

A Perfect Storm?

Impacts of insecurity and COVID-19 on shea supply chains in Burkina Faso

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Source: Lovett, Issahaku and Kpelly, 2020



« The pandemic has forced many women in the shea value chain into a state of impoverishment. »

Zeba Fanny KABORE, 2021



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Critical importance of parklands



- ca. 50% of shea nut production is still consumed locally
- Shea nut exports 265,000 - 445,000 tons per year
- More than 630,000 households and 2,000 professional organizations collect, process and trade in shea nuts and shea butter (Luxembourg Aid/UNCDF, 2019)
- One interprofession – Table Filiere Karite
- Cocoa Butter Equivalents (CBEs) and agri-food industries absorb 90% of total shea exports and cosmetics represent 10% of export trade
- 4th most important source of Burkina Faso's FOREX – 25.5 milliards F CFA in 2016 (Luxembourg Aid/UNCDF, 2019)
- 94% of households collect shea nuts, and 60% of households sell shea nuts and/or shea butter (Rousseau, Gautier and Wardell, 2015)
- Limited impact of globalization on the upstream shea value chain despite growth in trade, price increases and 3 TNCs

Methods



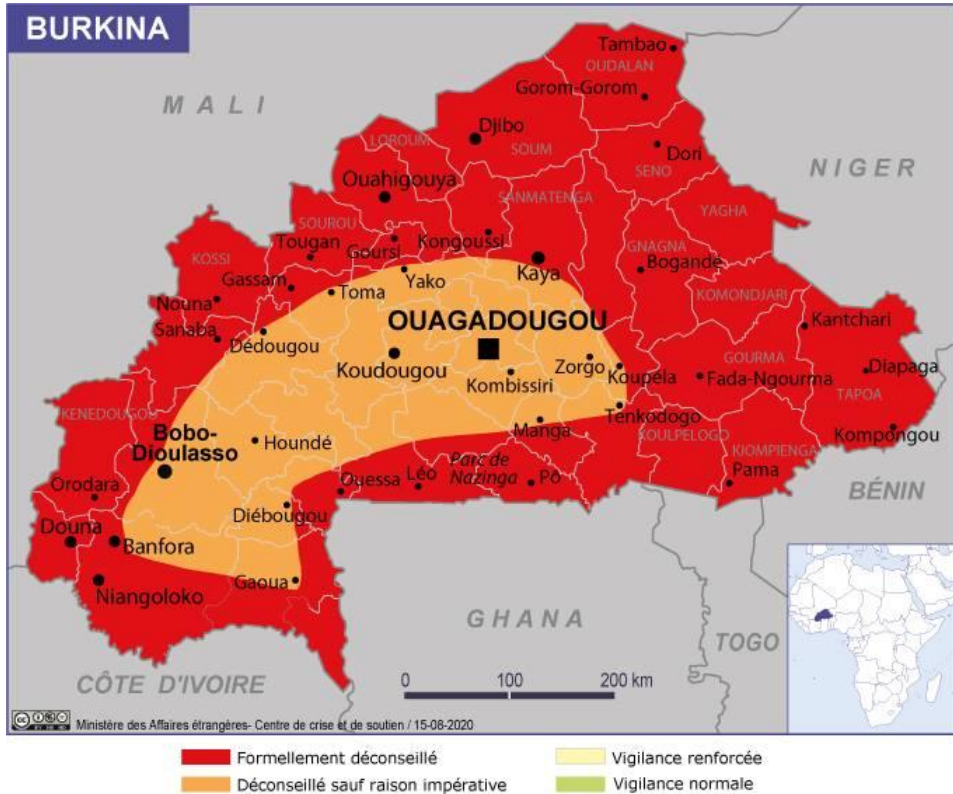
Source: Marlene Elias

- **Adaptation of ICRAF-Nairobi questionnaire**
- **'Hybrid' virtual interviews (by telephone and e-mail)**
- **6 actor groups (Government, women shea producers and their associations, Trans-National Corporations such as AAK, BLC, 3FI Ltd), other private sector, NGOs and Service Providers such as ECOCERT) and research (n = 31)**
- **Global Shea Alliance webinars 2020 and April 2021**
- **Literature reviews**



Impacts of Insecurity

- Between April 2015 and May 2020 – 580 attacks resulting in 1.031 killed and 659 injured
- More than 1.075 million internally displaced (53% women) primarily from the north and east of the country (7 out of 13 regions) (Elizenga, D, 2019)
- 2.500 schools closed affecting 350.000 students and 11.200 teachers
- 2.1 million suffering from food insecurity (FAO, 2020, and Jarry, 2020)
- Disruption of the *maillon* shea production



French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 15 August 2020



Government responses to insecurity



Source: Jeune Afrique, 08 November 2019

- **Deployment of armed forces in affected areas**
- **6 laws promulgated**
- **Specialist judiciary poles established**
- **Ratification of the AU Convention to Prevent Terrorism**
- **National Strategy to prevent radicalization and violence of extremists**
- **Vigilante groups - *koglweogo* – ‘Volontaires pur la Defense de la Patrie’ have emerged**

