

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



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People in Niger are faced with vulnerabilities such as food insecurity, lack of adequate health care and other social risks through their lives. These risks often lead to impoverishment, insecurity, migration and persistent forced labour. To counter these challenges, Niger wants 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 (PNPS) with the objective of reducing poverty and improving social protection, prioritizing vulnerable groups. This objective is also included in the Economic and Social Development Plan (PDES) 2012-15.

In November 2013, the Government organized a national-level forum that launched a process of consultations to discuss the implementation of the PNPS and the building of a national SPF.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE TO DEFINE A SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOOR IN NIGER

At an International Symposium on SPFs in September 2014, the Government of Niger, through a Prime Minister's statement, undertook to launch a national dialogue on social protection, with technical support from the ILO and UN agencies.

In 2015, Niger initiated the national dialogue process, led by the Prime Minister through an inter-ministerial committee and a technical committee. The process brings together national stakeholders and development partners. A series of consultations is being conducted to analyse the existing social protection programmes and measures, identify guarantees to implement the PNPS and build a well-coordinated national social protection floor.



By mid-2016, national stakeholders and development partners had shown their willingness to strengthen the dialogue process. This strengthening would lead to a refinement of the formulation of social protection guarantees, sequencing and deciding the pace of implementation, and creation of synergies between existing programmes. 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 on social protection floors 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 to establish a sustainable SPF.

With your support, we can:

- Support the implementation of the SPF as the next step of the national dialogue process.
 - ✚ Strengthen the administrative capacity for social protection.
 - ✚ Launch institutional reforms and national programmes to implement the SPF (programme design, pilot implementation, evaluation, adjustment and extension at the national level).

US\$ 800,000

- Establish a social protection observatory to accompany the national dialogue process and the implementation and the progressive adjustment of the national SPF guarantees

US\$ 400,000

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

US\$ 350,000

- Conduct a pilot project to move towards universal health coverage.

US\$ 2,500,000

- Conduct a pilot project to promote labour-intensive forms of employment.

US\$ 1,500,000

LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS

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