



“Before the intervention, I had no land and had to migrate to Agadez and even Libya. Thanks to the assistance, I was able to buy land. Now I have a cow and a cart. My family eats well and is in good health.”

-Isrefanous Garba, President of the Dargue Site Management Committee



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WFP IN NIGER PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



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NIGER

A LANDLOCKED COUNTRY IN THE SAHARA-SAHEL BELT OF WESTERN AFRICA, NIGER

is a low-income food deficit country with a population of over 18 million. More than half of the population is under 15 years old. Niger ranks last on the 2015 Human Development Index and population growth is among the highest in the world at 3.9%. An estimated 630 mothers die during childbirth for every 100,000 deliveries and more than 104 children out of 1,000 born do not live to see their fifth birthdays.



1



PILLAR ONE provides for an integrated package of interventions in education, nutrition, social protection, rural productive asset creation, local purchase and emergency preparedness that aims to build the resilience of the poorest. Over the course of the multi-year project, the same beneficiaries also receive seasonal and year-round safety nets, support for productive asset creation and help securing access to land. School meals encourage attendance, particularly among girls and nomadic children, while supporting small farmers through local purchase of home-grown food. Nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive activities are implemented within a joint multi-partner framework that strengthens government capacity to reduce malnutrition. Local purchase is mainstreamed throughout the operation, with farmer organizations encouraged to build capacity and participate within the value chain. Pillar one also includes emergency preparedness and response and disaster risk reduction interventions.



AN ESTIMATED
2 MILLION PEOPLE
IN NIGER ARE FOOD INSECURE
AND UNABLE TO MEET
THEIR BASIC FOOD REQUIREMENTS

During periods of constrained access to food, millions more can quickly fall into acute transitory food insecurity. Low income and purchasing power, the absence of an effective social protection system, the variability of food prices and weak supply chain infrastructure hamper access to food among the poor, especially women and girls.



MORE THAN
46% OF CHILDREN
UNDER 5
ARE CHRONICALLY MALNOURISHED

THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP) IN NIGER HAS BEEN RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF POOR MEN, WOMEN, GIRLS AND BOYS SINCE 1968.

THE NIGER PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATION (PRRO) builds on previous operations and is closely aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 – to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture – and SDG17 – to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.



2

THE SECOND PILLAR aims to support nationally-owned hunger solutions by strengthening the capacity of Niger's systems and institutions. WFP works to improve the policy environment for achieving SDG2 and generate policy and normative support for food security, resilience-building, social protection, nutrition, emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction interventions. At the community level, WFP works with the poor to build technical, operational and organizational capacities to facilitate equitable development, leaving no one behind. Women's participation is prioritized in all capacity strengthening efforts, including needs analysis, planning, monitoring and evaluation.

THE OVERALL AIM OF THE PRRO

is to strengthen the resilience of systems, communities and individuals, working with multiple partners and using an integrated, multi-sectoral and geographically concentrated approach. Bridging humanitarian and development programming, the operation is organized around **THREE PILLARS:**

- 1 AN INTEGRATED RESILIENCE PACKAGE THAT SUPPORTS THE IDENTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL, COST-EFFECTIVE AND SCALABLE MODELS;
- 2 NATIONAL CAPACITY STRENGTHENING;
- 3 THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS.

3

UNDER THE THIRD PILLAR, WFP is working to move beyond its role as implementer towards supporting nationally-owned and led social safety nets by building strategic partnerships, facilitating knowledge sharing and attracting new expertise and technologies to Niger.

WFP is using its resilience programme to provide effective models for replication and facilitate the expansion of these models at the national level. WFP Niger also emphasizes South-South and triangular cooperation and works closely with other United Nations agencies, civil society, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and technical and financial partners, to improve programme quality, strengthen complementarities and coherence and build the evidence base. At the community level, WFP is supporting empowerment through participation and is encouraging the most vulnerable to get organized.

