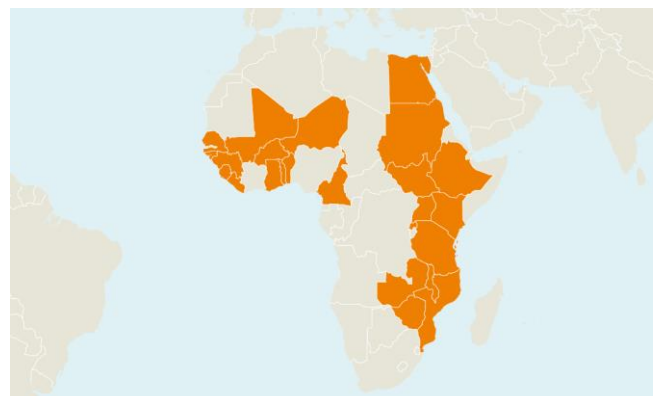


# ANNUAL UPDATE

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## DOSSO



**Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Dosso. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.**

Most people in Dosso rely on farming to earn a living and feed their families. But farming has been a struggle with a prolonged drought and the advancing desert. Over the last year, thousands of people have benefitted from new climate-adaptive practices which are preserving rain-water and improving crop yields.

And hundreds of women gained entrepreneurship skills, helping them to start their own businesses, provide for their children, and invest in their futures.



**537**

People received livestock



**569**

Women were trained in income-generating activities



**2,426**

People have access to clean drinking water

**“AT SCHOOL, WE PRESENTED A PLAY ABOUT EARLY MARRIAGE, CHILD ABUSE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION.”**

Kamilou, 12 years old





**NAME: AMINA**

**AGE: 11**

**DREAMS TO BE: A  
TEACHER**

**“A CONSEQUENCE OF EARLY MARRIAGE IS A LOW LEVEL OF EDUCATION WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO POVERTY. I HAVE GIVEN UP ANY IDEA OF MARRIAGE UNTIL I'M AN ADULT.”**

## Meet Amina

**Like the child you sponsor, Amina is taking steps toward achieving her goals.**

Amina and her family work hard on their farm. When she's not at school or helping out with chores, Amina loves to play with her friends in the village square. She dreams of becoming a teacher one day.

## The Challenges of Poverty

In Amina's community, poverty rates remain very high. Although parents work hard to provide for their children, it can be a struggle to put nutritious food on the table or to afford school fees. Girls are often kept at home to help with household chores, or are forced into an early marriage, preventing them from reaching their full potential.

At Amina's school, a new canteen set up by Plan International is providing dry food rations to students and their families. By ensuring students are well-fed, parents can keep their children in school, and girls and boys can focus on their lessons.

## Fuelling Big Dreams

With the security of good food at school, Amina has been able to devote herself to her studies. She's grown in confidence, and enjoys her time at school with her peers.

She also joined the school government, and learned about the harms caused by early marriage. Amina is now a leader among her classmates, and raises awareness about the importance of staying in school.

Amina and her friends are excited to complete their education and dream big for their futures.



*Amina receives nutritious food for herself and her family*

# OUR PROJECTS IN DOSSO ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



Women are now trained energy service agents, helping to bring solar power to communities in Dosso

## SKILLS TO SUCCEED



**Women in Dosso are regularly excluded from playing active roles in their communities.** Gender discrimination, lack of education, and limited technical skills mean women struggle to enter the job market and support their families.

Plan International is working to empower women and change social norms through our renewable energy program. 488 women took part in training to become energy service agents, so they can implement and manage solar powered energy plants in their communities. Two new green micro-grids have now been built, which is supplying energy to four communities.

Thanks to the new solar energy available, women have been able to implement income generating projects in their communities. These new businesses will be able to support women entrepreneurs and give them economic independence.

## NUTRITIOUS FOOD



**More than half a million people in Dosso are food insecure.** Persistent drought has resulted in crop failures which is pushing up food prices. A growing population has also over-exploited resources, increasing desertification.

In seven villages, 27 hectares of degraded land have been repaired with half-moon structures, which help to hold on to rainwater and improve growing conditions. And 2,076 people received improved crop seeds, so they can grow healthy foods for their families.

Goats, sheep, and cows were also provided to 363 women. Livestock provides milk, meat, or other byproducts, improving nutrition for women and their families, and earning an income when surplus is sold at local markets.

“I received two goats from Plan International, and they motivated me to do even better in school. I promise to take care of my goats and stay in school.”

**Nadia, 15, from Dosso**



# YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



**The best is yet to come – and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Dosso.**

- Child marriage rates are extremely high in Dosso. We will continue to raise awareness of the harms of early marriage, and empower girls to stand up for their rights.
- Almost 40% of children are not in school or have dropped out. We will promote the importance of education so girls and boys can open the door to a brighter future.
- Around one in four young people aged 15 to 29 are unemployed. We will involve youth, particularly young women, in micro-projects in which they will gain technical skills, earn an income, and support the development of their communities.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



“We say a big thank you to our sponsors for their contribution in dealing with issues related to health, education and food security.”

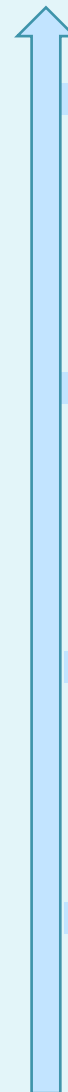
**Moctar Djibo Zakari**  
Programme Area Manager

## THE PLAN EFFECT



**Your sponsorship commitment becomes long-term change – providing help for self-help.** We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan’s Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

## THE LAST 12



### FEBRUARY



**92**

Students have access to new classrooms and latrines

### APRIL



**353**

Women received drought-resistant crop seeds

### OCTOBER



**2**

Renewable energy platforms built

### NOVEMBER



**38**

Tuberculosis patients received healthcare treatment