



IEDA Relief Burkina Faso Report

IEDA Relief Performs Shoe Distribution in Dori

Burkina Faso

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Abstract

From the 2nd through the 4th of February 2015, IEDA Relief participated in a general distribution of clothes for the Malian refugees in the Goudebou camp to protect men, women, and children from the cold weather. A second distribution was implemented on the 5th and the 6th of February, including shoes for children between the ages of 0 and 17, who were unable to benefit from the shoes first distributed in November 2014.

Introduction

The distribution took place over a total of five days in Goudebou camp (three days dedicated to distributing clothes and two days to distributing shoes). The majority of the distribution included a total of 50 bundles of clothing, which were mainly distributed to protect refugees from the cold weather.

The refugees living in the Sahel area are heavily impacted by their surrounding climate. One of the main reasons for this is the absence of trees, which creates the presence of very strong winds. In addition to the landscape, the type of material given to the refugees to create their makeshift homes is not very sturdy.

The clothes and shoes were a donation from UNICEF, while IEDA Relief acted as Camp Manager in charge of distributing the food and Non-Food Items (NFIs) in the camp while also providing technical assistance to the partner organizations present in the refugee camp.

The Shoe Distribution

This distribution was a continuation of the project completed during November of 2014 for the children of Goudebou, in the city of Dori in the North of Burkina Faso. This distribution was aimed specifically at those children who had not been able to benefit from the previous one. Overall, the distribution was successful and allowed **1,127 children between the ages of 0 to 17** to have new shoes.

“They were very happy. Some of the children said that they wouldn’t have been able to go back to school without the new shoes. It really had a positive impact in the lives of these children who can now go to school with shoes rather than barefoot. Everyone came to the distribution center: children, women, young and elderly men in order to benefit from it.”

- Emmanuel Sidyane, in charge of Food Monitoring at IEDA Relief, and one of the organizers of this non-food item (NFI) distribution.

Photo highlights



Emmanuel Sidyane, in charge of Food Monitoring at IEDA Relief, assisting in the distribution and helping children find the right match.



New shoes provided by UNICEF for the second distribution.



IEDA Relief staff members registering those who qualify for the need of new shoes.