Families in rural Burkina Faso take little for granted. In this West African country almost half of the people live in poverty, many existing on only one or two meals a day. Through the AD Tanghin Dassouri Child Survival Program (CSP), Compassion is countering the staggering needs of impoverished Burkinabé children and their mothers. Pregnant mothers access free prenatal, labor and delivery care. The women learn essentials of sanitation, hygiene and disease prevention. Little ones are strengthened in their cognitive, emotional and social development. Each CSP caregiver is nurtured in growing closer to the heart of Jesus. The difference in these families is noticeable to their relatives, neighbors and other residents of Tanghin Dassouri.

While the AD Tanghin Dassouri program is introducing the community to lasting transformations, it is paramount that the CSP mothers acquire life skills to become economically self-sustaining. Of the 35 mothers served in this program, 33 earn less than $1 a day. None can afford three meals a day for their families or to educate their children. Almost all of these Burkinabé women work by selling spices and refreshments, but the revenues are insufficient.

In response, our frontline church partner there has offered space for soap production. And Monterey Church has stepped forward to sponsor the micro-enterprise, which will improve the mothers’ household living conditions, help safeguard their families’ health, and turn dreams of schooling their children into a reality.

The 55,200 residents of Tanghin Dassouri live in the plains about 14 miles southwest of the nation’s capital, Ouagadougou. In late 2012, Compassion partnered with the local Church of the Assemblies of God to establish the Tanghin Dassouri Child Survival Program. Today, 35 registered children and their mothers benefit from the holistic ministry, which in turn reaches their more than 100 other family members. These homes also know strife too well.

Burkinabé husbands typically marry multiple wives, which leaves little income to cover everyone’s daily food and shelter. Roughly three out of four women in Tanghin Dassouri are illiterate. Just keeping their children alive takes great energy. The CSP mothers are ready to be more responsible for their children’s welfare.

BUILDING A BUSINESS, IMPROVING LIVES
The income-generation solution for these disadvantaged women? Making and selling soap. Burkina Faso is the world’s second-largest shea nut producer, and shea natural skin-care soaps are popular across the planet.

Your generous gift is already helping equip the CSP moms with the production unit, equipment and training to process shea nuts and then sell the creamy soaps to small exporters. From purchasing the raw ingredients in local markets to the actual manufacture and sale of soap, the women will work in three teams and reinvest...
10 percent of profits in the business for operation expenses and machinery upgrades.

Here is the proposed timeline for the launch of this income-generation intervention:

**MONTH ONE:** Form a management oversight committee, including the church-partner pastor and staff members of the nonprofit organization Centre Ecologic Albert Schweitzer. Train the 35 CSP mothers in business and soap-making technical skills. Complete building construction and acquire soap-making equipment.

**MONTH TWO:** Launch the soap-making production and begin soap sales.

**MONTHS TWO TO SEVEN:** Continue soap production and sales through November 2015 before a two-month break for agricultural work.

**MONTH NINE TO JANUARY 2017:** Continue soap production and sales, monitor results, and create reports.

Through your financial support, each of the mothers will be coached to save and manage their earnings to better provide for the ongoing needs of their families. The projected crafting of 540 cleansing bars a day will help wash away hunger and poverty from Tanghin Dassouri for generations to come.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your faithful generosity. You are a vital part of this life-giving intervention for the struggling children and mothers in central Burkina Faso.

### BUDGET SUMMARY

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**Amount Requested: $11,237**

Your giving is instilling self-confidence in these women and securing their financial stability, freeing their families from malnourishment, disease and illiteracy. God bless the people of Monterey Church for your compassionate love in action!

We are grateful for your faithful stewardship and commitment to communicating God’s love in this tangible way.