LAFI BURKINA
LASTING ACTION FOR INCLUSION

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INTRODUCTION

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 persons with disabilities 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 persons with disabilities to live in a fully inclusive society.

Our vision and mission support our core charitable objectives, which are:

- To promote the rights of persons with disabilities in Burkina Faso
- To promote social inclusion in the Burkinabè community
- To relieve poverty amongst persons with disabilities in Burkina Faso

This report outlines LAFI Burkina's work towards these objectives, covering the period from January 1st to December 31st 2025.

BURKINA FASO

In 2025, Burkina Faso continued to face a complex humanitarian crisis. Insecurity, climate shocks (floods, high winds, and periods of drought), and the collapse of essential services in many parts of the country, further weakened community resilience, with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimating that 5.9 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance.

Despite relative stability in some areas, several regions faced acute shortages of food, water, fuel, and medicine, particularly where humanitarian access remained severely limited due to ongoing insecurity.

Although authorities reported that 1.1 million of the 2.1 million people internally displaced by violence had returned to their areas of origin, humanitarian needs remained critical across most of the country. The arrival of internally displaced people, combined with the influx of returnees and a growing number of refugees from neighbouring countries, all severely strained already weakened infrastructure. This created urgent demands for food security, water, sanitation, hygiene, health, nutrition, and protection - all challenges that disproportionately impact women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

In response to this context, our partner organisations reoriented some of their activities to directly support persons with disabilities affected by the crisis.

PARTNERSHIPS

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

In 2025, we continued our partnership with one local organisation in Burkina Faso: Tigoung Nonma.

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.

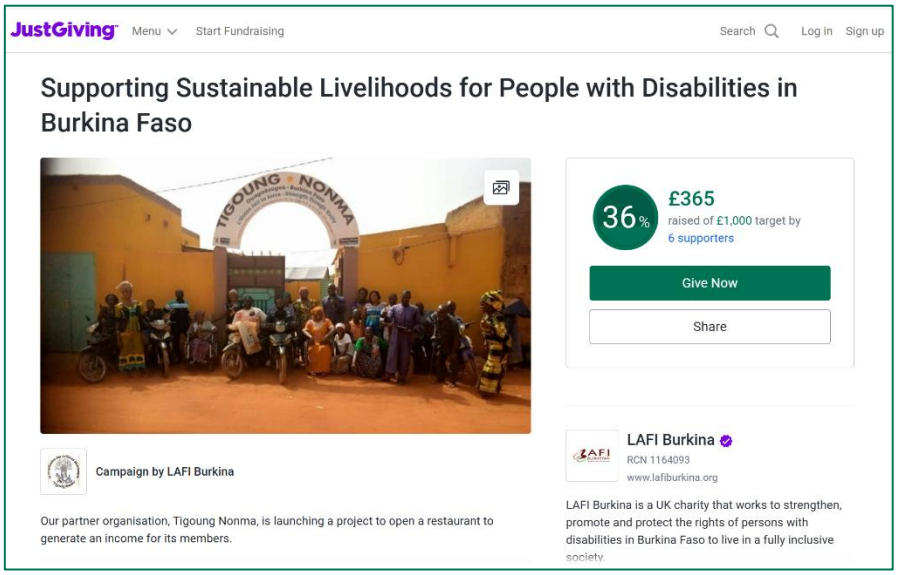
In 2026, we will maintain our partnership with Tigoung Nonma, with a continued focus on monitoring and evaluating current projects, as well as working with them to develop and seek funding for additional projects that promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in Burkinabè society. We will also look to develop a partnership with a new partner organisation.

WORKING TOWARDS OUR OBJECTIVES

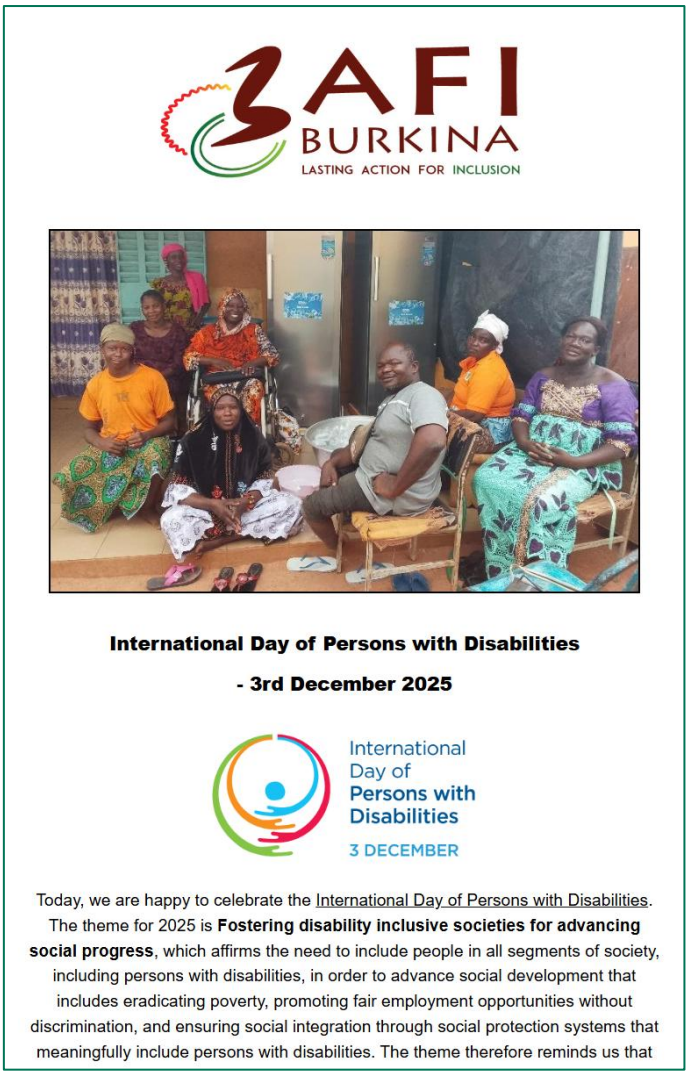
TO PROMOTE DISABLED PEOPLE'S RIGHTS IN BURKINA FASO

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (IDPWD)

To celebrate this year's IDPwD, we continued our fundraising appeal to support our partner organisation Tigoung Nonma's new project to open a restaurant and catering service to generate an income for its members, with the money raised to be used to purchase equipment for the service as well as provide training for disabled artisans who will work in the restaurant.



We also sent out a newsletter to all of our supporters to mark the day and share an update on our activities.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

- 3rd December 2025

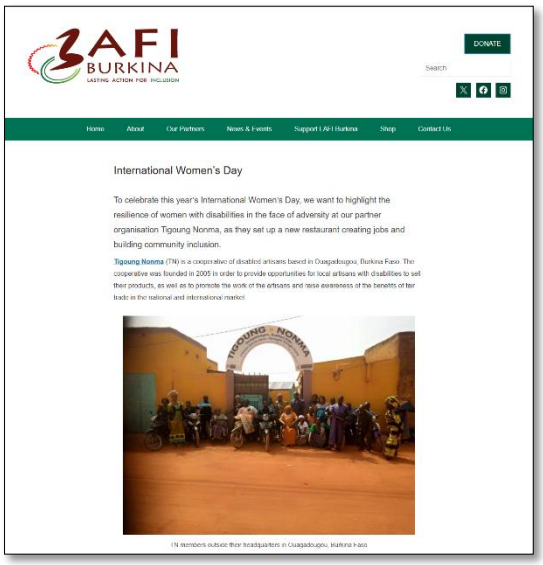
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3 DECEMBER

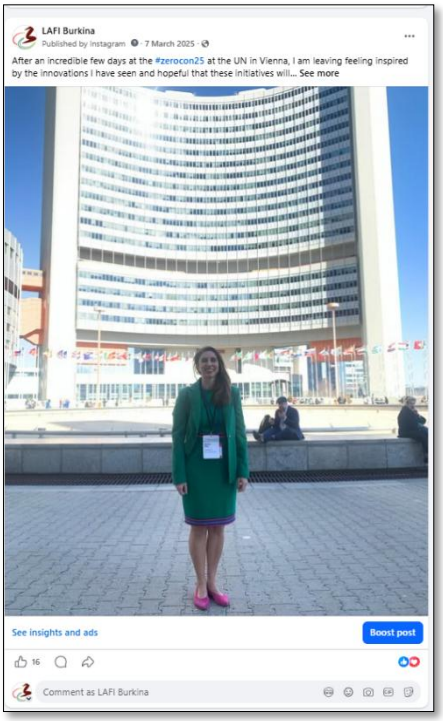
Today, we are happy to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The theme for 2025 is **Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress**, which affirms the need to include people in all segments of society, including persons with disabilities, in order to advance social development that includes eradicating poverty, promoting fair employment opportunities without discrimination, and ensuring social integration through social protection systems that meaningfully include persons with disabilities. The theme therefore reminds us that

WEBSITE, E-NEWSLETTER & SOCIAL MEDIA

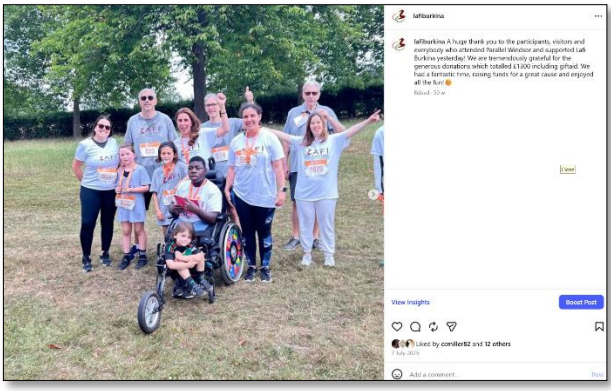
We have continued to use our Website, e-Newsletter and Social Media to promote our work and share information on disability rights, Burkina Faso, and issues related to the inclusion of persons with disabilities. We used our social media plan to create relevant content and post more frequently on social media in order to increase our follower numbers, as well as to enhance engagement with our existing supporters.

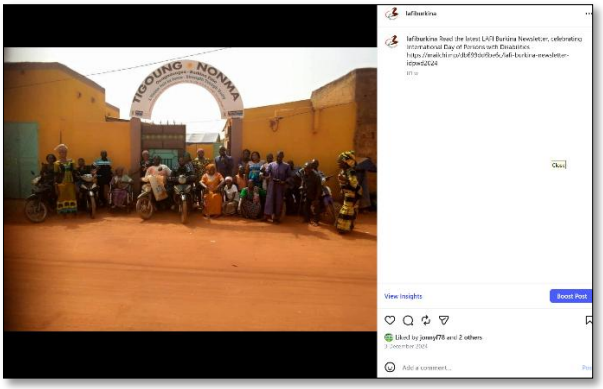


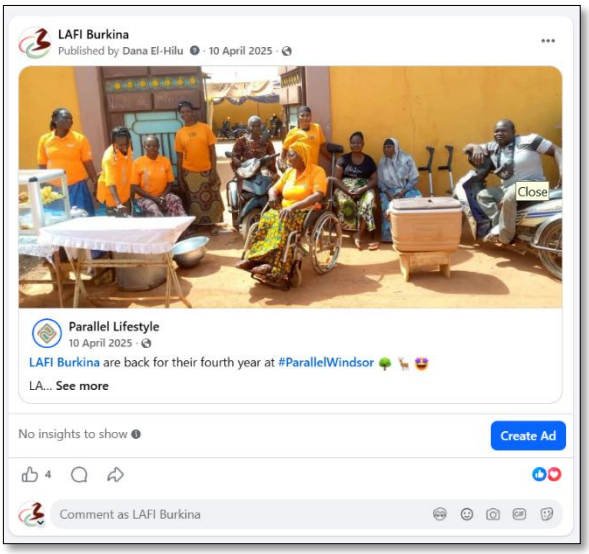














In 2026, we will continue to raise awareness of issues faced by persons with disabilities in Burkina Faso, through our presence at relevant events, using social media, and organising fundraising activities.

TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION IN THE BURKINABE COMMUNITY

TIGOUNG NONMA'S ACTIVITIES

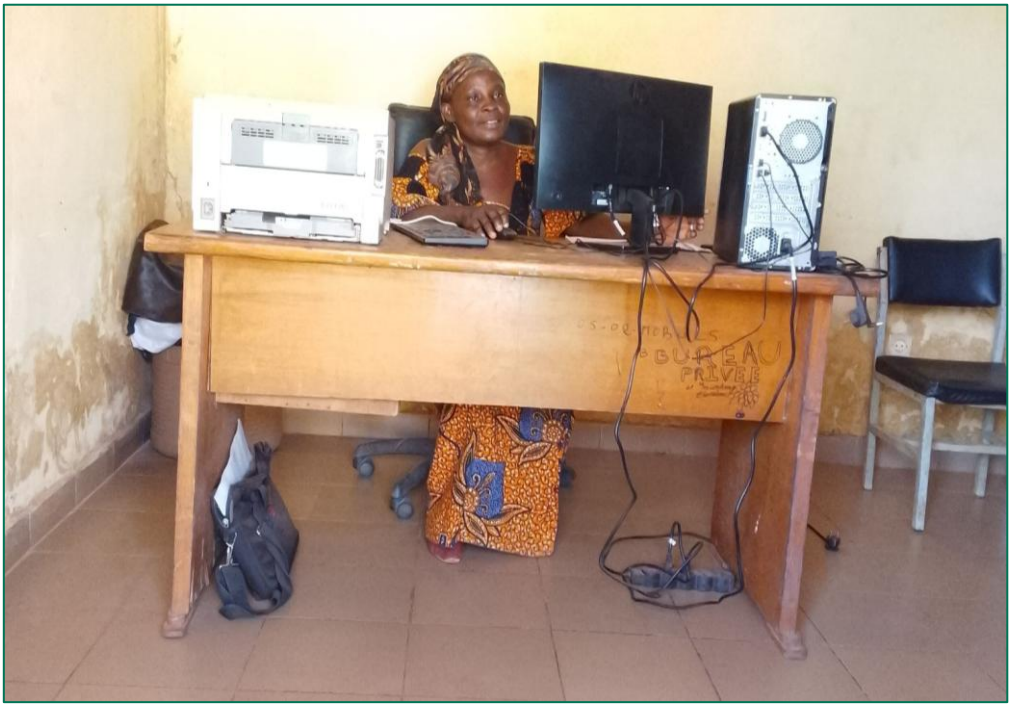
The ongoing security situation and decline in tourist numbers (traditional customers for crafts) visiting Burkina Faso continue to have a negative impact on both Tigoung Nonma (TN) and its members. The TN cooperative's artisans are unable to undertake the majority of their artisanal activities, with most

not generating any income from producing crafts. TN also relies on the resale of its members' products to generate the funds needed to cover its operational costs and to support its members.

In 2025, LAFI Burkina continued working with TN on their project to set up a restaurant and catering service at their headquarters. This involved supporting them with funding applications for the project, as well as fundraising for costs associated with this project, such as the purchase of a second freezer to assist with the preparation of ice for the restaurant, as well as for a seasonal ice-selling stand to generate additional income for the cooperative. We also supported TN with the purchase of a desktop computer to facilitate their work, and covered half of the annual salary of a security guard for their new restaurant. In September 2025, TN were awarded $44,882 from Global Giving's Hope in Crisis fund for food aid, mobility equipment and income generating activities.







We also put TN in touch with the organisation Education Saves Lives, who provide interactive e-learning sessions to raise awareness on topics related to various health issues. As access to health information in Burkina Faso is generally obtained through medical professionals (usually at a cost), we felt that TN's members could benefit from these free e-learning sessions.

In 2026, we will continue supporting TN with their restaurant and catering service project, as well as exploring more ways to diversify their income to enable them to support artisans with disabilities to earn a sustainable livelihood. We will also continue purchasing crafts from TN to sell in the UK, in order to support the cooperative's members, as well as to raise awareness of the cooperative's work.

TO RELIEVE POVERTY AMONGST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN BURKINA FASO

PARALLEL WINDSOR

LAFI Burkina was invited to participate in Parallel Windsor in July 2025 as a charity partner. Parallel Windsor is an award-winning event featuring a range of challenge events for people of all ages, health conditions and abilities.



LAFI Burkina has been involved in this inclusive event since its inception in 2016 (as Parallel London), and it has given us the opportunity to fundraise by encouraging our supporters to raise money to participate in challenge events.



In 2025, participating in Parallel Windsor allowed us to raise over £1,000 through sponsorship and craft sales.

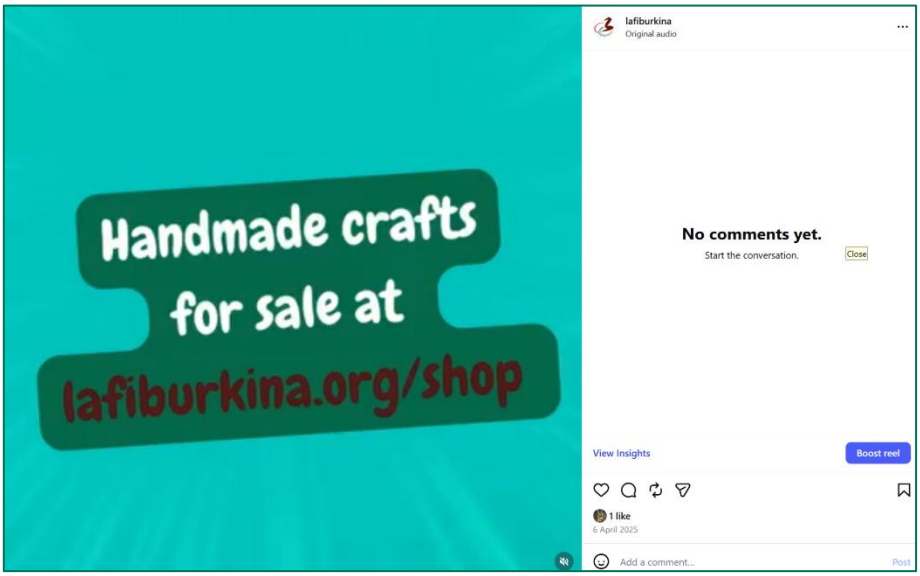


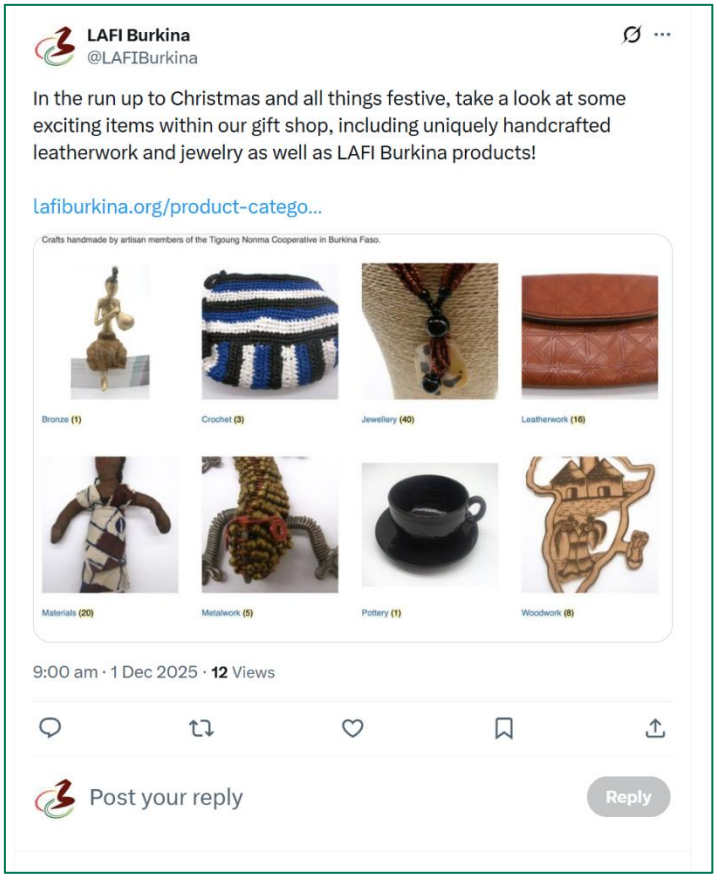
STALLS & ONLINE SHOP

In July 2025, we ran a stall as part of the Parallel Windsor event. Despite the rainy weather, we were able to promote our work to attendees and sell some of Tigoung Nonma's beautiful crafts.



We also continued to promote our online shop, which sells Tigoung Nonma's crafts.





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 persons with disabilities, as well as to promote the inclusion of the cooperative's members in the socio-economic development of their country.

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

EVENTS

In March 2025, LAFI Burkina's Chair, Melissa Miller, represented LAFI Burkina at the Zero Project Conference in Vienna, Austria. The Zero Project focuses on finding and sharing real, practical solutions that improve the daily lives and rights of persons with disabilities, helping put the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into action by removing barriers. This was a fantastic opportunity to exchange ideas, connect with others doing innovative work, and build relationships that will promote learning, collaboration, and the strengthening of the global disability rights movement.



In April 2025, Melissa was also invited to speak at the online Small International Development Charities Network (SIDCN) Education Forum to share key lessons from our inclusive education work with partners in Burkina Faso, focusing on practical, solution-focused ways organisations can make their mainstream education more inclusive of children with disabilities, such as using reasonable adjustments, strengthening advocacy, and improving inclusive consultation.

We are very happy to be able to participate in events like this, which both expand LAFI Burkina's network, as well as support our disability rights advocacy work.

GOVERNANCE

LAFI Burkina is a 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 organisations, 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

One of our trustees, Jonathan Fowle, stepped down on 1st February 2025, after being on the board since the charity's inception in 2014, and we are very grateful for his invaluable contributions to our work and wish him all the best for the future. Two new trustees joined our board in 2025, Yifei Zheng on 1st February 2025, and Victor Benjamin Oshodi on 13th May 2025.

The current composition of our Board is as follows:

- Melissa Miller (Chair)
- Dana El-Hilu (Vice Chair)
- Zarina Douglas-Sori (Treasurer)
- Yifei Zheng (General Trustee)
- Victor Benjamin Oshodi (General Trustee)

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

GENERAL FUNDRAISING

In 2025, we raised a total of £2,555.44 *(2024: £2,126.59)*, primarily through donations and craft sales.

Please see our Financial Report for a full breakdown.

GRANTS

LAFI Burkina applies to trusts and foundations for funding for specific projects 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 must 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

As at 31 December 2025, LAFI Burkina has restricted reserves of £nil *(2024: £nil)* and unrestricted reserves of £4,593.06 *(2024: £3,981.57)*. 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 30th October 2026.



Melissa Miller
CHAIR



Dana El-Hilu
VICE CHAIR

Management Report

LAFI Burkina

For the period ended 31 December 2025



Prepared by

Melissa Miller

Prepared on

11 September 2026

Financial Activities Comparison

January - December 2025

	Total	
	Jan - Dec 2025	Jan - Dec 2024 (PY)
INCOME		
Donations	662.32	592.54
Fundraising		
Crowdfunding	246.35	75.03
Easyfundraising	77.16	35.74
Events	1,475.55	1,370.07
Total Fundraising	**1,799.06**	**1,480.84**
Sales		
TN Crafts	94.06	53.21
Total Sales	**94.06**	**53.21**
Total Income	**2,555.44**	**2,126.59**
TOTAL	**2,555.44**	**2,126.59**
EXPENDITURES		
Computer Costs	22.79	
Financial management costs	475.20	510.00
Fundraising costs		
Event costs	67.22	370.46
Total Fundraising costs	**67.22**	**370.46**
Insurances	99.00	96.00
Office/General Administrative Expenses		15.54
Printing, Postage and Stationery	3.35	
Project Grants		3,593.40
TN projects	1,276.39	
Total Project Grants	**1,276.39**	**3,593.40**
TN craft payments		369.92
Total Expenditures	**1,943.95**	**4,955.32**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**611.49**	**-2,828.73**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	**£611.49**	**£ -2,828.73**

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2025

	Total
FIXED ASSET	
Total Fixed Asset	
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	
Business Bank Account	4,593.06
Petty Cash	0.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**4,593.06**
NET CURRENT ASSETS	**4,593.06**
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	**4,593.06**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	**4,593.06**
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	**£4,593.06**
CHARITY FUNDS	
Retained Earnings	3,981.57
Surplus/(Deficit)	611.49
Total Charity funds	**£4,593.06**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Lasting Action For Inclusion in Burkina Faso (LAFI Burkina)		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025	**Charity no**	1164093
Set out on pages	16 - 18		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:	Lloyd Cross	**Date:**	30/10/2026
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