



Our Integrated Country Strategy: The Roadmap for Our Partnership

The U.S. Embassy's Integrated Country Strategy (ICS) is a collaboratively produced roadmap designed to meet American policy and program goals in partnership with the Government of Niger. Employing a "3D" approach using diplomacy, defense, and development tools, we pursue three main goals:

Goal 1: Strengthen democracy, human rights, and good governance in Niger

We support programs that engage government, non-government, civil society, and community members to increase the transparency and accountability of government institutions in responding to citizen needs. Through our Political and Public Affairs Sections and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), we partner with civil society organizations that promote fundamental human rights such as freedom of expression and of the press, civil liberties, and the rights of the vulnerable. Additionally, we support efforts that encourage free and fair elections in 2021 and the transparency of government operations.

Goal 2: Strengthen Niger's capacity to counter regional threats and criminal activity

We partner with the security forces and citizens of Niger to build Niger's capacity to deter regional threats and counter violent extremism. Since 2012, the Department of Defense and the State Department have provided Niger with more than \$350 million in military assistance equipment and training programs, one of the largest programs in sub-Saharan Africa. Specific support includes \$25 million in Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA), aviation capacity building, and to the continued professionalization of Niger's security forces. Our work also extends beyond military partnerships, bringing together government institutions, security forces, and civil society leaders to collaborate on strategies that reduce vulnerability and bolster internal stability.

Goal 3: Increase inclusive and sustainable economic growth

A strong economy yields multiple benefits, including improved delivery of health care, education, sustainability of natural resources, youth employment, support for vulnerable populations, and other services. This vital development goal is achieved as our Economics Section encourages trade with the United States; the Millennium Challenge Corporation's \$437 million initiative improves agricultural infrastructure and market access; our Public Affairs Section offers academic exchanges and training in entrepreneurship; and USAID promotes improvements in agriculture and food security, education, and global health.

Our comprehensive and integrated roadmap is being implemented by many committed Nigerien and Americans working together to fulfill a common vision: a better future for the people of Niger.



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