers a new approach in the food system. This strategy is based on the following indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals in Agenda 2030 (Indicator 2 No Hunger; 3 Good health, 4 Quality education, 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities). It is also based on the four guiding principles of the SDGs.</p>
<b>Impact</b>	<p>The practice of school canteens by the Municipality of Bobo-Dioulasso contributes significantly to improving social and economic equity for vulnerable populations, particularly children under the age of 5 to 15 and women.</p> <p>The impact is measured by the FAO-MUFPP monitoring framework through the social inclusion and equity indicator.</p> <p>In terms of economic Impact, the procedure allows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More access for women to public markets by producer groups.</li> <li>• Availability of healthy and balanced food for children.</li> <li>• Two (2) cereal-producing groups have benefited from the school canteen delivery market.</li> <li>• At least two (2) women per school participate in the preparation of meals in the kitchens.</li> </ul> <p>In terms of environmental impact, the practice makes it possible to reduce wood consumption through the collective kitchen of school canteens.</p>
<b>Inclusion</b>	<p>The procedure of improving the supply of school canteens in the municipality of Bobo-Dioulasso includes the following areas of the MUFPP's Framework for Action.</p> <p>In terms of thematic inclusion: the practice integrates the following directorates into the approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Directorate of Education;</li> <li>• the Health and Hygiene Directorate;</li> <li>• the Public Procurement Department;</li> <li>• the Environment and Sanitation Department;</li> <li>• the Decentralized Cooperation Department;</li> <li>• the school principal.</li> </ul>

In terms of social inclusion, the practice includes the following society organisations in the process:

- the Parents' Association of pupils who are in charge of the monitoring role in addition to the municipality;
- the Mothers' Educator Association plays two important roles in school canteens, as both mothers and cooks;
- cereal and oil producer groups as suppliers.

**Adversity coefficient**

The challenges faced by the Municipality of Bobo-Dioulasso are the use of plastic bags by children in canteens as containers. This practice is a danger to children's health and the environment. It must also be stressed that the use of plastic bags poses a great risk to humans, animals and the environment.

The major challenge for the Municipality of Bobo-Dioulasso is to remove plastic from school canteens.