



## Burkina Faso

### What We Did

In 2013, the neglected tropical disease (NTD) unit at USAID gave WASHplus funds to explore the links between WASH and NTDs, focusing on trachoma, schistosomiasis, and soil-transmitted helminths. Following a literature review and country assessment, Burkina Faso was selected for a pilot integrated WASH-NTD program. WASHplus began working on its pilot in Gnagna Province in eastern Burkina Faso, a USAID focus area, in 2014, collaborating with the NTD unit at the Ministry of Health. WASHplus is working at the local district level with an integrated team that includes the ministries of Health; Education; and Water, Agriculture and Food Security. WASHplus collected baseline data; developed hygiene behavior change counseling cards using existing materials where possible and adding new practices related to NTDs; and hired a local organization to implement the pilot intervention. The intervention includes a community-led total sanitation component as well as behavior change related to WASH and NTDs. As part of a larger radio campaign being implemented in the region, WASHplus is emphasizing the following messages: always use a latrine for urination and defecation and wash hands before eating/touching food and after defecation.

### Why It Matters



This is one of very few integrated WASH-NTD programs globally. WASHplus will develop a model program that can be shared across Burkina Faso and with other interested countries as well as stakeholders interested in WASH-NTD integration.



Results from the pilot model program and an associated toolkit will be available “as of July 2016” to be shared across the country as well as with other countries.



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