

# Monitoring Report (for publication)

<b>Contract number:</b>	ADA: 6544-00/2017 & 6544-01/2017 EU: T05-EUTF-SAH-BF-06
<b>Project/programme title:</b>	TUUMA: Strengthening of professional skills, entrepreneurship and employment of youth and women in rural areas in Burkina Faso
<b>Country / countries / region:</b>	Burkina Faso: Cascades, Boucle du Mouhoun, Nord, Hauts Bassins, and Province of Soum in the Sahel region
<b>Implementing Organisation/s:</b>	Austrian Development Agency & national implementing organisations
<b>Project duration:</b>	01.01.2018 - 31.03.2023
<b>Interlocutors:</b>	Beneficiaries, grant recipients, regional council Hauts Bassins, EU delegation Burkina Faso, TUUMA project team, ADA coordination office,

## Project progress

- Progress in achieving project outcome(s) and outputs per logical framework:  
*Overall, the project is on track for achieving the intended results, although some of the indicator targets may not be achieved. Some of the assumptions underpinning the logical framework and target setting are no longer valid, e.g.:*
  - Assumption: Socio-political stability of the region.*  
*The deterioration of the security situation since the project's conception in 2017 has had a significant destabilizing effect that led to the January 23, 2022 coup and the dissolution of local authorities. The security situation directly affected the implementation of economic initiatives (e.g., rescheduling of interventions or temporary suspension of activities).*
  - Assumption: Absence of major exogenous shocks, including climate and security.*  
*In addition to the radically different security situation, the COVID-19 pandemic and related effects on global supply chains also affected the daily lives of beneficiaries and the implementation of the project.*

*TUUMA made efforts to respond to the important changes in the external context by targeting Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in the call for proposals and facilitating the establishment of entrepreneurship clubs to support the long-term sustainability of results. Interlocutors praised the quality of results achieved despite the deteriorating security context.*
- Assessment of project expenditures: (slow/as planned/adequate?)  
*Mostly due to the deteriorating external context, two no-cost extensions of the project implementation period were necessary. Project expenditure since the last monitoring trip has sped up significantly and is now on a good level. The global project expenditure as of December 2021 is 84,61% (but some refunds from grant recipients are due in 2022).*
- How do you assess measures taken to manage gender, social and environmental impact (follow-up of any recommendations from the EGSi assessment, if applicable)?  
*As far as possible given the security situation and its effects on the accessibility of project sites, an assessment of the compliance with the EGSIM standards and further capacity development measures for enhancing grant recipients' (incl. local administrations') EGSIM capacities should be considered.*

4. Are risk assessment and risk management plans up to date? How do you assess the functioning of risk monitoring and risk management of the project?  
*The risk assessment and risk management plan are updated at least annually.*
5. Has the project encountered unexpected challenges? If yes, please explain.  
*The call for proposals generated very high interest and a high number of grant proposals, which meant that more time and resources were required for the proposal review and selection process than initially anticipated.  
Due to security risks, field visits to some locations had to be suspended and the TUUMA team had to find alternative means to support grant recipients in those locations (e.g., usage of local support structures and local facilitators).*
6. How do you assess perspectives for impact and sustainability of the intervention? (only if monitoring visit takes place towards the end of the project)  
*The impact and sustainability of the project are negatively affected by the worsening national context. The TUUMA entrepreneurship club approach with its potential for self-driving upscaling appears very promising to enhance the impact and solidify the long-term sustainability of the project results.*
7. How have past recommendations (incl. evaluations) been considered (if applicable)?  
New recommendations (to whom)?  
*All recommendations and follow-ups from the last monitoring mission to Burkina Faso were considered. The recommendations from the evaluation of the grant selection process have informed the subsequent call for proposals.  
As much as possible given the security situation, an assessment of the compliance with the EGSIM standards and further capacity development measures for enhancing grant recipients' (incl. local administrations') EGSIM capacities are recommended.*

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