



Niger



Introduction to NIGER

THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER, one of the poorest nations in the world, is mainly known for its recent droughts and food shortages. It also lacks many basic services for citizens and suffers from political instability. The nation is blessed with abundant mineral and uranium resources, which could help stimulate its economy in the future.

The NIGERIEN people

Total population:	15,306,252
Children under 15:	7,599,053
Average Life Expectancy:	52.6 years
Per capita annual income:	\$700
% children in primary school:	44.89%
Average years of education:	4 years
Literacy rate:	28.7%
Internet users:	80,000
Cell phones in use:	1.677 million

Major/official language(s):

French
Hausa
Djerma

Risk issues impacting children:

- 63% of Niger's population lives below the absolute poverty level.
- Education for girls needs improvement.

More about NIGER

Capital city:	Niamey
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	1,267,000
General terrain:	Predominately desert plains and sand dunes, flat to rolling plains in south, hills in north
Major industries/jobs:	Uranium, meat, cement, agriculture
National motto:	"Fraternity, Work, Progress"
Major airport(s):	Niamey Agadez

Reaching NIGER

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

Major religions:

Muslim - 80%
Christian, Indigenous and others - 20%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 45%
Protestant - 30%
Independent - 22.5%
Other - 2.5%

Unreached People Groups:	28 (98.2% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.085
Average annual baptisms:	1,825
Foreign missionaries:	480
Per million:	36.19
National Christian workers/pastors:	80
Per million:	6.03
Number of churches/congregations:	314

Children's ministry in NIGER

Overview: • Although 48% of the population of Niger is under 15, the culture does not place high value on children. In addition, poverty creates many challenges for children and their families.

- The church is very young in Niger (less than 1% of the population is Christian) and they are just raising up pastors and leaders, so there has not been much opportunity to cast vision for the children. Many first generation Christian parents need training in discipling their own children.
- Most children's ministry has been done by missionaries or visiting short-term teams. The churches that do ministry with children have little space and few resources. There is a lot of opportunity for growth in ministry to children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
314 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
7,599,053 children for Christ