

Burkina Faso, February 2026

The Koden School Project



Constructing a 3 classroom block and ground boundaries to help provide education to children — enabling life to flourish as God designed whilst pointing them to their eternal home.

Working alongside our partners, The Koden School & Aid to Burkina, we will help a community trapped in the poverty cycle to expand their school facilities to improve education for the children of the community increasing the change of breaking free of extreme poverty. Each child has opportunity to see and experience Jesus and so to find a welcome into the Eternal Heavenly Home that only Jesus can provide

This Guide will take you through all the tasks you need to complete in order to prepare yourself and your group for your trip to Burkina Faso.

Stage 1: Application Process

- Go to « <https://www.amoreurope.org/build> » and fill in the online **Group Registration Form**.
 - We will then send you a link to an online password protected **Application Form** for you to forward to each member of your group.
 - We will also send you the official dates at this point
- Each member of your group, including yourself, will need to:
 - fill in and submit the online **Application Form**;
 - upload **a picture of the photo page of their passport**; and
 - pay a **non-returnable deposit of £150**.
- Please ensure you have at least one adult leader (over the age of 18) for every five young people in your group. If you are bringing male and female young people, you will also need male and female leaders.
- If someone under the age of 15 and wants to join the Expedition, this has been allowed previously but basic on circumstances. Please contact John, jfudge@amor.org, to speak about this.

Note: the deadline for all applications is **November 30th, 2025**./ or 3 months prior to the trip.

Stage 2: Preparing Your Group

Information Packs

Ensure each person in your group is given an **Info Pack**, including **About Your Trip**, **Fundraising Ideas**, a **Money Matters** section with **Sponsor Forms** and **Donation Slips**. This **Info Pack** can be downloaded from our website here:

— « <https://www.amoreurope.org/build> ».

Parents

Keep in touch with parents. We recommend that you contact the parents of each person in your group who is under the age of 18, to introduce yourself to them and to answer any questions they may have.

Finance

Please ensure that the following financial systems and processes have been put in place:

- Familiarise yourself with the **Money Matters** section in the **About Your Trip** document.
- Open a bank account. Alternatively, agree an existing account that will be used for money to be paid into from your group's fundraising.
- Ensure that all money paid in is properly documented and accounted for, this can be tracked on your **Group Finical Spreadsheet** you will be sent.
- Once we have received your group registration form, Amor Europe will send you the bank details and reference number for you to make regular payments to Protected Trust Services, where the money will be held until it is needed to pay for flights, insurance, house materials, and other costs associated with your trip. Please ensure these payments are regular (we suggest monthly) as there are number of costs we need to pay prior to the trip.
 - Please note only the group leader should make the payments into the Amor Europe Bank. Please do not share our details with the group.
- Ensure your group meets the following payment deadlines:

End of April 2025	£150	<i>Deposit (nonrefundable)</i>
End of June 2025	£500	
End of August 2025	£850	
End of October 2025	£1,200	
End of December 2025	£1,550	<i>Payments complete</i>
- *Please note, this £1,500 is the estimated cost. The actual final cost will be confirmed once the flights have been booked.*
- When sending payments to Amor Europe please remember to:
 - Write the name of your group on the back of the cheque;
 - Update your spreadsheet and email it to us

- Use the reference given to you, and only have payments coming from one source on behalf of your group to the Amor Europe bank.
- Ensure all in your group understand how to use the **Sponsor Forms** and **Donation Slips**

Fundraising

Establish a fundraising strategy. We recommend that you plan your fundraising strategy as a group, and agree what will be done individually and what will be done together. We are here to support you along the way, any questions or help needed contact Molly, mfowlie@amor.org or John, jfudge@amor.org

Medical

- Ensure each person in your group books an appointment with their own doctor or travel clinic to discuss vaccine recommendations.
- Read through the medical sections of your group's **Application Forms** to ensure that you are aware of all medical issues in your group
- Check whether anyone in your group has a pre-existing medical condition. If so, to ensure they are covered by our trip insurance, please ensure the following are in place at time of travel:
 - they are safe and fit to travel;
 - they have received a medical professional's confirmation that they are ok to travel;
 - their condition is well under control.

Please note that cover for anyone with a pre-existing condition under the policy arranged by Amor Europe is dependent on these details being in place. It is your responsibility to do this. Failure to make these arrangements exposes you or your group member to uninsured medical cost which could potentially be very expensive.

Travel

Put in place your transport arrangements to and from the departure airport. Please note, you are responsible for this element of the trip, and it is not covered by the trip fee.

All participants must have a passport that has a minimum of 6 months left at the time of the trip. To enter Burkina Faso, you must have a visa. You are responsible for making sure all your groups visa are complete. This can be done through: [Burkina Faso Visa](#)

Travelling with under 18 into Burkina faso: To enter into Burkina Faso we require that all participants under 18 must have a consent letter from parents/legal guardian approving the trip and identifying responsible adult for guardianship during the trip. This is covered in the Amor Europe application form that each participant must complete to go on the trip.

Accommodation

Please note the following important points about accommodation and sleeping arrangements.

- Amor Europe Expeditions in Burkina Faso use basic accommodation which is a mix of dormitories and rooms in a lard home.
- Participants will be in dormitories separated male and female, with separate toilet facilities. Adult team leaders and members will, when possible, have separate huts/dormitories to the young people. Changing and showering **MUST** be done separately.
- In all accommodation situations, adult team leaders **MUST** be in very close proximity to young people for emergency and supervision purposes.
- All participants will have their own single bed. If accommodation includes double beds, allocation principles are as follows:
 - siblings should share where possible;
 - no adults should share with children (under 18s) unless they are siblings or parent and child;
 - use of sleeping bags to separate people unless conditions are too warm;
 - if there are insufficient beds to achieve this arrangement, then additional mattresses should be requested of the hosts.
- In the case of emergency, the group may stay at a hotel. If this happens and there are double beds in hotel rooms, allocation should be as follows:
 - one person sleeps under the covers, the other in their sleeping bag;
 - suggest that sharers sleep top to toe.
- If for any reason such arrangements prove not to be possible, then the adult leader for that accommodation unit should liaise with the overall Trip Lead to find a suitable solution to the situation.

Well done! — your group is now ready for their trip. Once you arrive at the airport all other practical arrangements (onward transport, accommodation, food, house building, and so on) will be arranged for you. This will allow you to focus on supporting and supervising your group.

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