

In Focus

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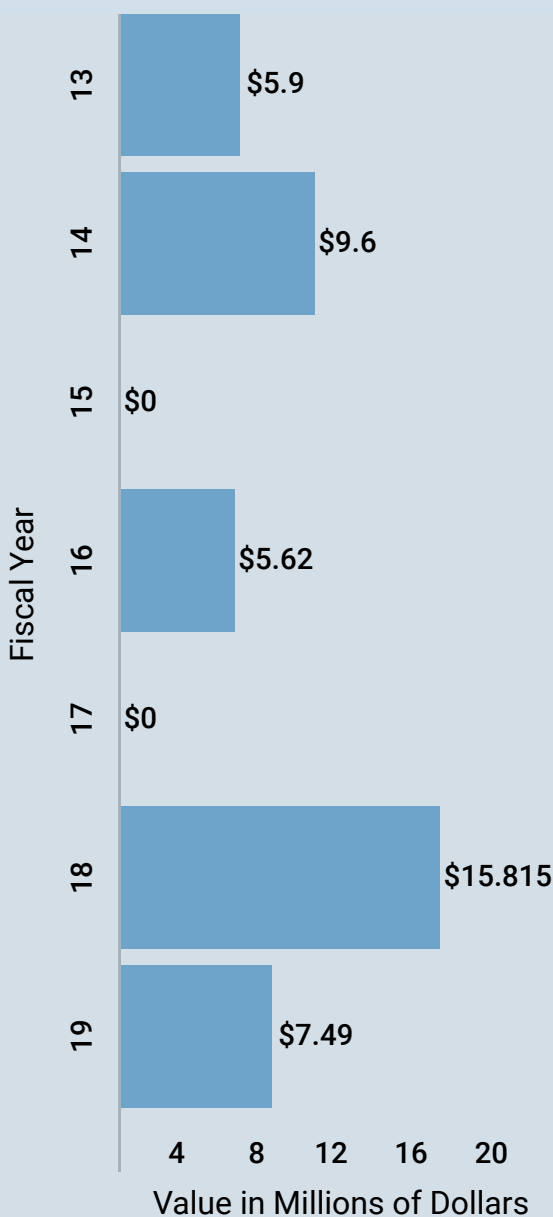
Country Profile: Burkina Faso

PROGRAM: FY 2019 Department of Defense, Section 333: Building Partner Capacity

UNIT TRAINED & EQUIPPED: Counter Terrorism Company

JUSTIFICATION: To conduct border security and counterterrorism operations to deter and degrade violent extremist organizations in Sahel-Maghreb and improve security capacities in order to ensure a stronger defense against regional threats

Train and Equip Funding for Burkina Faso Since FY2006



Provided Under Section 1206 and 333 Funding

Snapshot of the Defense Equipment Provided to the Counter Terrorism Company in FY19

(weapon details on page 2)



162

Rifles & Machine Guns



14

Armored Personnel Carriers & Other Vehicles



150

Night Vision Devices



1,662

Uniforms, Tactical Vests, & Other Individual Equipment



\$7,490,000

Total Value of All Equipment, Training, & Maintenance

Counter Terrorism Company

The Counterterrorism Company will be based out of the Gourma region in Eastern Burkina Faso. While militant attacks have previously been contained along the northern border with Mali, attacks began to spread to the east beginning in February of 2018. The Company will likely be countering forces from the Islamic State in the Greater Sahel and Ansaroul Islam who have set up posts in the area's dense forests, making it difficult for Burkinabe forces to respond. You can find more information on security aid to Burkina Faso on our [website](#).



What \$895,000* in Arms Bought the Counter Terrorism Company

150 AK-47 Rifles



225,000 7.62x54mm

Linked Ammunition



225,000

7.62x39mm
Ammunition



12 PKM Light Machine Guns



*Value includes maintenance kits, spares, and ancillaries