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# NIGER



## Country Snapshot

<b>Population:</b>	18 million
<b>Life expectancy at birth:</b>	59 years
<b>Adult literacy rate:</b>	29 %
<b>Access to improved water source:</b>	46 %
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	US\$420
<b>Infant mortality rate:</b>	248 per 1,000 live births
<b>Maternal mortality rate:</b>	820 per 100,000 live births
<b>HIV prevalence:</b>	0.5 %

Source: UNICEF, World Bank

**COUNTRY OVERVIEW** Since 1974, CARE International in Niger was able to touch the lives of more than 4 million people through our work in the areas of empowerment of women and youth, the management of natural resources, promotion of food security and nutrition, promotion of economic opportunities for youth and interfaith dialogue, adaptation to climate change and responding to emergencies. CARE Niger intends to continue its operations in Niger, touching more than 4 million people in 2020 with a majority of women, girls, youth and children including people receiving humanitarian assistance. These people live in about 110 000 households of Diffa, Maradi, Niamey, Tahoua, Tillabery, Zinder, Dosso and Agadez regions.

## PROGRAMATIC POLES

### 3 Great Poles:

#### Leadership and Empowerment of Women and Youth (LEFJ) :

ocused on the promotion and protection of rights, economic empowerment, leadership and empowerment of women and youth;

#### Food Security and Nutrition and Management of Natural Resources (SAN/GRN) :

centered on strengthening the resilience of vulnerable households against natural and socio-economic impacts as well as the promotion of food and nutrition security;

#### Coordination of the Humanitarian Actions as a transversal pole:

centered on the coordination of humanitarian action of high quality consistent with the "Core Humanitarian Standards" and the humanitarian strategy of CARE International.

### Our approach:

3 priority means to fight against the structural causes of

poverty and sociale injustice:

- Strengthen gender equality and women's "empowerment";
- Promoting inclusive governance at all levels;
- Strengthen resilience.

**IMPACTS:** 40,811 people have sustainable access to safe drinking water in the departments of Madaoua and Bouza. Changes in attitudes and behaviors in relation to pastoral land grabbing were noted.

We estimate that USD 4.9 million minimum are saved by the MMD women per year, with a single investment of 750 000 per group. For every dollar invested in creating an MMD group, 6.5 USD is earned back at least per year. Of the 15,000 groups in Niger, only 25% are controlled by CARE Niger.

For every dollar invested in the Participatory Planning Scenarios (PPS) for resilience against climate change, 4 USD is earned back over a period of 10 years. This tool requires the help of communities and government.

## LEFJ:

CARE Niger and its partners' effort will be primarily focused on:

- 1) the gender transformation within the households (as gateways to sexual and reproductive health, family planning and local management of demographics ...)
- 2) the expansion of MMD structures as a development platform, sustainability initiatives and multiplying the impact,
- 3) the political representation of women and youth in the instances of decision making at all levels,
- 4) promotion of potential and sustainable socio-economic opportunities and entrepreneurship for young girls and boys,
- 5) promotion of good local governance for improved integration of gender and reducing the vulnerability of youth and women in development plans and strategies in the municipalities, regions and national plans / programs



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## SAN/GRN:

CARE Niger and its partners' effort will be primarily focused on:

- 1) expansion of tools and approaches ABC / CBA to accelerate the adaptation of livelihoods of vulnerable households,
- 2) integration of the rights, interests and needs in food security and nutrition impact groups of CARE in public policies and strategies based on evidence produced by the implementation of integrated approaches such as "nutrition center", the development of sectors and value chains with proven innovations such as the development of farmer field schools focused on gender and the market of FFBS type, the development of innovation platforms and the interaction with

the research and education...

- 3) the promotion of sustainable management practices of agro-forestry-pastoral and fisheries resources,
- 4) the use of climate information in decision-making in the rural production process,
- 5) improving the quality, quantity and equitable access to basic social services (eg, water, health, education / literacy) ...
- 6) promotion of good local governance for better integration of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into development plans and strategies in the communes, regions and at national level.

**“CARE is the best NGO because it’s the only**

**one that asked me what I want.” A woman**

**refugee from the camp of Tabaraye-Bareye.”**

## Humanitarian Assistance

CARE Niger's effort will be primarily focused on:

- 1) capacity building to increase the efficiency and quality of early warning, prevention and response to crises,
- 2) advocacy initiatives to improve accountability, quality and impact in humanitarian assistance provided by CARE and its partners
- 3) promotion of good local governance for better integration of early warning and preparedness and response to emergencies in development plans and strategies.

Emphasis will be placed on the conduct of the transition between humanitarian assistance and development activities in connection with the "Sustainable Development Goals - SDG."

***Thanks to all the donors and partners who support the actions of CARE International in Niger for over 40 years.***

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