

# NIGER FY2018

The U.S. and Nigerien people have a broad but deep partnership that has spanned decades. USAID works with the Government of Niger and its citizens to improve the health, economic well-being and governance of their households and communities. As a testament to the importance of this partnership, USAID has invested more than \$155 million this fiscal year in the Nigerien people. These investments are focused on supporting Nigeriens to improve their own lives and to plot the future of their communities.



## **ENHANCING RESILIENCE: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY: \$70.4 MILLION**

USAID is heavily focused on helping vulnerable communities become more resilient to food insecurity and other shocks by increasing crop and livestock productivity, improving the use of local natural resources, and improving local governance. USAID provides food and other assistance to the most vulnerable communities, including pregnant and nursing mothers and young children while working to address the root causes of malnutrition and to promote positive health practices. In order to make communities more resilient to food insecurity, USAID works to improve agricultural, livestock, and resource management practices and to ensure inclusive economic growth for all Nigeriens.

## **HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE: \$34.4 MILLION**

USAID provides emergency humanitarian assistance to Niger, supporting agricultural, livelihood, food security, health and nutrition interventions. These activities are designed to deliver life-saving assistance and support populations' recovery from food insecurity while reinforcing their capacity to cope with future emergencies.

## **GLOBAL HEALTH AND MALARIA: \$19.4 MILLION**

USAID assists Nigeriens in improving the health and nutrition of their communities by promoting healthy behaviors and by improving access to, and quality of, information, products, and services for malaria, family planning, nutrition and sanitation. USAID is focused specifically on reducing malaria transmission, illness and death in Niger by ensuring health centers have the tools they need to effectively diagnose and treat malaria, as well as promoting prevention strategies like insecticide-treated bed nets.

## **DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE: \$8.7 MILLION**

Critical to the success of Niger's development and security is good governance. USAID programs are helping the Government of Niger increase responsiveness to citizen priorities, especially in education, health, and security, through collective action between citizens and local and national authorities. USAID also supports key democratic institutions, such as the parliament, civil society and the media, to create open spaces for constructive debate and dialogue, to increase government accountability, and to facilitate participation.

## **WORKING IN CRISES AND CONFLICT: \$8.5 MILLION**

Niger faces security threats from internal and external extremist groups and continues to be a major focus of the Trans-Saharan Counter-Terrorism Partnership that the U.S. implements throughout the Sahel. USAID helps the Nigerien government and local partners create economic opportunities and increased civic participation for Nigerien youth to help undermine extremist messages and encourage stability in Niger and the region.

## **EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH: \$6.7 MILLION**

USAID supports the national education program in Niger to increase educational access with programming aimed at improving early grade reading and adult literacy; improving the school environment, especially for girls; increasing parental engagement and strengthening community engagement with their schools. The United States partners with the Government of Niger and the private sector to expand renewable energy projects to bring electricity to households and small businesses, especially in rural areas, and to improve economic growth.