

BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES IN NIGER



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In Niger, people are affected by multiple vulnerabilities such as food insecurity, poor access to health care, other social risks and climate shocks throughout their lives. Niger ranks 187 on the Human Development Index out of 188 countries. Such vulnerabilities often lead to impoverishment, insecurity, migration and persistent forced labour. To counter these challenges, Niger plans to establish a social protection floor (SPF) for its people.

Niger has affirmed the right to social protection for all in its 2010 Constitution. In September 2011, the State adopted the National Social Protection Policy (NSPS) with the objective of reducing poverty and improving social protection, prioritizing vulnerable groups. This objective is included in the Economic and Social Development Plan (PDES) 2017-2021 which constitutes the first five-year plan of Niger's Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth Strategy by 2035.

In November 2013, the Government insisted on the necessity to conduct a national dialogue for the implementation of the NSPP and the building of a national SPF.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE TO DEFINE A SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOOR IN NIGER

In 2015, the Prime Minister of the Republic of the Niger launched the national dialogue, supported by an inter-ministerial committee on social protection and a technical committee for the implementation of the NSPS. The process brings together national stakeholders and development partners. In 2015 and 2016, a series of consultations was conducted to analyse the existing social protection programmes and measures, identify guarantees to implement the NSPS and build a well-coordinated national social protection floor. In 2018-19, the ILO is supporting the government

in the consolidation of its legal framework on social security, to accelerate the realization of the social security right.



Supported by technical studies, the dialogue led to a refinement of the formulation of the social protection guarantees, sequencing of and deciding the pace of implementation, creation of synergies between existing programmes within the available fiscal space and opportunities for external resources mobilization. The goal is to seek a balance between a minimum but significant level of social protection for all, especially the poorest households and long-term financial sustainability for Niger.

On this solemn day, I cannot fail to mention that memorable day in October 1958, the day I was enrolled in Illéla primary school, the day that would be the starting point of the adventure that brought me today to be the head of State. To evoke this day is to pay tribute to education that can, if well designed, bring the same opportunities of upward mobility to all, whether rich or poor, born in Soudouré or Dandadji. School gave me the tools and weapons that have made me one of the bearers of the values that triumph today.

- H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger (Inaugural speech, 2011)



FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The Prime Minister requested technical support from the ILO to conduct a national dialogue for a social protection floor in Niger. The ILO responded to this demand by leading the national dialogue closely with the UN Country Team. With your help, we can go beyond and establish a sustainable SPF in the Republic of the Niger.

With your support, we can:

- Strengthen the institutional capacity and legal framework for more effective coordination of social protection interventions, including access to health care.

US\$ 400.000

- Build capacity through seminars, training workshops and South-South exchanges between countries with relevant experiences.

US\$ 350.000

- Conduct feasibility studies to determine the institutional set-up and parameters of universal health coverage and support its implementation.

US\$ 2,500.000

- Design and implement strategies for extending social protection to workers in the informal and rural economies, building on the implementation of universal health coverage.

US\$ 1,500.000

- Support the establishment of a labour-intensive employment programme that promotes decent work and access to social protection.

US\$ 1,500.000

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