**CREATION OF THE VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY IN BURKINA FASO AND 16 DIGITAL OPEN SPACES**

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<td><strong>Justification</strong></td>
<td>To create a virtual university to offer a quality credible and perennial alternative of equitable access to a performing higher education accessible to all</td>
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<td><strong>Areas of intervention</strong></td>
<td>The 13 regions of Burkina Faso</td>
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<td><strong>General objective</strong></td>
<td>To create and operationalize the Virtual university of Burkina Faso (UV-BF) and 16 digital open spaces (ENO)</td>
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**Specific objectives**
- To build and equip the site of the UV-BF
- To build and equip 16 ENO including 3 in Ouagadougou, 2 in Bobo-Dioulasso and 1 in each regional town in Burkina Faso
- To strengthen the open distant training institute (IFOAD) of the University Ouaga II,
- To strengthen the open distant training institute (IFOAD) of the University Ouaga I Pr Joseph KI-ZERBO
- To build and equip the virtual library of Burkina Faso
- To contribute to operationalizing Faso REN fees of annual connectivity
- To support creation of open training institutes in the two other public universities of Burkina Faso

**Expected outcomes**
- The site of the virtual university of Burkina Faso is built and equipped
- 16 ENO are built and equipped including 3 in Ouagadougou, 2 in Bobo-Dioulasso and 1 in each regional town
- The open distant training institute (IFOAD) of the University Ouaga II is strengthened
- The open distant training institute (IFOAD) of the University Ouaga I Pr Joseph KI-ZERBO is strengthened
- The virtual library of Burkina Faso is built and equipped
- The contribution to operationalizing Faso REN connectivity fees is effective
- Support provided for the creation of open training institutes in the two other public universities of Burkina Faso is effective

**Main recipients**
Students, teachers, pupils, local government agencies

**Components**
1. Teaching infrastructures
2. Administrative infrastructures
3. High bandwidth Internet connectivity

**Availability of feasibility study**
Not available

**Total cost:**
- Financing Acquired: 11,253,918,000 CFAF, equivalent to 17,156,487 Euros
- Financing Required: 18,746,082,000 CFAF, equivalent to 28,578,218 Euros

**Type of sought partnership:**
- TFP
- PPP

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