

Dosso

Niger

Positive changes are happening in Dosso. Learn more about how we are supporting children and girls' rights through our collaborative, equality-driven work.

Amid the challenges of climate change, extended dry spells, and flash floods, communities in Dosso are uniting to ensure their children are safe and well-nourished. For instance, despite the high susceptibility to tuberculosis in Dosso, community leaders and institutions are working together to raise awareness about its prevention.

Making resources inclusive for all kinds of diversity remains in the centre of our works and collaborations. Children with disabilities are empowered to be self-reliant. Young girls are going back to school with re-enter programs. Additionally, job opportunities and vocational training are supporting youth in entering the workforce and achieving economic independence, allowing them greater control over their lives and choices.

"The remedial courses have improved my school performance. With better reading and writing skills, I am now at the top of my class." -Balkissa (10)



Women participate in youth savings and credit groups.

Impact in Numbers

400

**youth supported
with savings and
investment**

200

**pupils receive
financial support to
continue education**

3,042

**households in Niger
received
emergency cash**

Advocate for Girls' Education



NAME:

Rahina

AGE:

22 Years Old

DREAMS TO BE:

A Teacher

“Because of our collective efforts as volunteers, our municipality is the cleanest and people are becoming more and more aware of the importance of schooling.”



Meet Rahina.

Like many girls in Niger, Rahina is optimistic about achieving her goals and building a strong future.

Rahina is in the final year of her high school. In her free time, she enjoys sewing and reading. Rahina was inspired by her parents to work as a community volunteer. Her peers chose her to be a member of the children's and youth club, which strengthened her school and working life. She has four sisters and two brothers.

Challenges in Dosso

Less than 3% girls obtain upper secondary education in Dosso. Driven by poverty, these young girls drop out of school to get married. Early marriage and low levels of education hinder girls' empowerment and have a negative impact on their children, keeping them in a cycle of poverty. Thousands of girls lack agency to make their own life decisions and have few opportunities to participate in social or professional activities. Rahina's club holds sessions to promote the education for young girls, recognise violence against women, and organise awareness in sanitation and hygiene.

Rahina's team at work

Together with Rahina and her youth organisation, we strengthen partnerships with municipalities, local non-governmental organizations to make services more democratic. We also partner with radio stations and decentralise technical services for better outreach. These community-managed projects carry out activities prioritising participation of children and youth. By building capacities of the youth through income generating activities, they are able to stay enrolled in schools and continue their education. As a result, in Dosso, the school enrolment rate has improved by over 10%.



Rahina and her classmates prepare for their exams.

We Currently Work With 11,680 Sponsored Children in Dosso

Projects That Support Lasting Change

Fight against Tuberculosis

High incidents of tuberculosis are reported in Niger every year. Lack of information, facilities, and under screening for this infectious disease has resulted in its spread, especially among poorer communities. We support the Niger government in their aim to eradicate tuberculosis from the communities before 2035.

Local leaders spread awareness about the symptoms so people can recognise the first signs, and get tested at health centres. 47 children living with adults infected with tuberculosis have received chemoprophylaxis to prevent them from being contaminated.

With special provisions Nigerien women too can access the screening with ease. 4% of the people infected by tuberculosis are also HIV positive in Dosso. We support girls and young women who are at most risk of exposure to HIV and tuberculosis with service providers, and take steps to provide sexual and reproductive health and rights services that are quality, adolescent-friendly, gender-sensitive and inclusive.



A mother receiving chemoprophylactic tablet.

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Community members facilitate the TB project



Members of local committee provide tricycles for children with disabilities.

Inclusive Education

Factors like early marriage, high fertility index, lack of education, poverty are obstacles to the empowerment of women in Dosso region. These struggles are multifold for children with disabilities. This project involves activities to benefit people in all the diversity including gender, age, and disability. To strengthen the capacity of the youth, 72 village members actively defend the rights of children. This village child protection committees are from different socio-professional communities. They have strengthened skills to denounce, dissuade and raise awareness of other community members about various forms of gender-based violence including child marriage.

6 children with disabilities are empowered with tricycles to facilitate their mobility and self-reliance. 140 children also benefited from sheep kits to increase their household incomes. This project supports economic, education and mobility empowerment among vulnerable groups so that they can live an equitable life free from social barriers.



Abdoul's new wheelchair has supported his independent mobility.

"With my new wheelchair, I am able to independently move around. I dream to get education like other children, and then travel by plane all over the world." -Abdoul (11)

You're Supporting a More Equal Future



Plan's interventions aim at reaching the most vulnerable sections of society.

Together, we're working to create a more just world.

To enhance school attendance and food security, we will promote diversification in agricultural and livestock products, including cassava flour, cheese, and corn flour, to boost income and market variety.

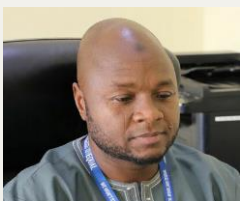
Families will benefit from improved incomes through agro-pastoral production and processing.

Youth will be central to our efforts; we will work with youth organisations for project design, consultation, and feedback.

We will collaborate with children, caregivers, and teachers to improve girls' school attendance and establish school governments to amplify young voices.

Message from Plan Staff

"With your support, thousands of children and youth in Dosso have improved access to healthcare, schooling and economic opportunities."



Moctar Djibo Zakari,
Programme Unit
Manager, Dosso

The Plan Effect

Sponsored children are at the centre of everything we do, and they help plan our programmes based on what's important to them. Sponsors' donations are a gateway into a community. This helps build trust and credibility to attract even more funds from new sources. This makes more sustainable programmes possible in sponsorship communities. This powerful synergy is something we call The Plan Effect.

Progress in Numbers

200

**young boys
trained in positive
masculinity**

2,930

**students received
academic support
through courses**

140

**youth receive
sheep for income
generation**

7

**school gardens
benefitted from
water pumps**