OBJECTIVES

- **Improve access to justice** for populations residing in remote areas from courthouses.

- **Reducing the backlog of judicial cases**, particularly those related to sexual and gender-based violence

- **Offering legal aid and judicial assistance** to the most disadvantaged populations.

EXPECTED RESULT

- Vulnerable groups (people in extreme poverty, women, IDPs) in implementing areas have improved access to justice.

IMPLEMENTING LOCATIONS

The project will cover **three Regions of Burkina Faso**: Hauts-Bassins, Boucle du Mouhoun and Centre-Nord. It will be implemented through UN integrated offices in Bobo-Dioulasso and Kaya.
**ACTIVITIES**

- **Organize 21 mobile court hearings** in implementing locations.

- **Organize six (06) sessions of the criminal chambers** in the two appeal courts of Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso (targeting the Regions of Hauts-Bassins, Boucle du Mouhoun, and Centre-Nord).

- **Provide legal aid support to vulnerable groups** (people in extreme poverty, women, young people, IDPs and people living with disabilities) through the support of lawyers’ fees (330 beneficiaries in the First Instance and 70 in appeal).

- **Train 60 magistrates and clerks** in implementing regions to effectively handle criminal cases, with a focus on those related to terrorism.

- **Train 60 investigators from the police and gendarmerie** on responding to and protecting survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Establish eight (08) regional focal points on SGBV in Bobo-Dioulasso, Dedougou, Kongoussi, and Kaya, with one for the police and one for the gendarmerie in each city.

- **Make legal texts and information on legal procedures accessible** to the population (training of SCOs, awareness-raising campaigns, radio and tv broadcasts).

- **Provide legal advice to vulnerable persons** (people who are illiterate or cannot afford legal counsel, orphans or abandoned minors, women, elderly persons, IDPs, etc.) in pre-trial detention in the prisons of Kaya, Kongoussi, Boromo, Dedougou, Bobo-Dioulasso and Orodara to ensure that they are informed of their judicial rights as detainees (legal clinics).

- **Support the creation of five (05) judicial reception offices** in Bobo-Dioulasso, Orodara, Dedougou, Kaya, and Kongoussi, involving staff training and office equipment.
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Responsible for Relations with Institutions

The Center for Information and Training on Human Rights in Africa

The Burkinabe Movement for Human and Peoples' Rights