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# Niger

## ILLIMI Niger: Strengthening Data Use for Crisis Prevention, Mitigation, and Response

### Background information

Niger faces a range of complex and interconnected challenges that hinder its development progress. Security concerns, including intercommunal tensions and the threat of violent extremism in the tri-border region and the Lake Chad Basin, continue to impact stability. At the same time, climate-related shocks – such as droughts, floods, and desertification – exacerbate food insecurity and disrupt livelihoods. Chronic malnutrition remains a pressing issue, influenced by factors such as rapid population growth and limited access to essential services. These challenges have led to widespread displacement, affecting agriculture, trade, and economic resilience. Addressing these systemic issues requires enhanced analytical capacity and timely, accessible data to support cross-sectoral decision-making and more effective, evidence-based responses.

### Goals and objectives

The programme seeks to strengthen comprehensive and integrated data analysis, collection and monitoring to better prevent, mitigate or respond to the multidimensional consequences of the complex challenges affecting Niger. To achieve this, it will (i) strengthen quality and availability of data on interconnected human security trends through the ILLIMI Niger Platform; (ii) improve analytical capacity for cross-sectoral data analysis to facilitate informed and open debates on needs and priorities; and (iii) disseminate integrated human security analyses to beneficiaries, national and local government, donors and other stakeholders



#### DURATION

February 2025 — January 2027



#### UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

UNOPS, UNRCO



#### OTHER KEY PARTNERS

National Statistical Institute (NSI),  
Haute Autorité à la Consolidation  
de la Paix (HACP)



#### BENEFICIARIES

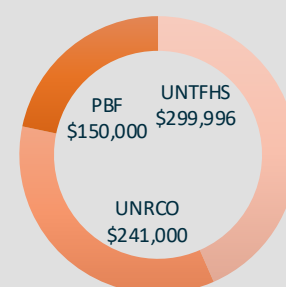
National and local government, UN  
Country Team and other partners



#### TOTAL BUDGET

US\$ 690,996

#### POOLING OF RESOURCES



## Beneficiaries

The programme directly benefits key groups including UN agencies, data officers, and analysts, who will gain from improved data and analytical capacity. National and local government bodies will also directly benefit from the use of the data for decision-making and monitoring key indicators. Indirectly the programme will benefit local communities, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), youth, and women, who will benefit from tailored interventions, improved data infrastructure, and inclusive engagement. Regional UN bodies and partners will utilize the data for broader analyses, while financial and technical partners will benefit from enhanced transparency. The international community will also gain from the lessons and best practices shared.

## Applying the Human Security approach

The human security approach recognizes the deep interconnections between development and security challenges. Centered on people, inclusivity, and active participation, it goes beyond traditional crisis prevention by fostering inter-sectoral collaboration, strategic foresight, and a data-driven culture. This approach introduces innovative ways of thinking and working, strengthening the effectiveness of crisis prevention and response efforts.

This programme applies the human security approach to operationalize the Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Nexus, integrating data from security, humanitarian, and development sectors. Comprehensive and high-quality data is crucial to identifying the interconnections between different insecurities, enabling comprehensive, integrated, and targeted interventions. By pooling and analyzing cross-sectoral data, the programme breaks siloes, improves coordination, and enhances the ability to anticipate risks, address vulnerabilities, and implement evidence-based solutions that drive sustainable peace and development.

With a strong emphasis on community involvement and inclusivity, the programme will organize focus group discussions during data collection to capture diverse stakeholder perspectives and translate questionnaires into local languages to ensure accessibility. The programme will partner with civil society networks and local government institutions to deploy trained community relays and data collectors who will gather real-time, high-quality evidence to inform decision-making. By using locally recruited community relays, the programme is not only contributing to providing employment for the youth but also using the opportunity to build and sustain peace within the various communities.

In line with the New Agenda for Peace, more specifically Action 3 on shifting the prevention and sustaining peace paradigm within countries, the programme will work with traditional and religious leaders during the dissemination phase and will contribute to strengthening peace within the respective communities and beyond.



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