

WHO NIGER ANNUAL REPORT

Summary



World Health
Organization
Niger

PROMOTE HEALTH KEEP THE WORLD SAFE SERVE THE VULNERABLE

WHO is the international agency of the United Nations system specialized in health, the goal of which is to "bring all people to the highest possible standard of health". Its mission is to "Promote health | Keep the world safe | Serve the vulnerable".

WHO works with other agencies of the United Nations System through the implementation of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, the latest version of which covers the period 2019-2021. To strengthen its cooperation with Niger, WHO has developed, in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health, the third version of the Country Cooperation Strategy for the period 2017-2021. This strategy enables WHO to support Niger in the implementation of its national health policy and its 2017-2021 Health Development Plan.

The health sector's main challenges are:

- i) The high rates of maternal, neonatal and child morbidity and mortality;
- ii) The frequency of epidemics and other emergency situations having a negative impact on health;
- iii) The poor performance of the health system linked in particular to poor health coverage and insufficient human, material and financial resources allocated to this area;
- iv) The inequalities and inequities in access to essential health services for certain categories of people, especially the poor, women and youth;
- v) The weakness of partnership, coordination and intersectoral collaboration (links between health and poverty, health and food security, and health and the environment), which are needed to better address health issues, in the context of the country's commitment to a transition to universal health coverage.



PROGRESS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVER

STRENGTHENING THE HEALTH SYSTEM, PROMOTING HEALTH AT ALL STAGES OF LIFE, FIGHTING AGAINST COMMUNICABLE AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The UHC index of essential service coverage (SDG 3.8.1) was 35% in 2019, compared to 33% in 2017 (according to WHO and World Bank estimates, figures for 2020 were not available at the time of this report's publication). In 2020, the following results were achieved:

8 children in 10

were fully **vaccinated** before their first birthday, in 2019. In **2020**, against an annual target of **967,726 children**, **97%** received **three doses of the pentavalent vaccine (DTP3)**, and the **first dose of the measles containing vaccine (MCV1)** before their first birthday. Only **67%** received the **second dose of the measles containing vaccine (MCV2)** (EPI administrative data)



Nearly **14 million people** have benefited from long-lasting **insecticide-treated mosquito nets** in six regions at high risk of malaria in the country



More than **4 million children** aged 3 to 59 months benefited from seasonal **malaria chemoprevention treatment**



More than **6 million albendazole tablets**, **1 million of praziquantel**, and **4,512 chemotherapy poly pads (PCT)** against leprosy were administered as part of a **mass treatment campaign** against geohelminthiasis and filariasis



Improvement of the technical capacity at Issaka Gazobi Maternity Hospital contributed to better management of **4,748 pregnant women** requiring a caesarean and **5,910 newborns** during 2020



Provision of **533,295 forms** and data collection tools for **reproductive health**



Training of **314 health workers** on **integrated disease surveillance and response**



Establishment of **34 one stop shops** out of the **237** existing, for the **treatment of TB/HIV co-infection**

In addition, the documents below were developed or revised with WHO support

National **health laboratories** policy and a new national pharmaceutical policy



National strategy for **universal health coverage** and roadmap for implementation, as well as a report of the national health accounts for the 2019 exercise

Strategy to **fight HIV** in key populations



National strategic plan 2021-2025 against **oral diseases** and Noma



New Strategic Plan 2022-2026 against **tuberculosis**



Revised strategic plan to **fight malaria** and updated epidemiological facies of malaria

INTERVENTIONS IN HEALTH EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

RESULTS FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY

3,327 positive cases out of **62,421** people tested, including **1,825** recovered, **1,398** active cases and **104** deaths as of **31 December 2020**



Mobilization of nearly **5 million USD** to finance the **COVID-19 response plan**, through donors such as CERF, Government of Canada, Government of Italy, World Bank and EU, to whom we say thank you



More than **3,207** staff sensitized on **infection prevention and control measures and quality of care**



Donation of various equipment to different structures in Niger, including the provision of personal protection equipment to support the electoral process. The material and equipment provided by WHO to Niger in 2020 includes:



28,000 personal protection equipment

38 oxygen concentrators



1,235,860 masks and face shields

100 hand washers

20 tents



64 beds

6,800 test and reagents

202 Thermo Flash

550 protective eyewear



61 personnel mobilized for the response

RESULTS FOR OTHER EMERGENCIES

Last case of **wild poliovirus** reported in 2012



Detection of **9 cases** of imported vaccine-derived **poliovirus** type 2 (cVDPV2)



More than **3,300,000** children vaccinated with two doses of monovalent oral polio vaccine



Mapping of partners working at different levels of the health pyramid available under the lead of WHO: **43 organizations** support the response to Niger's health sector needs



Development of the **2019 annual report of health sector activities**

PROMOTION OF THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE POPULATION



A pool of **central and regional personnel** from non-health sectors **trained on health promotion**. This training contributed to a better understanding of the importance of social determinants and especially the role of the different actors and partners in improving the health of the population



More than **2,500 people** mobilized to **attend health services and to respect barrier measures to avoid spreading COVID-19**, through awareness-raising sessions by the deputies in Tahoua and Maradi regions



COUNTRY SUPPORT

Availability of literature review of **m-Health applications** in ten countries from sub-Saharan Africa including Niger and drafting the requirements (functional and technical specifications) for the m-Health platform prototype, which seeks to **improve follow-up of prenatal consultations via mobile phone**



Review of all **National Health Information Systems** tools for a more simplified version in order to improve reporting



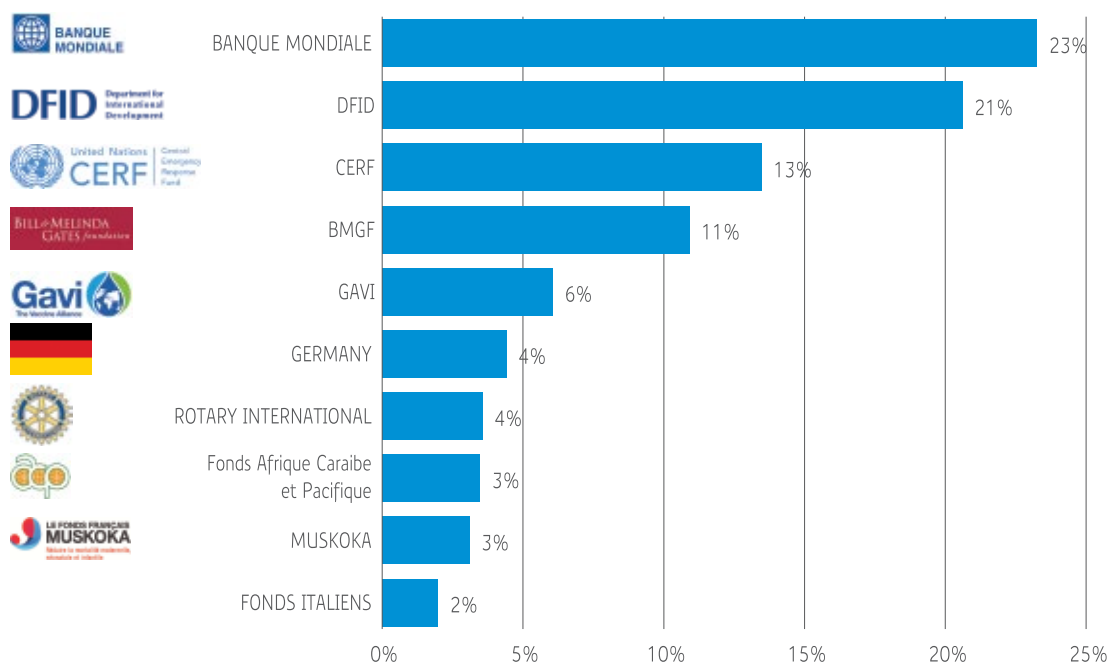
Production of the **report and results** of the UNDAF for the effects 5 related to **health**

Improvement of timeliness and completeness of **DHIS 2 data**, from **11.5% to 52.2%** and from **95.5% to 97.2%** respectively, between 2018 and 2020



We would like to express our gratitude towards the Nigerian authorities and all development partners who provide WHO with the means to improve the health of the people in Niger in a sustainable way.

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