

IMPACT 2 in Niger

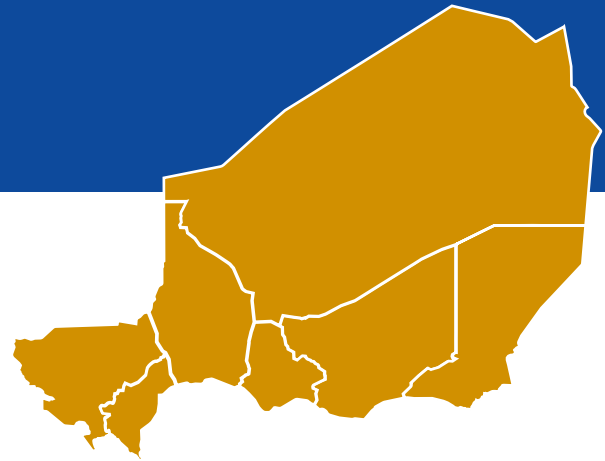
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Niger has one of the highest fertility rates in the world— about 7 children per woman (The World Bank 2020). The Government of Niger is committed to increasing access to contraception for the people of Niger—to accelerate contraceptive prevalence to 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.



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RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT IN NIGER

Population: 25+ million¹

The maternal death ratio is 509 deaths per 100,000 births²

16% of married women aged 15-49 have an unmet need for contraception³

More than 75% of girls are married before their 18th birthday⁴

One in seven Nigerien women loses her life due to pregnancy complications⁵

^{1,5} The World Bank 2020

² The World Bank 2017

³ DHS 2011

⁴ DHS 2012



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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.



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IMPACT 2 KEY RESULTS FISCAL YEAR (2020- 2021)

182 316
clients began using con-
traception for the first
time

30 932
clients reached with
long-acting reversible
contraception

62%
of new contraceptive
clients were under 25
years old

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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