

Country Strategic Plan Summary for 2010 - 2014

“This document describes how Plan Niger and its partners will mobilize the different resources to improve the welfare and prospects of vulnerable children. It provides the strategic framework for consistent and continued action from 2010 to 2014”.

About Niger

Niger, which is situated in the Sahel Region of Africa, is one of the poorest countries in the world. The economy is based on agriculture however, little is gained from it due to poor rains and the government’s inability to subsidize farming. It has a fast growing population with children over 18 years in the majority. These children mostly girls have no basic rights and do not matter to the society.

Plan Niger



Potable water built by Plan

Plan is widely recognized in leading organizations in the

For more than 10 years over twenty thousand (20,000) children have benefited from Plan’s child rights programmes in the Dosso and Tillabéri regions.



Country map highlighting Plan areas

Situation Analysis

Despite interventions by the government and that of its partners like Plan Niger, certain basic human rights have not been achieved. These are the right to survival, development, protection and participation.

How to Address These Challenges

Plan Niger with the support of government agencies, civil societies, opinion leaders in the local areas, the youth and children seeks to create an environment to enable them meet these basic children’s rights.

The Right to Survival:

- ◆ In order to decrease the death rate and increase the right attitude to life, Plan Niger will improve the ability of the people to have access to quality health care by constructing more rural health centres, latrines and the provision of potable water.



A sixth grader improves her writing skills

- ◆ Children under the age of five, pregnant women and others with high death rate have been targeted to receive better nutritional care and be vaccinated against preventable diseases.

The Right to Quality Education:

- ◆ Plan Niger seeks to invest in the construction and furnishing of more local school buildings.

- ◆ Train teachers for quality teaching and good management skills.
- ◆ Vocation for school dropouts to be later integrated into the formal sector.
- ◆ School governments for children in “the learn without fear” programme of Plan Niger

Protection: Plan Niger intends to work from the national level to the local by building networks, which would bring about laws to protect the child. One area in the heart of Plan is [birth registration](#).

- ◆ Another area under protection is the ability to manage domestic and emergency situations. There is an unpredictable weather of drought, floods and bush fires. There is also the need to create [grain banks](#) for food security.
- ◆ Women and households are to be provided with micro loans to help take good care of their families.

Strategies:

Plan Niger will use its four-centred child approach to manage these challenges. **Participation:** Plan will allow children to be part of the programmes from the initial stages through implementation to the evaluation stage. **Capacity building:** The people would be encouraged and strengthened to provide services for themselves. **Partnership:** Different levels and classes of people from the national level to the rural areas will come together to create networks for the promotion of child rights.



We just want to be happy

The Way Forward: From experience, building the capacities of the people and sensitizing them on issues have helped in so many ways. What Plan Niger needs now are more research on child rights in Niger and its impact on Plan programmes. This will assist on what to do and how to go about it. Through constant monitoring and evaluation, promoting child rights would be effective in Niger.

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