IMPACT 2 in Niger

Niger has one of the highest fertility rates in the world—about 7 children per woman (The World Bank 2020). The Government of Niger is committed to increasing access to contraception for the people of Niger—to accelerate contraceptive prevalence to 50% by 2020 (Family Planning 2020). Pathfinder and its partners have teamed up with the Government of Niger to help achieve this goal. IMPACT 2 strengthens national, regional, and district health systems to sustainably deliver quality contraceptive services to adolescents and women in Niger's Dosso, Zinder, and Tahoua regions.

IMPACT 2 is a five-year program (2018-2022) implemented by Pathfinder International and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, seeking to reach roughly 5 million people in high-density urban settings and remote rural areas. IMPACT 2 provides access to quality contraceptive services, including injectables and long-acting reversible contraception. We’ve partnered with Niger’s Ministry of Public Health, public sector partners, and civil society organizations to scale up Sayana® Press—a contraceptive developed by Pfizer that women can self-inject. It is a highly desired option among women given that it is both effective and discreet.

Approach

IMPACT 2’s approach to creating demand for contraceptive services is twofold:

1. Strengthen the capability of students to promote contraceptive demand among youth in rural communities; and

2. Strengthen the capacity of Niger’s Ministry of Population to generate demand for contraception through radio spots that target youth and women as part of the national communication strategy.
### Activities

IMPACT 2 is improving the quality and coverage of care through these activities:

**Training service providers** at the community and government level to improve the quality of contraceptive services and expand method mix. Providers are trained to provide contraception, including long-acting, reversible methods at health centers and district hospitals.

**Expanding access to a wider range of contraceptive methods** counseling at the community level. These efforts are removing barriers to reproductive health care for marginalized groups, like adolescents and women.

**Integrating services** to offer contraception and maternal, newborn, and child health services at the same appointment or facility.

**Strengthening services at mobile clinics** to improve access to contraceptive information and methods in hard-to-reach urban and rural areas.

**Strengthening youth-friendly services** that provide married adolescents and first-time parents with access to contraceptive services that enable them to delay first pregnancy and space subsequent pregnancies.

### IMPACT 2 KEY RESULTS FISCAL YEAR (2020-2021)

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<td>Clients began using contraception for the first time</td>
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<td>Clients were under 25 years old</td>
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Pathfinder International is driven by the conviction that all people, regardless of where they live, have the right to decide whether and when to have children, to exist free from fear and stigma, and to lead the lives they choose. As a global health organization with locally led, community-driven programs, we support women to make their own reproductive health decisions. We work with local partners to advance contraceptive services, comprehensive abortion care, and young people’s sexual and reproductive rights in communities around the world—including those affected by poverty, conflict, climate change, and natural disasters. Taken together, our programs enable millions of people to choose their own paths forward.

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