

Niger



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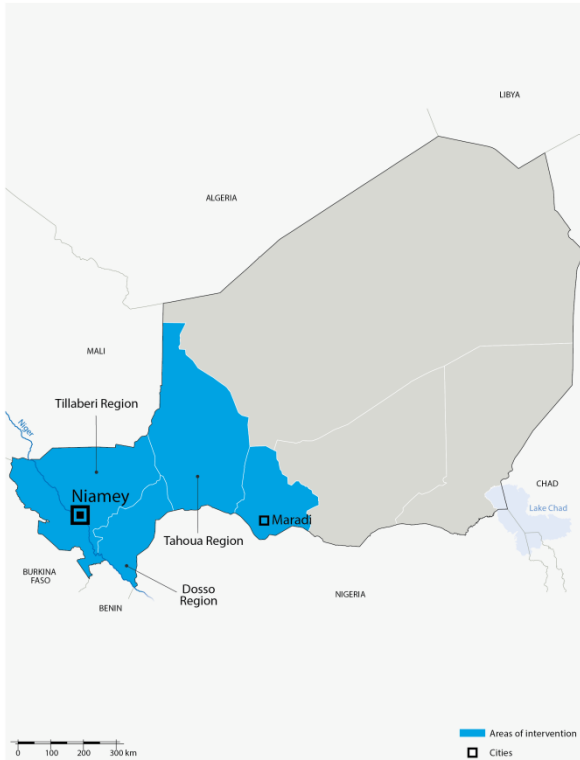
Handicap International's main objective in Niger is to improve living conditions for vulnerable people and/or people with disabilities. To achieve this, Handicap International is working to reduce the causes/risks of disability, improve access to services and develop a more inclusive society for people with disabilities.

SITUATION

Niger, a landlocked country, ranked at the bottom of the UNDP Human Development Index (188th out of 188 countries). 75.2% of the population lives on less than \$2 per day. The population of Niger is also characterised by its youth, with 48.6 % of people aged less than 15 years old. In this very difficult context, people with disabilities suffer even more acutely due to high levels of discrimination and socio-economic inequalities. This discrimination takes the form of extremely limited access to education, employment and health services, very limited civil participation and the fact that the specific needs of people with disabilities are not taken into account in development initiatives. Furthermore, because Niger is situated between Nigeria, Chad, Libya, Algeria and Mali, it is made more vulnerable as a result of its neighbours' instability and incursions into its territory, as well as the influx of refugees, notably from Mali and Nigeria.

INITIAL ACTIONS

In 2006, the organisation, already involved in one-off projects in previous years, decided to set up a permanent programme to ensure the long-term future of its actions and to radically improve the living conditions of people with disabilities



STAFF

- National staff: 49
- Expatriate staff: 3

KEY DATA

Human development index (HDI)*	188 th / 188 classified countries
GNP per capita (\$PPP)*	908 \$US per year
Surface area**	1,267,000 sq.km
Population**	18.53 million
Life expectancy*	58 years

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified 24/06/2008
Oslo convention on cluster munitions	Ratified 02/06/2009
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified 23/03/1999

*UNDP: 2015 human development report

** UNSD 2015

Current projects 2016



Promoting the rights and inclusion rights of people with disabilities in Niamey and Maradi

GOAL

Promoting inclusive development processes; helping people with disabilities in the cities of Niamey and Maradi enjoy the same rights as their fellow citizens and ensuring their full participation in social and economic life.

METHOD

This project entails building the operation capacities and organisational and technical skills of development operators (disabled people's organisations, local authorities) in the Cities of Niamey and Maradi.

BENEFICIARIES

- People with disabilities in the urban communities of Niamey and Maradi;
- The national federation of people with disabilities and local authorities;
- Development operators in these areas;
- All inhabitants of Niamey and Maradi.

PARTNERS

- The Niger Disabled People's Federation (FNPH);
- Disabled people's organisations;
- Local authorities;
- Other development operators in Niamey and Maradi.

LOCATION

Cities of Niamey and Maradi



Inclusive education: Promoting the full participation of children with disabilities through education (APPEHL)

Regional project run in Burkina Faso, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Benin, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Benin and Guinea-Bissau

GOAL

Promoting the inclusion of children with disabilities in the education system to ensure children with disabilities living in villages and neighbourhoods covered by the project benefit from a school education that meets their needs.

METHOD

In order to have a national and regional impact, the project's actions include:

- Raising awareness of disability and the importance of schooling of children with disabilities;
- Identifying and providing health care/educational advice to children with disabilities;
- Making parents of children with disabilities aware of the specific needs of their children, and providing them with relevant training;
- Inclusive education training for education professionals, disabled people's organisations, and other social partners in the field of education;
- Training teachers in teaching techniques for children with physical, sensorial or mental impairments;
- Advocacy actions to promote inclusive education nationally;
- Helping the authorities implement more inclusive education policies.

BENEFICIARIES

- Children with disabilities and their families
- Teachers, head teachers and educational supervisors
- Workers in integrated health centres
- Members of Disabled People's Organisations and parents' associations

PARTNERS

- Ministry for National Education;
- Disabled people's organisations;
- Local education operators.

LOCATION

Niamey, Maradi and Tahoua.



Preventing and reducing the risk of complications and disabling sequelae in children under the age of 5 who are malnourished and/or with developmental delays.¹

GOAL

Build the capacity of communities and families of malnourished children to meet their specific needs by ensuring their access to:

- i) development care through early stimulation actions
- ii) preventive and protective measures to improve their resilience to chronic disasters in the Sahelian regions of the three countries

METHOD

This project's assistance-based approach is designed to include protection and prevention mechanisms to meet the specific needs of malnourished children and the most vulnerable families that are not currently being met. While saving children's lives is of the utmost importance, it is equally important to preserve their cognitive and productive capital if they are to shape their own futures. The project's response makes an important contribution to preventing all forms of disability in malnourished children, and protecting communities through a psychosocial approach. The project helps reduce the vulnerability of the most excluded families, builds their capacities and self-reliance, their self-esteem and, as a result, their resilience, and improves their living conditions.

BENEFICIARIES

- 10,500 severely or moderately malnourished children under the age of 5 are expected to benefit over two years in the target sites
- 400 children identified as at-risk and/or with developmental delays
- 21,000 mothers/fathers/tutors.
- 42,000 people from extended families (grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, etc.)
- 60 socio-sanitary and rehabilitation professionals (physiotherapists)
- 150 local actors and community leaders
- 40 actors from local, regional and national authorities

PARTNERS

State technical services

- Maradi regional hospital, and its recovery and nutritional education center (CRENI) service represented by its director
- Regional Health Department of Maradi represented by its regional director
- Regional Department of Population, Women and Child Protection, represented by its regional director.
- Civil society
- Integrated health centre management committees
- Organisation of physiotherapists in Niger (AKN) represented by its president.

Local authorities will also be partners of the project, represented by elected officials, including mayors of districts where we work.

LOCATION

Region of Maradi – Maradi and Madarounfa health districts

¹ Project title: "The stimulation, protection and referral of malnourished children in the Sahel and their integration into more resilient communities" (Burkina Faso – Mali - Niger)



Protection and assistance for urban refugees in Niamey

GOAL

This project aims to improve the living conditions of Malian refugees living in Niamey. The "one stop shop" refers them to the different services they need (health care, access to schools etc.).

METHOD

Handicap International manages a one stop shop, initially set up by the UNHCR. This includes a reception team and a support team. The inclusion of refugees themselves is encouraged and promoted in all the project's activities.

BENEFICIARIES

- Malian refugees living Niamey, including children and women who are the victims of violence
- Niamey town council departments

PARTNERS

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Local authorities
- Service providers in the health care, education and social affairs sectors

LOCATION

Niamey



Protecting civilian populations by reducing the risks associated with conventional weapons

GOAL

The aim of this project, implemented in a very precarious security context, is to reduce the risks associated with conventional weapons by protecting civilian populations from accidents resulting from the stockpiling of weapons.

METHOD

Handicap International works on this project in partnership with Niger's armed forces by helping them to deploy safe weapons and munitions management. This notably involves increasing storage capacity (by building or renovating adapted infrastructures) and facilitating the destruction of obsolete weapons and munitions.

BENEFICIARIES

- Civilian populations living near to military camps
- National Commission for Illegal Arms Collection and Control
- Niger Armed Forces

PARTNERS

Niger Armed Forces
National Commission for Illegal Arms Collection and Control

LOCATION

Regions of Niamey, Tillabery and Dosso

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

<p>French Development Agency</p>  <p>AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT</p>	<p>UNICEF</p> 	<p>European Union</p> 
<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg</p>  <p>THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p> <p>Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs</p>	<p>United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)</p> 	<p>Weapons Removal & Abatement (WRA)</p>  <p>Bureau of Political-Military Affairs U.S. Department of State</p>
<p>USAID</p> 	<p>Belgium Development Cooperation (DGCD)</p> 	