“Burkina Faso,” this name was derived from each of the countries two major native languages: Mòoré and Dioula. “Burkina” means “men of integrity” in Mòoré and “Faso” means “fatherland” in Dioula. Thus, “Burkina Faso” can be translated to “Land of honest people.”

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