

NIGER – EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Niger is a country in Western Africa; its capital is Niamey. Niger is one of the poorest countries in the world. Only one-tenth of its territory is arable, and regularly subject to severe droughts.

In 2014, it ranks near the bottom of the United Nations Development Programme report (UNDP), in the 187th place out of 187 countries.



Demographic characteristics

Population	17,157,000
Population under 18 years of age	9,679,000
Percentage of rural population	82%
Life expectancy at birth	57.9 years

Source: UNICEF 2012



In Niger, one third of children go to school. The situation is even worse for girls: only 31% of the female population versus 44% for young men attends school.

Additionally, the public educational system is often maladjusted to local school timetables and educational content. On the other hand, children who have not attended school before the age of seven, or who have dropped out, cannot re-enter the school system. Nevertheless, many young people would like to have a second chance at a quality education.

Data related to education

Enrolment rate in primary	63.7%
Rate of children reaching the last year of primary school	69.3%
Literacy rate among young men (15 - 24 years)	52.4%
Literacy rate among young women (15 - 24 years)	23.2%
Literacy rate for adults	28.7%

Source: UNICEF 2008-2012

Enfants du Monde, in collaboration with local partners, is committed to improving school enrolment rates and to improve the quality of education, in order to respond better to local needs.