

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the ADDI Burkina Faso 2025 Mission Trip**

1. *Proof of African Descent?*
  - This is not required for this citizenship opportunity.
2. *Can you please tell us if we are already qualified to be a citizen of Burkina Faso before I book my trip?*
  - If you received the email about the zoom meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> and you are receiving these updates on the Burkina Faso Trip this means that your name is on the list that has been submitted to the Government of Burkina Faso.
3. *When is the exact date for the citizenship ceremony?*
  - The exact date is not yet determined as it depends on President Ibrahim Traore's schedule. It will take place within the October 26th -November 8th window. Presidential schedules change by the minute.
4. *Will we be able to register our children for their citizenship too?*
  - When you receive your citizenship, you will be able to apply for a passport for your minor child when you apply for your own passport. This process will be guided by the laws of Burkina Faso.
5. *What about those who registered and cannot travel this time, how do they get their citizenship?*
  - You will be required to be in Burkina Faso in order to have your citizenship conferred on you.
6. *Are we going to have dual citizenship, or would we be compelled to relinquish one?*
  - This would depend on the prevailing laws of Burkina Faso and of the country where you already hold citizenship.
7. *Would we be receiving our Passports while on the trip?*
  - No. During this trip you will have your citizenship conferred on you. The responsibility would then be up to you to apply for your passport according to the laws of Burkina Faso.
8. *How do I apply for a visa to Burkina Faso?*
  - The Burkina Faso Embassy in DC will handle the E-visa process for all participants irrespective of which country you are applying from. We will be organizing a specific zoom session where Embassy staff will explain the process. Please do not start applying for visas yet.

9. *How do we submit the Background reports?*

- Please email them to [burkinafaso@ouraddi.org](mailto:burkinafaso@ouraddi.org)

10. *Can wife and others, not seeking citizenship be allowed to attend. Will all attendees be required to have background checks?*

- Anyone can travel to Burkina Faso on this trip. Only the people getting citizenship are required to submit their background checks.

11. *Who is responsible for travel arrangements and accommodation?*

- Individuals are responsible for their own travel and accommodation. ADDI will recommend 4 travel agencies but you are free to use any travel agents you wish. A list of hotels and Airbnbs will also be provided.

12. *What is the estimated cost of the trip?*

- After conferring with the recommended travel agents, an estimated cost of the trip will be provided. This should happen within the next week.

13. *Is there a specific city/airport we should fly into in Burkina Faso?*

- You will be flying into Ouagadougou, the capital city of Burkina Faso

14. *Are we required to stay for the entire 2 weeks? Can we arrive in Burkina Faso in advance of the given dates?*

- This would be advisable as we do not know when, within the two weeks, the President will be able to conduct the citizenship ceremony.
- If you wish to arrive in Burkina Faso ahead of October 26<sup>th</sup> you are free to do so.

15. *What activities will take place during the trip?*

- The following activities are currently being planned:
  - Citizenship Ceremony
  - Pan-African Conversations in the mornings of the first week
  - Trade Fair in the afternoons of the first week
  - Service Day (s) during the second week, which would include a skills training component.
  - Handing over of containers of clothes, books, medical equipment and supplies etc.

16. *Will you send us an itinerary and general schedule of events for the trip?*

- Yes, this will be done.

17. *How can I contribute to Burkina Faso during the trip?*

- Bring a laptop to donate to the library
- Bring simple medical supplies (stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, glucose monitors etc.)
- Donate clothes for displaced people
- Offer skills training in needed areas

18. *How can we donate books, laptops, medical supplies and clothes?*

- We will have a specific zoom session which will talk about how to make these donations. The most likely means will be either taking the items to Burkina Faso yourself or shipping them to ADDI to include in the containers we will be sending to Burkina Faso.

19. *Could you provide a list of medical supplies, clothes and books that would be needed via email?*

- After the zoom session to discuss donations have happened, the list of items needed will be provided.

20. *What about London? Where can we send donations from London to for the container?*

- For donations outside of the USA, you can send a monetary amount to ADDI clearly specifying in the comments section what your donation is for. We will provide the means of making this donation.

21. *Can we get a letter of request that includes the 501c3 details to share with our philanthropic and social groups to gather supplies to bring on a larger scale?*

- Yes, this can be done. Please reach out to us @ [burkinafaso@ouraddi.org](mailto:burkinafaso@ouraddi.org) if you require such a letter.

22. *How can I participate in the skills training program?*

- Attend the dedicated skills training zoom session.
- The Embassy will provide a list of skills needed in Burkina Faso. Participants can then see where they fit in.

23. *Can a specific Project be identified that can be completed within the visit time frame? paint a school, clean up in a community etc.?*

- We are in discussions with the Government of Burkina Faso through the Embassy in DC about this.

24. *How will communication be handled before and during the trip?*

- Updates will be sent via email

- A group messaging platform (WhatsApp, Signal or Telegram) will be set up closer to departure
- The ADDI Burkina Faso website will be regularly updated with information.

25. *How will local transportation be handled in Burkina Faso?*

- ADDI are in discussions with the government of Burkina Faso in terms of the provision of buses.

26. *Can we have a BF 101 meeting/course or information packet or presentation that covers our new requirements as citizens.*

- Yes, this will be done.

27. *Do we receive immunization for yellow fever in Burkina or prior.*

- There will be a zoom meeting that will cover all health-related and other requirements.

28. *Will there be another Zoom Meeting for people who were not included in this meeting?*

- The recording of this meeting will be sent out to all on our Burkina Faso 2025 participants mailing list. Subsequent zoom meetings will be held to cover various aspects of this trip.

29. *I missed the payment date. Can I still pay?*

- Everyone going on this trip must be a fully paid-up member of ADDI. If your dues have not been paid, you will not make it onto the final verified list of participants.

30. *Do we need our ADDI T-shirts and caps on this trip?*

- If you have them, please take them along with you. A decision will be made as to whether ADDI T-Shirts and caps will be made for this trip.