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# ACCESS TO JUSTICE





# OBJECTIVES



**Improve access to justice** for populations residing in remote areas from courthouses.



**Reducing the backlog of judicial cases**, particularly those related to sexual and gender-based violence



**Offering legal aid and judicial assistance** to the most disadvantaged populations.



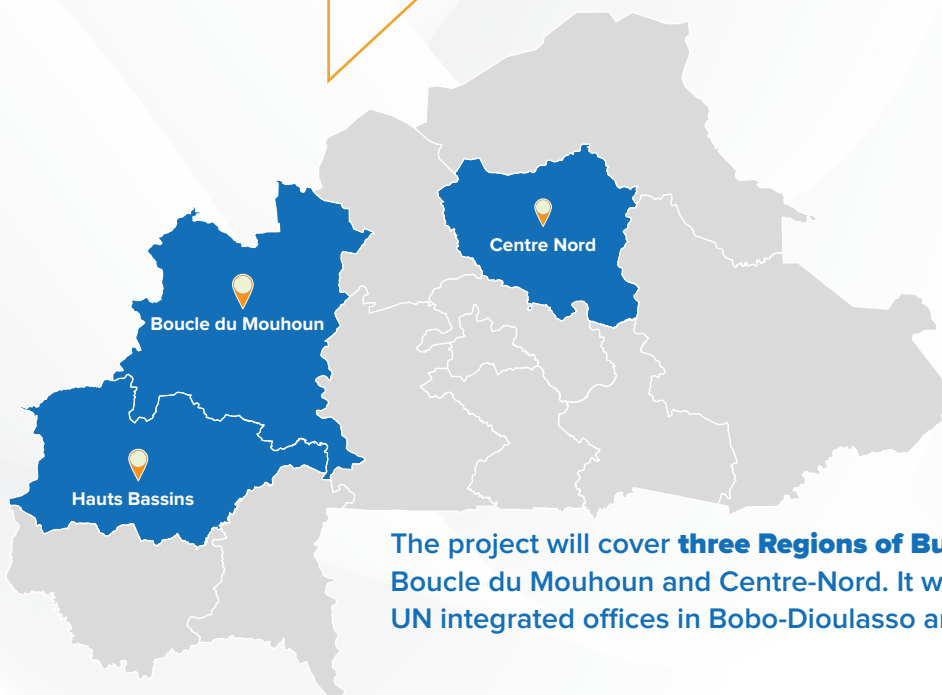
## EXPECTED RESULT



Vulnerable groups (people in extreme poverty, women, IDPs) in implementing areas have improved access to justice.



## IMPLEMENTING LOCATIONS



The project will cover **three Regions of Burkina Faso**: Hauts-Bassins, Boucle du Mouhoun and Centre-Nord. It will be implemented through UN integrated offices in Bobo-Dioulasso and Kaya.



# ACTIVITIES

- Organize **21 mobile court hearings** in implementing locations.
- Organize **six (06) sessions of the criminal chambers** in the two appeal courts of Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso (targeting the Regions of Hauts-Bassins, Boucle du Mouhoun, and Centre-Nord).
- Provide **legal aid support to vulnerable groups** (people in extreme poverty, women, young people, IDPs and people living with disabilities) through the support of lawyers' fees (330 beneficiaries in the First Instance and 70 in appeal).
- Train **60 magistrates and clerks** in implementing regions to effectively handle criminal cases, with a focus on those related to terrorism.
- Train **60 investigators from the police and gendarmerie** on responding to and protecting survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Establish eight (08) regional focal points on SGBV in Bobo-Dioulasso, Dedougou, Kongoussi, and Kaya, with one for the police and one for the gendarmerie in each city.
- Make **legal texts and information on legal procedures accessible** to the population (training of SCOs, awareness-raising campaigns, radio and tv broadcasts).
- Provide **legal advice to vulnerable persons** (people who are illiterate or cannot afford legal counsel, orphans or abandoned minors, women, elderly persons, IDPs, etc.) in pre-trial detention in the prisons of Kaya, Kongoussi, Boromo, Dedougou, Bobo-Dioulasso and Orodara to ensure that they are informed of their judicial rights as detainees (legal clinics).
- Support the **creation of five (05) judicial reception offices** in Bobo-Dioulasso, Orodara, Dedougou, Kaya, and Kongoussi. involving staff training and office equipment.



**PROJECT DURATION 24 MONTHS**



**TOTAL BUDGET : 1,830,198 USD**



**October  
2023**



**September  
2025**





## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



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