



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE

## National Youth Service Country Profile

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### **Country : Burkina Faso**

#### Government Policies and Programs

#### **(1) Service National de Développement**

**Denomination of the program (policy):** Service National de Développement

**Number of youth per year:**

“Appelés fonctionnaires” (first year in post, after the first year they will be civil servants): 1 488

“Appelés volontaires” (no job promises after the year SND): 1 430

“Appelés centre de formation” (for young people to get a professional training): 600

“Appelés Sapeurs Pompiers “(fireman): 100

**Duration of service per year (hours/week):**

One year, about 40 hours per week.

**Global annual public budget devoted to the program:**

Around 1,220,000 €from state and 152,440 €self budget.

**Leading objectives:**

- Direct young people towards their participation in tasks of socio-economic development;
- Develop initiative and confidence in their own abilities;
- Develop the civic spirit of youth;
- Instil in young people values such as tolerance and solidarity.

**Youth Service Policy/Law:**

1984: Service National Populaire (revolution period)

1993: Law to create the SND as a public institution attached to the Prime Minister.

Monthly allocation: 46 € No health insurance provided.

**Budget:**

Cost per volunteer: Around 610 €per year.



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### **Structure:**

SND's volunteers work in public administration and especially education in all parts of the country.

### **(2) Programme National de Volontariat**

#### **Denomination of the program (policy):**

Programme National de Volontariat au Burkina Faso

Site: [www.fasovolontariat.bf](http://www.fasovolontariat.bf)

#### **Number of youth per year:**

This program starts this year with 45 volunteers. The objective is 1 000 each year.

#### **Duration of service per year (hours/week):**

From 6 months to one year, about 40 hours per week.

#### **Global annual public budget devoted to the program:**

For the first three years to implement the program the government contributes 198 643 US\$.

#### **Youth Service Policy/Law:**

- A specific law about national volunteers has been voted on the 29th November 2007.
- Volunteers (from 18 years old as minimum to no limit maximum) receive an allocation of €72 every month. The host organisation finds an accommodation for the volunteer (in local conditions).
- Volunteers don't have a health insurance but only professional risk insurance.
- During the mission, Volunteers receive a civic formation.
- A volunteer contract is from 6 months to one year. The volunteer has to respect the hours of service from the respective host organisation. Mostly it is 40 hours/week.
- A volunteer contract is signed by three persons: The volunteer, the host organisation and the GIP-PNVB. An organisation can't sign directly a contract with a volunteer without the GIP-PNVB. That's to protect employment.

#### **Description of programs:**

- **Main goal:** Fight against poverty, Millennium Development Goals.
- **The Program is a "Groupement d'Intérêt Public":** The State and the civil society manage together the National Volunteer Program.
- **The founders are:** The state is represented by different ministries, the region association from Burkina Faso (ARBF) and the municipalities association from Burkina Faso (AMBF), the National Development Service (SND), the National employment agency (Agence Nationale Pour l'Emploi) (ANPE), the University from Ouagadougou (UO), the national social security



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department (Caisse Nationale de Sécurité Sociale (CNSS), 53 civil society organisations and two international volunteer organizations.

- This GIP-PNVB belongs to the youth and employment ministry with regards to technical support and of to the financial and economic ministry for the administrative purposes.
- To promote this program, the UNV, UNDP and the Burkina government developed a project “Appui à la mise en place d’un programme national de volontariat au Burkina Faso” “Promoting a national volunteer program in Burkina Faso project” for 3.5 years. It started the first October 2006 and will finish on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2010.
- **The results of the two first years are:**
  - ☞ A law;
  - ☞ 6 regional volunteer centres (local organizations which have chosen to promote and administrate volunteers in their regions);
  - ☞ A national program created as Groupement d’Intérêt Public;
  - ☞ 45 volunteers in the field;
  - ☞ Promotion of a volunteers approach in Burkina Faso;
  - ☞ The national volunteer program is a part of the national youth policy adopted this year by the government.

### **Budget:**

The cost per volunteer is around 200 €per month. It will depend of the amount of volunteer’s. The objective is, as a minimum, that the running costs (includes the permanent team) will be paid by the federal state. Other technical and financial partners will be approached to finance missions (allocations, insurance, training, supervision).

### **Structure:**

Host organisations are non profit organizations, national or international NGOs with a general interest in public service, urban or regional districts. They prepare a job description and the GIP-PNVB looks if the volunteer can carry out the mission. To implement the program, regions (13 regions in Burkina Faso) have been selected. Those regions have human resource difficulties in particular.

- **5 fields of interventions:** health, education, decentralization, economic development and environment.

### **Evaluation:**

It’s too early to undertake an evaluation.