

HEALTH POLICY PLUS: Niger

Overview

Health Policy Plus (HP+) is a seven-year (2015–2022) U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded project implemented by a consortium of partners, led by Palladium. The project's HIV activities are supported by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. HP+ has a mandate across global, country, and subnational levels to strengthen and advance health policy priorities in family planning and reproductive health, HIV, and maternal health.

In Niger, HP+ is working in Maradi and Zinder regions to increase demand for family planning. Niger [set ambitious goals](#) to significantly improve its modern contraceptive prevalence rate by developing a [costed implementation plan for family planning](#). The action plan outlined a goal of reaching 50 percent contraceptive prevalence by 2020. Unfortunately, this objective fell short in two major regions, Maradi and Zinder—an indication of Niger's struggle to create accessible channels for family planning resources.

Our Work

HP+ is supporting the government of Niger to increase demand for family planning and reproductive health initiatives primarily through strengthening the capacity of community leaders and youth organizations in Niger's Maradi and Zinder regions to conduct community advocacy. Specifically, HP+:

- Coordinates with the Ministry of Population, Women's Promotion, and the Protection of Children; the Ministry of Education; and the Ministry of Youth and Sports to promote sustainable policy implementation
- Facilitates collaboration between public and private sector platforms to undertake disaster risk management and innovative and resource mobilization strategies to support youth organizations
- Supports implementation of national guidelines, including the reproductive health strategy on male engagement in reproductive health
- Strengthens youth, women, and civil society organizations' leadership to implement the country's costed implementation plan for family planning
- Supports community leaders and youth to develop gender-aware family planning advocacy messages and implement advocacy action plans

Collaboration

HP+ works with stakeholders at all levels of the health system, including civil society organizations, women's associations, community leaders, youth organizations, parliamentarians, and national-level ministries. HP+ also collaborates with other USAID family planning projects implemented in the Maradi and Zinder regions.

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