

## **DENMARK**

### **Case story: Fuel Wood in Burkina Faso**

Denmark has for many years supported the energy sector in Burkina Faso – mainly with conventional energy production and supply. Support to fuel wood was included in the Danish support from 1999. Groups of woodcutters have been trained in forest management, fuel wood cutting and storing and in management, including price negotiations. The fuel wood activity is performed by men in the otherwise inactive dry season. The forest area is managed in 12 slots, one a year for harvest and 11 for regeneration. The collected fuel wood is collected at a loading place assessable to a dealer and his truck. Half of the income from the fuel wood is going to the collector himself. Forest management and forest assistance is taking 40 % and the remaining 10% is given to the village management fund. The cash income reduces the villagers' vulnerability to draught as it makes them able to buy food. Cash is also used for medicine and village improvements. Several other villages have expressed keen interest in being trained in fuel wood management, as they have seen the direct benefits to the participants.