

NRC's operations in Niger

Humanitarian overview

In recent years, Niger has been under pressure from violence by non-state armed groups on three fronts: 1) in the north-west, in the regions of Tillabéri and Tahoua, along the border between Mali and Burkina Faso (Liptako-Gourma crisis); 2) in the east, in the Diffa region (Lake Chad crisis); and 3) in the south of the country in the Maradi region, on the border with Nigeria.

The country hosts more than 900,000 refugees and internally displaced people and is one of the poorest in the world, with 2.2 million people expected to be in food insecurity by the 2025 lean season (Cadre Harmonisé, November 2024).

The situation has been further compounded by the events following the coup d'état, especially the imposition of financial sanctions by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (without humanitarian exemptions) and the European Union (EU) (with humanitarian exemptions), and the suspension of development funding by most Western donors. The adverse effects of climate change causing floods affected more than 1.5 million people in 2024 (source: MHA), most of whom left without shelter or livelihood.



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Our core activities



Education



Information, counselling
and legal assistance (ICLA)



Livelihoods
and food security



Protection
from violence



Shelter
and settlements



Water, sanitation
and hygiene (WASH)

NRC in Niger

Established	2019
International staff	8
National staff	101

Our areas of operation

- Niamey (country office)
- Maradi
- Tillaberi
- Tahoua



Our activities in detail

Since 1 June 2023, NRC has had a separate country office in Niger following the split of the Burkina-Niger office. In Niger, NRC provides an integrated response package in Tillaberi, Maradi and Tahoua regions, strengthening its rapid response capacity in education, shelter and multi-purpose cash. Advocacy on humanitarian access, funding and programmatic priorities is an important component of the humanitarian response. NRC is the co-lead of the housing, land and property (HLP) and access working groups.



34,828 people reached in 2024 ▼

Education

Focusing on education in emergencies, we are:

- providing emergency education responses through the Rapid Response Mechanism in coordination with other NRC core activities and other actors
- providing displaced children and youth with quality, safe and inclusive learning opportunities, including non-formal education, accelerated courses, remedial programmes, and support for formal education
- improving the learning conditions for students through the repair and/or construction of semi-permanent school blocks and the distribution of education kits
- offering education, livelihood, and community engagement opportunities for crisis-affected youth, catering to their specific needs and contributing to their overall wellbeing
- integrating psychosocial support into education through the Better Learning Programme (BLP) approach to help children and youth recover and improve learning
- advocating for BLP's institutionalisation in Niger's education system
- collaborating with the Ministry of Education to improve teaching practices and learning outcomes, support safe learning environments (including for children with disabilities), and facilitate smooth transition from non-formal to formal education



31,630 people reached in 2024 ▼

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

Our ICLA team is:

- assisting communities affected by displacement to access information on legal and civil documentation processes
- supporting people to obtain the civil and identity documentation necessary to access rights and services
- supporting them to understand and protect their housing, land and property rights
- organising capacity-building sessions for local authorities and civil documentation officials on issues pertaining to land and civil documentation
- leading the housing, land and property rights working group to build capacity and advocate with authorities, humanitarian actors and other stakeholders
- advocating and contributing to durable solutions for displaced households



27,377 people reached in 2024 ▼

Livelihoods and food security

Our livelihoods team is:

- improving access to food for the most vulnerable people using the standard food ration value per household, through distribution of cash
- supporting people living in displacement with negotiating access to land
- providing emergency livelihoods protection, in particular replenishment, management and distribution of agricultural inputs such as seeds, tools and small livestock, accompanied by technical support.
- supporting targeted households with income-generating activities and reducing negative coping mechanisms
- promoting environmental and climate adaptation approaches to address the impact of climate change on displacement-affected people



10,981 people reached in 2024 ▼

Protection from violence

Our teams are:

- managing formal displacement sites
- working with communities to build their resilience and reinforce community-based protection solutions to the risks they face
- working with other organisations on referrals to specialised protection services and with other NRC core activities for specific assistance
- conducting protection analysis, assessments and monitoring on protection-related risks for people affected by displacement, informing protection response and advocacy



25,807 people reached in 2024 ▼

Shelter and settlements

Our shelter teams are:

- providing essential household items including kitchen sets, bedding, clothes and mosquito nets in kind or through cash and vouchers
- providing complete shelter solutions either through temporary or transitional models adapted environmentally
- conducting site-coordination activities, especially site planning, to enable the installation of shelters and minimum basic services, delivered by NRC or in coordination with other actors
- advocating on issues related to the establishment of new sites
- contributing positively to the shelter cluster on global and local issues



19,842 people reached in 2024 ▼

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

Our WASH teams:

- improve access to water for people affected by displacement through emergency temporary solutions such as water trucking, repair of existing wells and handpumps, and expansions of existing water systems
- ensure minimum sanitation standards through the construction of appropriate and safe emergency or semi-durable latrines in displacement sites, schools and public places, and for semi-durable family shelters
- enhance operations and maintenance for the durability of the water and sanitation infrastructure interventions as well as green solutions for WASH programming such as the installation of solar powered water systems
- sensitise communities on hygiene practices and the prevention of communicable diseases with targeted messages for women, men, girls and boys
- distribute hygiene kits including culturally appropriate items for menstrual hygiene

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