



PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION

NIGER - UNICEF 2019-2021

Partnerships for children



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RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

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for every child



Realizing the rights of **every child**, especially the most disadvantaged

- Every child **survives and thrives**
- Every child **learns**
- Every child **is protected from violence and exploitation**
- Every child **lives in a safe and clean environment**
- Every child **has an equitable chance in life**



COUNTRY CONTEXT

Niger is a landlocked country situated in the heartland of the Sahel region with an estimated population of 20.65 million. More than half of them (58.2%) are children. Around 84 percent of the population lives in rural areas and almost one in two persons (44.5%) lives in poverty. Niger has one of the youngest and fastest-growing populations in the world.



20.65 million
ESTIMATED POPULATION



58,2%
ARE CHILDREN



84% LIVES IN RURAL AREAS



3,9%
ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH



44,5%
LIVES IN POVERTY



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SITUATION OF CHILDREN

THE COUNTRY HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN ADVANCING CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS OVER THE PAST YEARS...



Niger has made significant progress in advancing children's rights. The child mortality rate significantly decreased over the past decade.

Substantial development in legislations, policies, strategies and national programming have been achieved over the past years.

CHILDREN ARE LESS LIKELY TO DIE FROM PREVENTABLE DISEASES THAN IN THE PAST



The child mortality rate significantly decreased over the past decade from **109 to 85 live births between 2012 and 2017**

BEING ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL IS NOW A REALITY FOR MANY MORE CHILDREN



As a result of significant investments in education since 2012, **the number of children enrolled in primary school has increased by 35 percent.** Enrolment in lower secondary has nearly doubled since 2012.

INCREASED ACCESS TO IMPROVED DRINKING WATER



Access to improved water services **increased by 7 percent between 2012 and 2015**, when 56 percent of the population used an improved drinking water source.

PUTTING AN END TO CHILD MARRIAGE IS A FOCUS OF GOVERNMENT'S WORK



The Government demonstrated **its engagement to tackle child marriage** and adopted a decree for the protection of girl-child in school to guarantee access and retention until age 16.

DESPITE RECENT PROGRESS, MANY CHALLENGES REMAIN PARTICULARLY FOR THE MOST DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

Despite recent progress made by the Government and its partners, many challenges remain, particularly for the most disadvantaged children.



CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE EXPERIENCE AT LEAST FOUR DEPRIVATION SIMULTANEOUSLY

2,3 millions
ESTIMATED PEOPLE NEED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

The country continues also to face simultaneous emergencies that are stretching the capacities of the government and humanitarian partners to respond adequately.



1/2
HAVE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES



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1/3+

ADOLESCENT GIRLS
AGED 15 TO 19
HAVE ALREADY
GIVEN BIRTH OR
ARE PREGNANT



38%

OF CHILDREN WERE
FULLY IMMUNIZED
IN 2017



10%

OF CHILDREN ARE
ACUTELY MALNOURISHED



42%

OF CHILDREN
UNDER FIVE
YEARS OF AGE ARE
STUNTED

ONLY

13%

OF THE POPULATION
HAVE ACCESS TO BASIC
SANITATION SERVICES



71%

OF THE POPULATION
STILL PRACTICE OPEN
DEFECATION



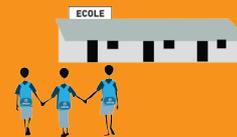
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CHILDREN
AGED 7 TO 16
ARE NOT IN
SCHOOL

FEWER THAN

6/10

PRIMARY SCHOOL
STUDENTS ENTER
SECONDARY SCHOOL



ONLY

2/10

STUDENTS COMPLETE THE
LOWER SECONDARY CYCLE

AT THE END OF PRIMARY
SCHOOL, FEWER THAN

8%

HAVE ACQUIRED
ACCEPTABLE
LITERACY AND
NUMERACY SKILLS



3/4

ADOLESCENT
GIRLS ARE
MARRIED BEFORE
THE AGE OF 18



MORE THAN

8/10

CHILDREN HAVE
EXPERIENCED
VIOLENT DISCIPLINE



6/10

WOMEN THINK THAT A
MAN HAS REASONS TO
BATTER HIS OWN WIFE



JUST

6/10

CHILDREN HAVE A
BIRTH CERTIFICATE

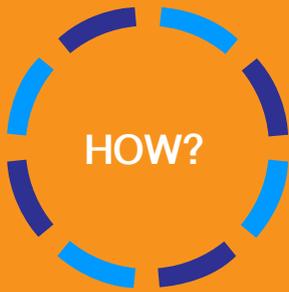


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COUNTRY PROGRAMME

UNICEF is mandated to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. Aligned with national priorities and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, the vision for the new country programme is to support the Government towards ensuring that:

All children, especially the most vulnerable, enjoy their rights; adolescents and youth are empowered; communities and systems are strengthened and resilient; and humanitarian assistance and development address the structural causes of fragility and vulnerability.



Modelling and scale-up of successful approaches

Promoting national scale-up of successful approaches, with a focus on modelling sustainable institutional and community-based approaches for the most deprived regions and population groups

Social and intergenerational dialogue

Promoting prospective and child- and youth-centred social and intergenerational dialogue by involving multiple stakeholders, promoting innovation and fostering partnerships.

Policy dialogue

Policy dialogue with the Government to support sector-wide approaches, effective multisectoral coordination and the convergence of programmatic approaches.



Systems strengthening

Strategic shift from predominantly service-delivery mode to more-important investments in systems strengthening and capacity building.

Nexus

Humanitarian-Development

Humanitarian response interventions with sustainable solutions to maximize contributions to national and local development plans.



Maximizing opportunities for children with a focus on quality, equity and sustainability



Promoting local capacities, ownership, accountability and sustainability



Mobilizing key stakeholders, notably at decentralised and community levels



Promoting the empowerment of adolescents and youth

RESULTS AREAS



ADOLESCENTS AND SOCIAL NORMS

The programme will promote adolescents and youth representation and participation in key planning and decision-making arenas. It aims to empower at least 3,000 adolescents to participate in or lead civic engagement initiatives by the end of the programme.

HEALTH

The programme will support the Government to expand community-based health services and increase coverage and quality of health services to mothers, newborns, children and adolescents. The programme will contribute to ensuring that 90 per cent of children are fully vaccinated with three doses of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis-containing vaccine.

NUTRITION

The programme will support the Government to improve availability and use of quality high-impact nutrition interventions in the first 1,000 days of life, with a focus on preventing stunting and wasting through the development of effective replicable, sustainable and integrated models of service delivery at the facility and community levels. The programme will contribute to reducing the prevalence of stunting to less than 40 per cent.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

The programme will promote access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities, especially for the most vulnerable and those affected by crises. It will work to change social norms and behaviours of individuals and communities so that they take responsibility for maintaining good hygiene and sanitation practices, to reduce the proportion of population practicing open defecation from 71 to 50 per cent.

EDUCATION

The programme will support the Government to improve access to quality education for all children, particularly girls and adolescents. Interventions will focus on strengthening the monitoring of student learning and improving teaching practices. The programme will contribute to increasing the proportion of grade 6 students who reach the minimum threshold in reading from 27 to 43% and mathematics from 28 to 45%.

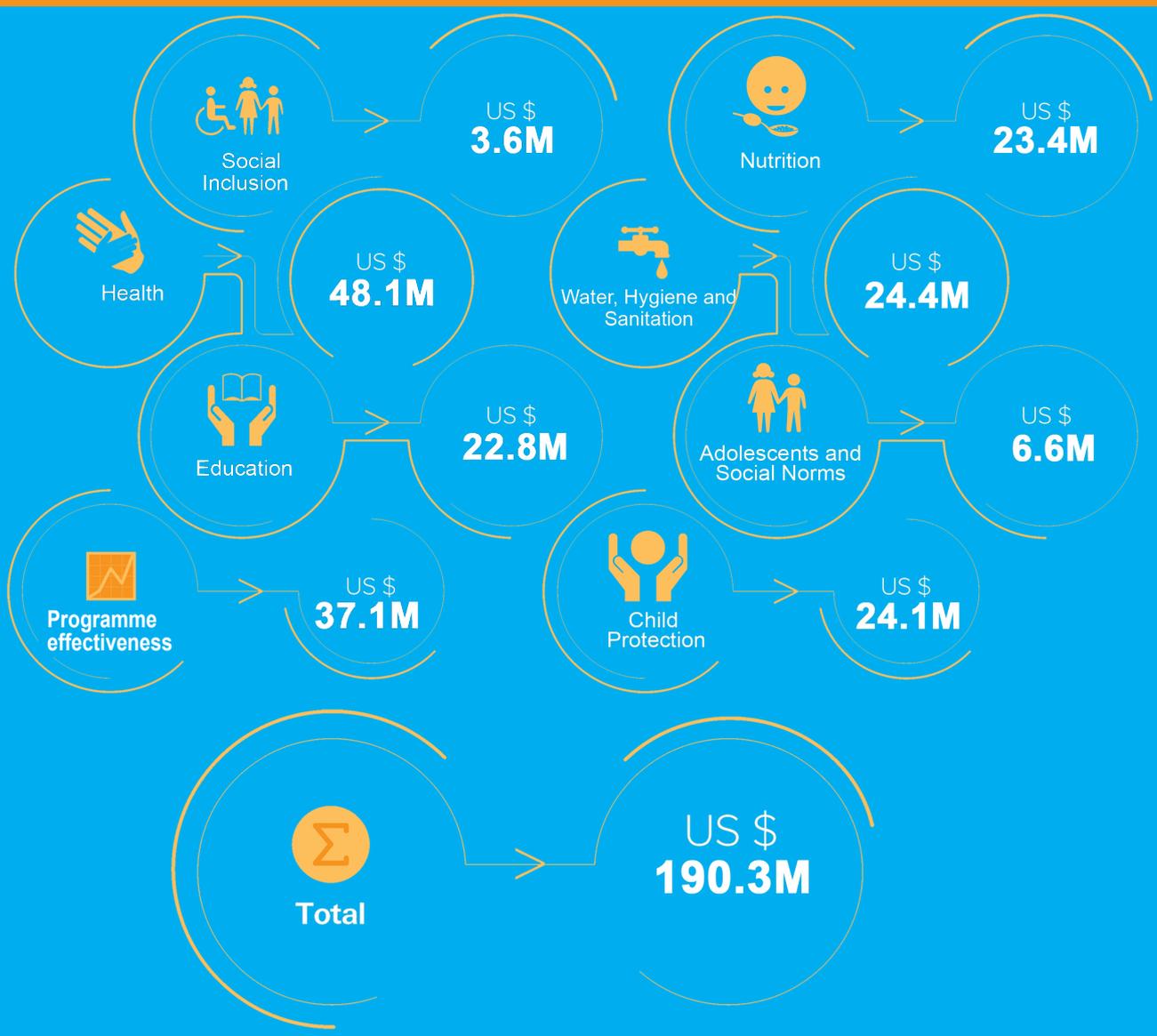
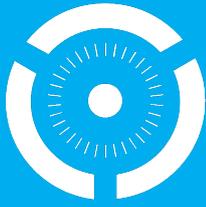
CHILD PROTECTION

The programme will support a holistic approach to strengthen protection information systems and case management, and will closely work with adolescents, religious and traditional leaders, community-based and women organisations and schools to support efforts to prevent child marriage. The programme will contribute to reducing the proportion of women (aged 20-24) married before the age of 18 from 76 to 72%.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

The programme will leverage partnerships to boost budget transparency and accountability; advocate for greater budget allocations for social sectors; strengthen the capacity of youth and women's organisations to claim rights and hold decision makers accountable; support mobilisation for a social protection system grounded in traditional solidarity mechanisms benefiting vulnerable children and contribute to supporting country's statistical systems.

RESOURCES (in million US\$)



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