



## **IEDA Relief Report Burkina Faso**

### **IEDA Relief and Plan Burkina organize a Sanitation Day Goudoubo Camp Wednesday, 13th may 2015**

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#### **Abstract**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, IEDA Relief organized a Health and Sanitation Day with Plan Burkina, our partner in charge of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in the Goudoubo camp. Throughout the day, activities highlighted the main objective of maintaining a healthy and sanitary environment in the camp area.



## **Introduction**

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The Goudoubo camp often becomes littered with trash, due to high winds that blow in debris from the camp and surrounding areas. IEDA Relief and its partner, Plan Burkina, worked together to resolve this issue by organizing a community clean-up day.

## **The role of IEDA Relief**

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As the organization responsible for camp management/ camp coordination for the Goudoubo camp, IEDA Relief mobilized partners, leaders, refugees and small business owners for this activity. IEDA Relief also took the lead by cleaning the welcoming and distribution center to set an example for the rest of the day.

This activity was carried out with the participation of leaders and refugees living in the camp as well as various humanitarian partners, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), IEDA Relief, Plan Burkina, Help, International Relief and Development (IRD) and the *Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés* (CONAREF).

## **Cleaning up the camp as a community**

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The day started with a strong mobilization of all the partners intervening in the camp, as well as leaders and refugees. This was followed by the distribution of materials, using donkeys to pull carts. Participants were divided into work groups and given various tasks.

After splitting into different work groups and receiving the necessary equipment and materials to carry out the activities, the clean-up started in the different corners of the camp: from the market to the distribution center, toward the welcome center and around the offices. People worked together to sweep and pick up plastic waste, then loaded it onto the carts and drove them to a place outside the camp in order to burn the garbage.

This activity allowed the participants to work together to improve the environment and appearance of the camp. After nearly three hours of work, the activity finished on a positive note: all partners and beneficiaries agreed that the activity should be repeated at least once per month in order to maintain a healthy environment and improve the appearance of the camp. IEDA Relief will continue to take the lead in organizing the future clean-up activities.

**Photos from the event**

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*Before the clean-up activities*



*Donkey pulling cart*





*Mobilization of partners, leaders and refugees by IEDA Relief*





*Partners, leaders and refugees in action to clean up the camp*



*Last stage of the activity: burning waste.*