



U.S. Government's Response to COVID-19 in Niger

Working together with the Government of Niger to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Government has, to date, donated nearly \$12.1 million dollars to fight this pandemic. This assistance includes \$750,000 for health assistance and \$8 million in international disaster and humanitarian assistance for risk-communications, the prevention and control of infectious diseases in health facilities, emergency food assistance, and coordination; and more than \$3.3 million in migration and refugee assistance will support vulnerable people in Niger during the pandemic, including refugees, vulnerable migrants, and host communities.

- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has contributed \$4 million dollars for Niger in health and humanitarian assistance for risk communication, infection prevention and control, coordination, and other support to help fight COVID-19.
- The Department of State's Bureau of Population, Migration, and Refugees has awarded over \$2.6 million dollars to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organization for Migration, and International Committee of the Red Cross for the response to COVID-19, including for the construction and furnishing of quarantine and isolation tents in various regions throughout the country and inclusion of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and refugees in the COVID-19 National Plan.
- USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives has contributed \$100,000 dollars in urgently needed supplies to the Ministry of Public Health towards Niger's COVID-19 National Plan.
- The Defense Attaché's Office of Security Cooperation in cooperation with the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) advocated for and received \$15,000 dollars to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Nigerien defense and security forces.
- U.S. military personnel stationed at Nigerien Air Base 201 in Agadez facilitated the donation to the Agadez regional hospital of a tent to be used as a quarantine space in the event it's needed and also donated medical supplies including hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, boot covers, and five handwashing stations.
- Niger is one of more than 60 countries that received kits, each containing more than 2,000 COVID-19 tests, at the beginning of May funded by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

This assistance comes on top of more than \$2 billion in total U.S. Government investments for Niger in the past 20 years, nearly \$233 million for health. The United States is committed to helping Niger build a resilient health care system that can prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks such as this shared pandemic in order to make the world more healthy, peaceful, and prosperous.



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