



# Niger

The information presented in this brief is mainly based on the country's submissions to the 2019 UNN reporting exercise, covering the May 2018–April 2019 period.

- **JOINED THE SUN MOVEMENT IN FEBRUARY 2011**
- **UNN FUNCTIONALITY INDEX+ SCORE (2019): 7/10**
- **MODERATELY FUNCTIONAL (MEDIUM)**

UNN Reporting Exercise Completed	Chair(s) Nominated	Focal Points from 3+ UN Agencies	UNN Strategy/Agenda in Place	UNN Workplan Developed
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
UNN's Collective Agenda tabled at UNCT	UNN Engagement in MSP	Develop/Update Nutrition Content of Joint UN Frameworks	Technical Support to SUN Focal Point or other Government Authorities	Nutrition Joint Programmes or Programming
✗	✗	✓	✗	✓

## Overview of the UN Network in Niger

The UN Network (UNN) is not formally established in the country. With that said, there is a technical [partners] working group on nutrition (TWG) in which multiple United Nations agencies engage, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The collective nutrition agenda was rarely tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings during the 2018–19 reporting period, although this did not hinder joint programming.

## Collaboration with other SUN Networks

Not specified

## Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

The technical working group is not engaged in the country's multi-stakeholder/sectoral platform (MSP), which is exclusively comprised of government actors. With that said, a second round of the Nutrition Stakeholder and Action Mapping was conducted (2019), with the support of the UNN Secretariat, involving 62 institutions from multiple stakeholder groups. This not only served as a rallying point to bring diverse actors in Niger's nutrition community together, but also a means to understand who was doing what, where and to identify coverage levels of key nutrition actions.

## UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

During the reporting period, the United Nations agencies partook in various joint programmes, including: (1) resilience building projects primarily aimed at improving farmers' resilience in the pastoral zone of Tillabery; (2) a programme supporting the empowerment of rural women; and (3) the management of acute malnutrition.

## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

- Some of the top UNN achievements in Niger during the reporting cycle include: (1) technical and financial support to the government with the preparation of the action plan for the national nutrition security policy (2017–2019); (2) the implementation of nutrition-specific actions at decentralized levels; (3) capacity building for nutrition staff within the government; and (4) the completion of a SMART survey.
- Priorities for 2020 include the dissemination of the mapping results, including at the regional level, which will be pursued as part of greater efforts to circulate the new National Nutrition Security Policy (*la Politique Nationale de Sécurité Nutritionnelle*). The formalization of the UNN in Niger is another priority, and thus UN colleagues are working to review the applicable Terms of Reference to facilitate the next steps.

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