

For many years, Mission inclusion has been actively working with local partners in several countries in the Sahel region of Africa. The countries of this territory face common threats: climate change, food insecurity, resource scarcity, insecurity due to conflict, population displacement and gender-based violence, among others. Mission inclusion supports several projects to help communities face these multiple challenges.



## Burkina Faso

### Adapting to Climate Change

Since 2015, **Mission inclusion** has been supporting three local partners to help vulnerable rural communities in the North, Centre-North and Boucle du Mouhous regions adapt to the effects of climate change and improve women's rights. More than 500 farms will receive biodigesters to reduce the use of firewood and the risk incurred by women and girls, who are forced to fetch wood from increasingly risky areas.

"Climate change is an additional burden for the people of the Burkinabe Sahel region. They are seriously straining the main achievements of farmers which have already been put to the test by multiple hazards. With the implementation of this project, more than 500 households will strengthen their resilience in terms of food security and new incomes."

**Abdoulaye**, General Coordinator, APIL



## Nigeria

### Helping Women in Overcrowded Camps

Since 2018, in the Borno region of northeastern Nigeria, **Mission inclusion** and its local partner, GEPaDC, have been offering a humanitarian action program for displaced women marginalized by the Boko Haram crisis in overcrowded urban camps. Aiming to reduce violence against women and girls, several cooperatives have been created allowing women to produce and sell biomass briquettes, and to grow food, benefiting 17,000 women and their families.

"For me, the safe space of co-ops is a place to learn new things, be less isolated and create friendships where we find solutions to our issues. We all know each other and work together as a team."

**Participant**



## Mali

### Supporting the Markala Community

Since 2012, **Mission inclusion** has been supporting the organization Yiriwa Bulonba/CERFADEL, which provides support to more than 500 inhabitants of the rural commune of Markala. This project works to promote women's rights, resilience to climate change, and food security in the community. It supports farming families to improve their food security, increase their income and combat poverty and inequality.

"Today, more than ever before, our children have access to drinking water so that they can study in the best possible conditions of good health and can eat in the school canteen. Many thanks to CERFADEL and **Mission inclusion**."

President, School Management Committee, Markala



## Cameroun

### Improving the Health of Rural Families

Since 2016, in Cameroon's far north region, **Mission inclusion** and its local partner, the Diocesan Development Committee of Maroua-Mokolo (CDD), have been responding to the urgent needs of vulnerable and displaced families affected by the Boko Haram crisis. In more than 140 remote rural villages, CDD is the only organization providing health services through its network of hundreds of community relays and its 16 rural health clinics, specializing in childbirth and follow-up care for mothers and their newborns. It also aims to improve access to water, food and education for 110,000 local families.

"If vulnerable people are deprived of this type of assistance, they may be able to escape from COVID-19, but not from starvation."

**Local leader**, Mora commune



A proud ally of community organizations in Quebec for more than 70 years, Mission inclusion supports partners who provide tools to vulnerable populations across the province. A leader in its fields of action and at the forefront of best practices in community settings, Mission inclusion has the expertise to build special ties with its partners and target innovative projects that become pillars of society.



## Cirque Hors Piste

### Inspiring Marginalized Youth

Since January 2019, **Mission inclusion** has been supporting the Montreal organization Cirque Hors Piste in a project to accompany marginalized and homeless youth. By holding circus arts workshops and teaching its multiple disciplines, this social intervention project promotes the creation of ties among 550 youth who take part in it, and offers them individual support, the development of their life project and psychosocial intervention, among other things.

“The Cirque Hors Piste team continues to impress us! The particular approach of social circus is at the junction of two worlds: artistic and social! It is the only organization to offer ongoing intervention through the circus arts to homeless youth.”

**Danielle Filion**, Program Director, Quebec, Mission inclusion



## Vigil'Ange

### Angels at the Service of Seniors

Located in Saint-Jérôme, Vigil'Ange aims to guide 900 seniors and caregivers to the right resources. It relies on a strong network of trained volunteers — called “vigils” — who identify seniors in the community who need help. This may be a hairdresser who suspects elder abuse. Or a convenience store manager who notices that an elderly customer has an addiction problem. The “volunteer angels” go meet these vulnerable people in their homes or in the places they frequent.

“We met with the coordinator and the president of the board of Vigil'Ange. Two totally committed people with a fine knowledge of the issues facing seniors on their territory. Despite the precariousness of the organization at that time, it was clear that Vigil'Ange's potential had to be improved for the benefit of the region's seniors.”

**Danielle Filion**, Program Director, Quebec, Mission inclusion



## Autour du bébé

### Reaching Out to Vulnerable Families

Located in Montreal, in the Ahuntsic district, Autour du bébé accompanies new parents in learning and valuing their new role and promotes the overall health of their family in order to make it a positive and balanced experience. Since 2019, **Mission inclusion** has been supporting the organization to more easily reach vulnerable families. Autour du bébé helps more than 1,800 people through actions encouraging the presence of families in various activities: breastfeeding drop-in sessions, postnatal meetings, nutrition workshops, collective kitchens of mashed potatoes, activities promoting parent-child attachment and stimulation of the newborn.

“We're the only ones in the neighbourhood that offer prenatal classes and postnatal meetings for everyone, which we adapt as needed. When you're on the verge of giving birth alone in the unknown, it's very scary, and these mothers develop a real sense of belonging to our organization.”

**Nathalie Bélanger**, Executive Director and sexologist, Autour du bébé



## Centre de femmes du Haut-Richelieu

### Growing Your Dinner

The Centre de femmes du Haut-Richelieu is a popular education center for women whose mission is to improve women's living conditions in order to enable them to participate equally in all spheres of society. Since May 2020, **Mission inclusion** has been supporting the Centre's food security component, which is deployed throughout the MRC. Various food security activities are offered to more than 170 people in the region: community gardens, school culinary workshops, collective kitchens, cooking workshops and agricultural production (gleaning).

“A mobilizing project for the members of the Centre des femmes as well as for the participants of the Vieux Saint-Jean Community Garden was created thanks to funding from **Mission inclusion**. Collective gardening bins were planted and cultivated collectively. Workshops were facilitated by and for the gardeners, allowing them to learn more about crop conservation and abundant harvest. The garden has been transformed into a rewarding living environment for all.”

**Esther Prince**, Coordinator of Food Security Initiatives, Centre de femmes du Haut-Richelieu