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Combating COVID-19 in Burkina Faso: Dr. Moumini Niaoné's approach | CSMonitor

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Moumini Niaoné is a doctor and public health specialist in Burkina Faso. But often, he feels like a translator.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, more than ever, his work involves searching for a way of speaking about health with people who may have limited literacy, scientific knowledge, and financial means. "I will come to the community and look at the problem from their eyes. When I know where they stand, it's easier to design the intervention," he says.

Since the first cases were detected in Burkina Faso – a West African nation battling a jihadist insurgency, where literacy rates are low – Dr. Niaoné knew that citizens would have to go door to door to outpace the misinformation circulating on social media.

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