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Burkina Faso: Caravan briefing

On January 27 Amnesty International is launching a campaign caravan which will tour Burkina Faso to spread information, news and stimulate debate on the subject. The caravan leaves Ouagadougou on 27 January and visit Kaya, Gorom Gorom, Fada N'Gourma, Gon Boussougou, Manga, Gaoua, Bobo Dioulasso, Tougan and Ouahigouya before returning to Ouagadougou on 8 February (see below for full schedule).

Several activities are planned at each stop of the caravan to mobilize women and men around the realization of their right to health. Activities include theatre performances, film screenings and, in some places, sporting events such as football matches. In others, caravan delegates will present the report *Giving Birth, Risking Death: Maternal Mortality in Burkina Faso* to medical students in regional nursing schools. Caravan delegates also plan to hold meetings with regional authorities in some locations.

Amnesty International's campaign against maternal death in Burkina Faso will last at least two years. Through the caravan, Amnesty International hopes to raise awareness about its work on maternal mortality and to collect signatures and voices from around the country asking the government to continue its efforts to reduce preventable maternal death.

You can follow the progress of the caravan through the geoblog on the website at <http://www.demanddignity.org>

Caravan itinerary:

Date	Location	Events
27 Jan	Ouagadougou	Press conference to launch the report and the caravan
28 Jan	Kaya	Planned activities include a theatre performance, a group discussion with local women about maternal health and a meeting with the Governor
29 Jan	Gorom Gorom	Planned activities include a theatre performance and film screening and a radio debate
30 Jan	Fada N'Gourma	Planned activities include a conference on maternal health at the Regional school of public health and a football match
31 Jan	Gon Boussougou	Planned activities include a dance performance, a film screening and a meeting with health professionals
01 Feb	Manga	Planned activities include a meeting with the Governor and Regional Director of Health as well as a discussion with women in the town market place about maternal health
04 Feb	Gaoua	Planned activities include an exhibition at the local school of posters designed by students on the issue of maternal health and a theatre performance
05 Feb	Bobo Dioulasso	Planned activities include a march with local women and a meeting with the Governor
06 Feb	Tougan	Planned activities include a meeting with the Governor, a football match to raise awareness of maternal health and a theatre performance
07 Feb	Ouahigouya	Planned activities include an exhibition at the local school of posters designed by students on the issue of maternal health and a radio debate. There is also a meeting of health professionals at the Regional School of Health and a volley ball match between local women and the health professionals.
08 Feb		Return to Ouagadougou
09 Feb	Ouagadougou	The caravan will be joined by Amnesty International's interim secretary general. Planned activities include a focus group discussion with local men and women on the subject of maternal health and a theatre performance.