

Niger Crisis Response Plan 2024

Priority Country – SG Action Agenda on Internal Displacement

Cohort Country - Early Warnings for All



Children receive protection and sustainable reintegration assistance, including to ensure their return to school © IOM
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IOM VISION

IOM Niger's vision is that international and internal migration (including internal displacement) in Niger is governed in an effective, rights-based, and sustainable manner. This vision is anchored in finding solutions to displacement and promoting the resilience, rights and dignity of migrants, displaced persons, and their host communities. Through community stabilization and peacebuilding initiatives, IOM aims to mitigate drivers of instability that may lead to irregular and forced migration. Additionally, IOM Niger aims to expand its support in crisis-prone areas, bolstering resilience to shocks.

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PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS

1. Internal migrant
2. Internally displaced person
3. International migrant
4. Local population / community

FUNDING REQUIRED: \$129,575,000



\$2.3M
CONFIRMED



\$127.3M
GAP



1,339,000
PEOPLE TARGETED



43
ENTITIES TARGETED

IOM PROPOSED RESPONSE

Saving lives and protecting people on the move

\$104,075,000
FUNDING REQUIRED

\$1,222,050
FUNDING CONFIRMED

280,000
PEOPLE TARGETED

Driving solutions to displacement

\$25,500,000
FUNDING REQUIRED

\$1,069,979
FUNDING CONFIRMED

1,170,000
PEOPLE TARGETED

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (USD) 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITY AREAS	2024
Saving lives and protecting people on the move	
Basic needs, including food and multi-purpose cash assistance	\$6,075,000
Direct health support	\$1,500,000
Mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian response	\$500,000
Movement assistance	\$15,000,000
Protection	\$27,000,000
Provision of water, sanitation and hygiene in emergencies	\$15,000,000
Shelter and settlements	\$16,000,000
Emergency preparedness	\$17,000,000
Displacement tracking	\$1,000,000
Support services for response actors	\$5,000,000
Driving solutions to displacement	
Community stabilization	\$7,500,000
Livelihoods and economic recovery	\$6,000,000
Peacebuilding and peace preservation	\$10,000,000
Adaptation and disaster risk reduction	\$2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED	\$129,575,000

CONTEXT ANALYSIS

In January 2012, the Central Sahel crisis erupted with the conflict in northern Mali. The instability later extended beyond the Malian borders, affecting the Liptako-Gourma region, which includes northern Burkina Faso and western Niger – specifically the regions of Tillabéri and Tahoua. In the south-east of Niger, the Diffa region is affected by the Lake Chad Basin crisis, a multifaceted humanitarian crisis that has impacted Niger, Cameroon, Chad and Nigeria since insecurity started spreading from Nigeria in 2014. Meanwhile, the south-west of Niger has witnessed an increase in banditry and activity of non-state armed groups (NSAG) which spilt over into the Maradi (2016) and Tahoua (2019) regions from north-west Nigeria through the second half of the decade. The Niger-Chad-Libya triangle region is further affected by the presence of armed actors operating mostly through criminal activity along new migratory routes between Niger and Libya. At the same time, tension over the control of gold resources has been contributing to pervasive insecurity and violence since the second half of the 2010s.

This complex humanitarian, conflict and security situation has led to multiple displacement dynamics. In parallel, the impacts of climate change are intensifying and diversifying (e.g., floods, droughts, wildfires), endangering lives and affecting livelihoods. Over 80 per cent of Niger’s population is employed in the agricultural sector, heavily relying on agriculture for food security and livelihoods (FAO 2023). Concerns are rising over the effects of climate change including rising temperatures, water scarcity and the occurrence of floods and other extreme weather events. Agricultural production in Niger is primarily subsistence-based and rainfed. Smallholder farmers are directly affected by the impacts of climate variability, which can reduce their food supply and increase the risk of hunger and poverty.

Niger has been experiencing ongoing socio-political tensions following the coup d'état on 26 July 2023. Sanctions imposed by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), which include temporarily closing both land and air borders, have added to the instability. This context has led to a series of challenges for Nigerien institutions and citizens, including extended power outages, financial difficulties, shortages, and increased prices of essential goods. This complex socio-political situation is worsening the existing and unprecedented humanitarian needs due to armed conflict, food insecurity, climate change, disease, and loss of livelihoods.

All these factors are increasing the vulnerability of communities to protection threats. Certain protection risks, such as survival sex, sexual violence, forced marriages, enrolment in NSAG, abductions, child labour and exploitation, explosive device incidents, and inter- and intra-community conflicts over access to natural resources, are also exacerbated as a result of economic sanctions and soaring food prices, as the number of households resorting to emergency livelihood coping strategies is increasing (Global Protection Cluster 2023). These protection risks are disproportionately affecting women and girls, who account for 50.3 per cent of the persons in need of the 2023 Humanitarian Needs Overview. Indeed, women, boys and girls constitute a higher percentage of people affected by forced displacement, as well as elderly people (Projet21 2023). The last Village Assessment Survey in Tillaberi in April 2023 showed that 66 per cent of all displaced persons were women and girls. Between January and October 2023, out of the 1,254 protection incidents reported, 31 per cent of the victims were women, girls and boys, with mostly violations of property rights, right to life and physical integrity and right to liberty, as well as gender-based violence (GBV) (Global Protection Cluster 2023). Further, with 890 schools closed due to the insecurity in the Tillaberi, Tahoua, Maradi and Diffa regions, affecting more than 77,900 children (including 49.3% of girls), girls and boys are also exposed to additional threats including recruitment, armed banditry and forced begging (Projet21 2023).

In this critical situation, IOM and its partners in humanitarian and development efforts remain committed to providing essential and long-term assistance to those most in need. It is crucial that this life-saving work continues without hindrance and is complemented by longer-term, development



Distribution of NFI kits and emergency shelter construction in Diffa. © IOM Niger 2023

INFORM Risk Index (August 2023)	High (19/191)
Human Development Index (2023/4)	Low
Fragility Index (2022)	Fragile
IDPs (IDMC, Dec 2022)	400,000

solutions that are sustainable. Exemptions to sanctions and border closures for humanitarian purposes are essential, particularly considering that 4.3 million people require humanitarian assistance in 2023 ([Humanitarian Response Plan 2013](#)). These needs are anticipated to rise if the socio-political situation persists.

Furthermore, there is a growing risk that Niger's political crisis could spill over to the surrounding region. This complex situation increases the potential for conflict and terrorism in the region, leading to greater humanitarian needs, increased migration and refugee flows, and pushing already vulnerable populations further into poverty.

COORDINATION

IOM Niger provides life-saving assistance and durable solutions to address Niger's inter-regional conflicts in the Central Sahel and climate-induced disasters. As the co-lead of the Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI) Working Group, IOM is dedicated to meeting individuals' needs through evidence-based interventions that strengthen partnerships and build capacity. Moreover, IOM participates in the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group and is its focal point at the Humanitarian Country Team. IOM is also an active member of the rapid response mechanism providing assistance to crisis-affected populations and of the Protection, Health and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Clusters. Additionally, IOM supports the 'Cadre de Concertation sur les Migrations', in charge of migration coordination at the central and regional levels, and it is the lead agency for the United Nations Network on Migration, chaired by the Resident Coordinator.

IOM implements its Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) to track mobility trends and assess basic humanitarian needs and vulnerabilities of people on the move. IOM is also a member of the Information Management Working Group.

In line with the UN Reform agenda to better respond to contemporary humanitarian and development challenges, IOM seeks to further strengthen its collaboration with other UN agencies and reinforce its partnership with, for example, the UN Development Programme (UNDP), notably in utilizing already existing conflict resolution mechanisms to ensure social cohesion and stability and the achievement of durable solutions for internally displaced persons (IDPs). Ongoing work with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) on capacity-building to strengthen the response to the protection needs of vulnerable persons on the move will be strengthened, while collaboration and coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO) on responding to public health emergencies of international concern at points of entry (PoEs) and along migratory routes will be augmented. IOM will also seek to strengthen its partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) in addressing Niger's food security challenges. As a member of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT), IOM will work towards realizing the rights of migrants by mobilizing the UN Network on Migration to address pressing national and international challenges related to migration. Ensuring that the realization of this Crisis Response Plan advances the realization of global processes, including the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and the 2030 Agenda. Finally, as Niger is one of 15 countries selected as a pilot under the S.G. Action Agenda on Internal Displacement, IOM will use its various resources in-country to support the required structural reforms for a development-oriented approach to solutions through stronger collaboration with UN agencies, along with the Resident Coordinator Office and financial institutions.

IOM works in coordination with numerous non-governmental organizations (NGOs)/civil society organizations (CSOs) - including organizations of persons with disabilities (OPD) - in Niger on, among other things, outreach efforts, delivery of direct assistance to vulnerable migrants and IDPs, capacity strengthening of officials, advocacy on migrants' (including IDPs') rights and awareness raising/sensitization on migration management issues. The Niger Country Office will look to further cooperate with these organizations, leveraging their experience, particularly in remote communities, while also serving to empower these organizations in providing quality assistance to vulnerable groups.

IOM CAPACITY

Since 2006, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has been actively involved in Niger. IOM Niger has an established presence throughout Niger with its main office in Niamey and sub-offices in Agadez, Arlit, Diffa, Dirkou, Tahoua, Tillabéri, Zinder, and Maradi. IOM's longstanding and extensive presence has fostered strong working relationships with authorities and traditional leaders such as sultans and village chiefs, as well as community-based organizations. IOM is directly engaged in implementing various programmes and activities, and collaborates with local and international organizations, as well as authorities, to provide assistance in hard-to-reach areas. Given the ongoing political crisis in Niger, subsequent sanctions, and border closures, IOM is committed to providing essential humanitarian and development assistance.

Through its Migration Data and Research Unit, along with data collection related to displacement, IOM has gained a comprehensive understanding of migratory patterns and routes in Niger, as well as the motivations driving individuals on their migration journeys. These insights are used to inform and tailor programming to support humanitarian and development-oriented programming. IOM Niger mainstreams protection across all its programmes to ensure safety and dignity, avoid causing harm and guarantee meaningful access to assistance for all persons in need without discrimination. IOM Niger is integrating GBV risk mitigation interventions, accountability to affected populations (AAP) activities (to use power responsibly by taking account of, giving account to and being held to account by the people we seek to assist) and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) activities (to ensure that IOM staff and partners are performing their duties in a manner that is consistent with the fundamental principles of human rights, respecting the dignity and integrity of those they serve). Further, IOM Niger seeks to both mainstream and target disability and diversity inclusion notably through the identification of barriers that persons with disability face to address them.






ACCOUNTABILITY AND EMPOWERMENT

IOM will continue to support humanitarian actors to work with crisis-affected populations to understand their context-specific vulnerabilities and evolving needs. In 2023, IOM Niger embarked to strengthen its AAP framework, by evaluating existing AAP mechanisms and assessing the needs within migrant protection and assistance as well as emergency programmes. These efforts aim to improve and establish relevant AAP systems, such as feedback and complaint mechanisms and information provision strategies, to ensure equitable and safe access to information, services and assistance. In addition, complementary efforts on GBV risk mitigation are ongoing, to address risks, reduce contributing factors and Do No Harm. Within these processes, IOM remains committed to strengthening the capacity of its staff and partners on GBV, PSEA, AAP and code of conduct. In addition, IOM involves women and girls in decisions that affect them and strengthens feedback and complaint mechanisms to ensure fair and safe access to information, services, and assistance for women and girls. Further, as a member of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and co-lead of the NFI/Shelter Working Group, IOM provides humanitarian assistance based on needs and through the application of participatory methodologies, and without any barriers, especially for marginalized and vulnerable groups.







Guided by IOM's Out of Camp Strategy, the focus will be on addressing the most urgent needs of vulnerable communities (including stranded migrants, IDPs and host communities). These needs will be met through barrier-free humanitarian assistance (including NFIs/shelter, water, sanitation, and hygiene -WASH, health, and protection). To ensure that barriers to accessing assistance are identified, inclusive consultations will be conducted with different groups. The safety and dignity of individuals will be prioritized in line with the principles of Do No Harm. Additionally, assistance will be provided while considering factors such as age, gender, and diversity. It will also ensure meaningful access, accountability, participation, and empowerment.

IOM RESPONSE

CROSS CUTTING PRIORITIES

-  Data and evidence
-  Protection mainstreaming
-  Gender equality
-  Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse
-  Disaster risk and climate change

KEY OPERATING MODALITIES

-  Participation and empowerment
-  Conflict sensitivity
-  Integrated programming
-  Collaboration and partnership
-  Localization
-  Cash-based interventions

SAVING LIVES AND PROTECTING PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Funding Required

\$104,075,000

People Targeted

280,000

People Targeted Description

IOM will provide humanitarian assistance and protection services to individuals and households affected by crisis (IDPs, migrants, refugees, returnees, and host communities) throughout Niger. These individuals, already living in situations of poverty, are considered as being in vulnerable situations/living under vulnerable conditions even without compounding factors such as disaster- or conflict-related displacement or increased pressures on limited natural resources and basic social infrastructures. IOM will also prioritize capacity-building activities for partners and within communities to enhance preparedness efforts. Additionally, preparedness activities, including establishing evacuation sites, will be directed towards communities vulnerable to natural hazards such as floods and droughts. In addition, IOM will continue to support national and international humanitarian partners by providing timely and accurate information and data through IOM's tools. These tools include data gathered through the flow monitoring points (FMPs), data flow monitoring surveys and registries, emergency tracking, village assessment surveys and stability index surveys. These data collection activities provide humanitarian responders, sectors and clusters, transition and recovery and development actors and national authorities with key data and information and contribute to formulating evidence-based programs and well-informed policies. Ultimately, this will directly benefit displaced populations, including IDPs, migrants, and returnees.

1%
Funding Confirmed

99%
Funding Gap



BASIC NEEDS, INCLUDING FOOD AND MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE

IOM will provide basic humanitarian assistance to vulnerable migrants, including stranded migrants, unaccompanied minor children (UAMCs), and victims of human trafficking. This support will be administered within the IOM Transit Centres. Specifically, IOM will:

Funding Required
\$6,075,000

- Provide and distribute food for vulnerable migrants;
- Provide services such as non-food item (NFI) kits, food, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), temporary shelter and counselling;
- Provide life-saving transportation and rescue assistance to migrants in a safe, humane and dignified manner;
- Provide cash-based interventions (CBI) to complement in-kind assistance prioritizing newly displaced and vulnerable households and focusing on people with special needs to address their basic emergency necessities and reduce the use of negative coping mechanisms such as selling assets to buy food and medicines.



An estimated 15,000 individuals will be targeted.



DIRECT HEALTH SUPPORT

IOM aims to provide curative, preventive, and promotive services, to improve access to primary and secondary health care for crisis-affected individuals, migrants and host communities. This support will be administered within the IOM Transit Centres, throughout targeted areas of intervention and in partnership with established health structures. IOM will:

Funding Required
\$1,500,000

- Support the implementation of preventative and curative health activities;
- Implement health promotion activities and establish referral systems for individuals requiring specialized care, including victims and/or potential victims of trafficking, persons with disabilities, and persons with other protection needs;
- Strengthen health structures and provide capacity-building support, equipment, refurbishments, and improvement to health facilities for both national and international health partners.



An estimated 20,000 individuals will be targeted.



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

IOM will provide community-based and individual mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to migrants and crisis-affected populations in Niger, to enhance their psychosocial well-being and strengthen their resilience. IOM will:

Funding Required
\$500,000

- Facilitate affected populations' access to MHPSS through service provision and capacity strengthening of local actors to provide services;
- Strengthen access to MHPSS services at the community level through capacity strengthening of health professionals and protection actors, as well as community members, in the field and the deployment of psychosocial mobile teams (PMTs);
- Organize community and family support MHPSS activities to promote social cohesion and recovery, including socio-relational and cultural; sport and play, rituals and celebrations, and art-based and creative activities;
- Provide psychological counselling and therapeutic activities, and support the creation or rehabilitation of safe spaces (children-friendly spaces, mother-infant spaces, etc.);
- Strengthen the capacities of state health workers and care structures to provide specialized psychiatric care to people with mental disorders and promote the psychosocial well-being of health



workers; and

- Reinforce the MHPSS working group to continue mapping the presence of organizations with the operational capacity and technical expertise to provide MHPSS services as well as facilitate the development of relevant operating standards and procedures, thus contributing to strengthening collective advocacy efforts for the benefit of affected populations.

All activities will be in line with IOM's Manual on Community-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies and Displacement and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidelines on MHPSS in Emergency Settings. An estimated 4,000 individuals will be targeted.



MOVEMENT ASSISTANCE

Voluntary humanitarian return (VHR) assistance will be provided to stranded third country nationals following expulsion from North African countries and stranded in Niger. IOM will:

Funding Required
\$15,000,000

- Provide pre departure services inclusive of movement assistance to transit site, transit accommodation, consular services and provision of most feasible movement modalities for a safe, voluntary, and dignified return (at current stage exclusively through air movements in view of deteriorating security situation within the subregion and neighbouring countries and of which, mostly through charter movements due to sporadic availability of commercial flights for certain countries of return;
- Conduct pre departure activities inclusive of pre-departure health assessments for migrants and ensuring that they are fit-to-travel (FTT) considering key health measures, and following-up on individuals with health (physical and mental) conditions/persons in need of any form of health support and protection screening to support identification of vulnerable caseloads
- Provision of operational and/or medical escorts (as required); and additional protection specialized assistance/designated case worker if protection cases.
- Provision of airport assistance, transit assistance for non-direct return movement and basic arrival assistance (onward transportation assistance (OTA)/accommodation).



An estimated 15,000 individuals will be targeted.



PROTECTION

With regard to the protection of the most vulnerable migrants, displaced and other crisis-affected people, IOM will:

Funding Required
\$27,000,000

- Provide general protection case management through direct assistance and internal and external referrals to relevant services for the most vulnerable stranded migrants in Niger, including unaccompanied migrant children, victims of trafficking (VoT);
- Reinforce its collaboration with the GBV and Child Protection Areas of Responsibility and local organizations of people with disabilities (OPDs) to contribute to responding to the needs of migrants in vulnerable situations, survivors and people with disabilities in line with IOM's Institutional Framework for Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Crises (GBViC) and the mission's National Action Plan on GBV, Disability Inclusion Strategy and associated Action Plan (in the process of being finalized), and AAP Strategy and associated Action Plan (being developed);
- In line with the AAP Strategy and associated Action Plan (being developed) for the Emergency and Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism (MRRM) programme, establish relevant AAP systems, including feedback and complaint mechanisms, to ensure equitable and safe access to information, services and assistance;
- As appropriate in line with political developments in the country, continue to reinforce frontline actors and partners in responding to the needs and protection issues of crisis-affected populations to better prevent and respond to protection issues through trainings, elaboration of tools and equipment donations, including on counter-trafficking (CT) in emergencies, GBV, child protection, and disability inclusion;
- Mitigate risks of GBV in all sectors, notably through the implementation of the GBV action plan and with the support of the Regional Office in Dakar;
- Mitigate the exploitation of children, trafficking in persons and other human rights violations, through

Funding Confirmed
\$168,915



capacity strengthening of peer educators, engaging populations and men and boys as actors of change;

- Reinforce the protection angle in all sensibilization and community cohesion activities in crisis-affected areas, including the risks linked to irregular migration such as trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants;
- Support community committees in executing their role of protection for displaced populations and host communities by organizing awareness-raising and community-based activities;
- Rehabilitate structures to ensure the integration of safe spaces for women and child-friendly spaces while enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities;
- Ensure that responses are inclusive and tailored to specific needs, e.g.; through the distribution of specific NFI kits, including dignity kits / menstrual hygiene management (MHM) items for women and girls, promoting the dignity of displaced and host populations; and through inclusive and accessible activities and assistance minimizing barriers for persons with disabilities and older persons. Cash-based interventions may be provided based on needs;
- Integrate GBV and disability inclusion indicators in needs assessment tools;
- Continue to enhance the capacity of IOM Niger and its partners to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) through mainstreaming PSEA across operations, reinforcing/building capacities of staff and implementing partners (IPs) through training, and disseminating information across assisted communities on PSEA, reporting channels and services available;
- Augmenting IOM's broader, inclusive protection interventions, through its seven transit centres (located in Assamaka, Arlit, Agadez, Dirkou and Niamey), IOM Niger's MRRM promotes migrants' access to basic rights by providing comprehensive needs-based protection and direct assistance services to migrants transiting through, returning to, or travelling to/from Niger, ensuring that the specific needs of migrants are comprehensively addressed by IOM or through referrals to partners.

Protection principles are mainstreamed across interventions to ensure safety and dignity, avoid causing harm and guarantee meaningful access to assistance for all persons in need, without discrimination. This includes GBV risk mitigation as well as inclusion of persons with disabilities throughout the programme cycle. Particular attention will be given to effective community participation and empowerment. Activities will be conducted and evaluated in consultation and collaboration with communities and will ensure meaningful participation of vulnerable groups, especially women and girls, children, persons with disabilities, and older persons. Furthermore, IOM will ensure that complaint and feedback mechanisms (CFM) and other reporting mechanisms related to PSEA and the Child Safeguarding Policy are in place to prevent misconduct and guarantee accountability to the affected population, in line with IOM's AAP Framework. An estimated 13,000 individuals will be targeted, including at least 230 UAMCS and 75 VoTs.



PROVISION OF WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN EMERGENCIES

IOM will provide WASH assistance at scale, based on assessed needs and gaps in humanitarian programming. IOM WASH interventions include the provision of safe water and sanitation and hygiene promotion. WASH activities and services aim to ensure access to safe water facilities and services through the drilling, installation, maintenance and rehabilitation of boreholes. IOM also works towards the improvement of hygiene and sanitation outcomes through the construction, operation and maintenance of hygiene and sanitation facilities (latrines, showers, handwashing stations, etc.). Activities will include:

- Supply of safe water for drinking, cooking, personal hygiene and household cleaning;
- Hygiene promotion and community mobilization to promote safe hygiene and health-seeking behaviours;
- Solid waste management and site drainage activities.

An estimated 160,000 individuals will be targeted.

Funding Required
\$15,000,000

Funding Confirmed
\$59,645



SHELTER AND SETTLEMENTS

IOM will continue to provide need-based assistance to affected populations, migrants and host communities affected by conflict and natural hazards in accordance with Sphere Standards. IOM will:

- Design, set up/construction, and upgrade of emergency shelters;

Funding Required
\$16,000,000

Funding Confirmed

- Design, set up/construction, and upgrade of transitional/core shelters and housing for displaced populations who have been in the same location for at least 12 months and show acute needs;
- Distribute NFI kits including both basic items and items for groups with specific needs (such as dignity kits, kits for pregnant women, baby kits, and material for persons with disabilities), in coordination with the WASH and Protection Working Group (WG)
- Market-based interventions, including cash to access NFI/shelter/housing (may include cash or voucher assistance for rental, repairs, reconstruction, shelter NFI and household items) to households who had their houses destroyed or damaged by natural hazards and/or are affected by displacement in areas least affected by insecurity;
- Repair and retrofitting of damaged homes;
- Facilitation of participatory planning processes at community level and associated community infrastructure;
- Protection concerns are integrated across these activities, including measures to mitigate risks of gender-based violence (GBV) in line with the IOM's Institutional Framework for Addressing GBV, such as (but not limited to) ensuring the safety and privacy of shelter solutions for single females and female-headed households, establishing community spaces for women and girls, ensuring safe access to water points to women and girls, and conducting safety assessments with women and girls. IOM's programming will ensure that the security of tenure is considered and strengthened for all those affected;
- Coordination of cluster and cluster-like mechanisms and technical working groups.

\$271,019

1%

99%



An estimated 184,800 individuals will be targeted.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

IOM aims to build both resilience and response capacity of communities, partner organizations, and authorities by putting resources and plans in place to better address future emergencies, increase the value for money of relief action and ensure that scarce resources are directed to where they will have the greatest impact. IOM works with the authorities and communities to enhance the speed, volume, and quality of the emergency response in coordination with relevant partners, which will contribute to their improved capacity in anticipating, responding to, and recovering from an emergency. IOM's initiatives in emergency preparedness and responses under objective 1 (Saving lives) will:

Funding Required

\$17,000,000



- Set up capacity-building activities for the State's technical services to anticipate natural hazards and put in place a coordinated response;
- Support evacuation planning, such as transporting evacuees and providing assistance at the evacuation point, providing NFI and emergency shelter at the assessment site while waiting for sustainable care, supporting the authorities in communicating alerts and sharing information;
- Work with partners in multiple sectors to enhance the coordination mechanism for emergency response and to support the reviewing, drafting, upgrading and implementation of their local contingency plans;
- Conduct social activities that are aimed at preparing communities for potential emergencies including through the mapping of available local markets and service providers, and orientations on access to and proper usage of available assistance, services and resources during emergencies;
- Support the assessment and mapping of local hazard risks and the conduct of contextualized community-based emergency preparedness management simulation exercises;
- Contribute to improving understanding and awareness of local communities and authorities on climate risks, including their interrelations with conflict and other causes that influence their vulnerabilities;
- Preposition lifesaving and humanitarian relief goods in strategic, disaster-prone areas, which are ready for deployment at the time of disasters, including key shelter and NFI materials.

An estimated 200,000 individuals will be targeted.



DISPLACEMENT TRACKING

IOM aims to systematically collect, process, and analyze data for action and insight on population movements,

Funding Required

\$1,000,000

specifically in cases of displacement or migration due to crises, conflicts, or natural hazards to better inform humanitarian responses, policy decisions, and programme development for effective assistance to displaced populations. IOM will:

- Conduct data collection at nine Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) and 11 Information Points (IPs) to monitor migration patterns to, through, and from Niger;
- Conduct DTM Village Assessment Surveys (VAS) at regular intervals to track the mobility of IDPs, including their numbers, locations, places of origin, reasons for displacement, vulnerabilities, and basic humanitarian needs. This assessment will inform planning and response efforts to integrate humanitarian, peace, and development initiatives, aligning it with the recommendations of the Data for Solutions to Internal Displacement (DSID) Taskforce;
- Conduct intention surveys (IS) in communities hosting IDPs to gather information on their intentions, factors influencing them, and the opportunities these displaced communities have towards pursuing sustainable solutions through local integration, relocation, or return to places of origin. This data will guide the development of durable solutions for displaced persons;
- Utilize the Emergency Tracking Tool (ETT) for data collection to monitor displaced persons and assess conditions in communities affected by urgent events, such as floods and conflicts;
- Implement the Solutions and Mobility Index (SMI) data collection to identify stable areas and assess conditions in locations hosting displaced populations, facilitating the development of durable solutions in high-return areas. The SMI tracks context-specific data across four key areas: demographic & mobility trends, safety & security, access to services and infrastructure, social cohesion and resilience to climate change and catastrophes. It further helps identify the root causes of fragility and protracted displacement by addressing protracted displacement. This tool aids partners in creating strategies and allocating resources effectively in vulnerable areas, aligning humanitarian, recovery, and stabilization efforts;
- Conduct data collection on transhumance flows and cattle movements using IOM's Transhumance Tracking Tool (TTT) to inform social cohesion programmes and mitigate tensions related to resource management and conflicts linked to transhumance campaigns in the Tillabéri region, bordering Burkina Faso and Mali. This activity complements TTT efforts in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Nigeria;
- Strengthen the capacity of specific local administrative entities across various regions in data collection and analysis.

Funding Confirmed
\$53,500



SUPPORT SERVICES FOR RESPONSE ACTORS

In line with the Secretary General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement, a series of structural reforms are required in the 15 pilot countries. As the mandate enters its final year in 2024, IOM will work closely with partners to:

- Support the production of a country solutions strategy for the UNCT, along with an accompanying action roadmap that is equipped with a coordination structure on durable solutions. This will allow the pilot of new approaches to Niger's longstanding issue of protracted displacement in an organized, coordinated manner. Funds will be used to help finalize the solutions strategy, establish and maintain coordination arrangements, and support the establishment of an action roadmap and financing framework for solutions in Niger.

Funding Required
\$5,000,000

Funding Confirmed
\$138,884





IOM provided support to beneficiaries in establishing income-generating activities, allowing them to meet their individual needs. © Alexander Bee/IOM Niger 2023

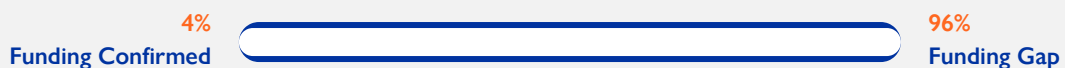
DRIVING SOLUTIONS TO DISPLACEMENT

Funding Required
\$25,500,000

People Targeted
1,170,000

People Targeted Description

IOM will work to address the root causes of conflict and instability and seek to improve social cohesion in Niger targeting local communities, including local authorities, women, youth, as well as IDPs and refugees – as relevant to the social cohesion and stability needs. IOM will also seek to strengthen the relations between local authorities and communities, targeting local authorities with capacity building to enhance service delivery and increase the confidence of populations. IOM further seeks to support host communities and migrants to enhance their socioeconomic resilience and reduce the impact of conflict and/or natural hazard-related shocks as well as to prevent recruitment into NSAG. In addition, IOM will prioritize capacity-building activities within communities to enhance disaster prevention and mitigation efforts. IOM will implement prevention and mitigation measures for communities facing communicable diseases. Furthermore, disaster risk reduction efforts will be directed towards communities vulnerable to natural hazards such as floods and droughts.



👥 COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

IOM aims to support stabilization of conflict-affected communities in insecure regions of Niger by creating more trust in local government authorities and state structures and improving resilience and cohesion to resist and address conflict and insecurity, including violent extremist threats in target regions. IOM will:

- Improve inter- and intra-community social dialogues and foster collaboration between communities, internally displaced persons and local authorities through activities aimed at strengthening/restoring trust between the actors concerned;
- Strengthen the role and impact of basic social structures to promote local governance through community exchanges and consultations on key community issues;
- Strengthen the capacities of local and traditional authorities to enable them to fulfil their role as mediators in prevention and conflict resolution, and social and community mediation;
- Support sporting, cultural and social activities, and establish exchange platforms to encourage dialogue and social cohesion;
- Support community dialogues between communities and local authorities to enhance decentralized services of the State to improve access to and provision of basic social services identified by communities. The most common interventions are in the health, sanitation, water and education

Funding Required
\$7,500,000

Funding Confirmed
\$147,375



sectors. Communities after a participatory decision-making process can participate in the construction and/or rehabilitation of essential services such as the supply/distribution of drinking water, in particular through the construction of “small water supply mechanisms”. Community members are also identified to be part of the management committees of the infrastructures and are trained in financial management and conflict management linked to access to natural resources;

- Implement tailored economic recovery initiatives to address the needs of the most vulnerable groups, particularly women and young people through income-generating activities (including cash-for-work schemes, provision of grants to local cooperatives, and setting up of small businesses). Furthermore, the technical skills of young entrepreneurs will be strengthened, supporting local businesses and raising awareness among young Nigerians (including women) of self-employment and the creation of entrepreneurial activities;
- Put in place and strengthen conflict prevention and management structures (network of peace committees and local land commissions) through trainings;
- Equip local authorities to ensure peace and security, and to respond to threats in targeted communities with greater confidence placed in these authorities by the population, through capacity reinforcement, community dialogues, concertation frameworks, awareness raising caravans, providing equipment and supplies to local authorities, etc.

An estimated 400,000 individuals will be targeted.



LIVELIHOODS AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

IOM aims to enhance resilience at both the individual and community levels in areas impacted by insecurity, climate change, and unsafe migration. This will enable these areas to better withstand future shocks and foster stability in at-risk communities. IOM will contribute to reducing women and youth economic marginalization by implementing livelihood activities (cash-for-work in land rehabilitation and city sanitation; and longer-term income-generating activities). These activities will engage both displaced and host community members to promote peaceful coexistence. An estimated 32,000 individuals will be targeted.

Funding Required
\$6,000,000



PEACEBUILDING AND PEACE PRESERVATION

Niger and specifically, the Liptako-Gourma region (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger) faces specific vulnerabilities and risks resulting from weak access to basic social services, repeated climatic shocks, and general insecurity due to the increased presence of violent extremist groups. IOM seeks to prevent, manage and resolve conflict as a driver of displacement and support sustainable peace and reintegration. IOM works at the individual, community and institutional levels to address the root causes, drivers and triggers of conflict, and manage conflict dynamics, by supporting violence prevention and resolution, community stabilization and social cohesion, creating conditions for sustainable peace. To do so, IOM will:

- Reinforce local authorities’ capacities to prevent conflict by rehabilitating/building public infrastructures such as schools, boreholes, integrated health centres, and community infrastructures (such as community radios and youth and culture houses). These activities will be instrumental in enhancing local communities’ trust in local authorities;
- Engage in environmental peacebuilding activities by addressing conflict drivers that arise from the competition over increasingly scarce natural resources;
- Mitigate the marginalization of women and youth by providing a platform in forums gathering key stakeholders including local administrative and customary authorities;
- Promote inclusive solutions to prevent inter-ethnic tensions, and the spread of violent extremism in targeted communes;
- Establish and strengthen the Peace Committee network in communes (composed of traditional, religious, youth and women leaders) to improve local exchange frameworks promoting peace and social cohesion.

An estimated 500,000 individuals will be targeted.

Funding Required
\$10,000,000

Funding Confirmed
\$922,603





ADAPTATION AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Niger is already witnessing migration linked to climate change, with household members undertaking circular migration as means to supplement household income and consumption, through new employment and economic opportunities. Internal displacement is also being recorded in Niger, with communities being forced to move in search of protection due to floods, extended periods of drought and climate-linked conflicts. In addressing these challenges, IOM is committed to building on the Government of Niger's established achievements on migration and is dedicated to providing holistic support in adapting and responding to the realities of climate change. IOM will double its efforts to:

Funding Required

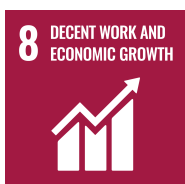
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- Strengthen Niger's capacity to collect timely and comparable data at the community level on migration, environmental and climate change and its impacts on communities' social, political, economic, environmental, and demographic capitals;
- Collect evidence, share analysis, and promote good practices addressing migration, displacement and cross-border movements due to environmental hazards;
- Support the Government of Niger to develop sound policy frameworks as well as enhance national capacities on migration, environment and climate change by improving global-level access to quality research on the cross-cutting nature of climate migration in Niger;
- Develop and establish wide-ranging disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation activities by mainstreaming migration, environment and climate change across the Organization's portfolio of programmes and partnerships;
- Support clean energy programmes, green labour migration initiatives, livelihood practices diversification and migrant protection services;
- Promote and deliver gender-inclusive and migrant-centred solutions that prioritize human security and human rights while responding to the challenges of climate change;
- Implement activities to prevent climate-related health hazards, such as communicable disease outbreaks, barriers to healthcare access, premature deaths caused by malnutrition and heat stress, increased spread of water-borne diseases (e.g., cholera), vector-borne
- Address disruptions to food and water systems, and mitigate the impacts of extreme events such as floods and storms.

An estimated 35 000 individuals will be targeted.

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