

NIGER

People in need
3 million

People targeted
2.1 million

Requirements
US\$ 16.91 million

Context

Niger is experiencing complex and protracted emergencies. The security situation remains precarious and volatile in the border areas of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Nigeria, marked by an upsurge in attacks by non-state armed groups. The country also experiences natural disasters in a cyclical fashion due to its geographical environment.

In 2021, Niger experienced four epidemic-related health crises in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to a flood-related disaster and the risk of emerging and re-emerging diseases. The critical needs identified by Rapid Response Teams include shortages of essential medicines; poor access to basic health care and services; and lack of quality care provision. Referral and triaging of emergency cases to adequate facilities has been extremely challenging. The lack of functional health facilities with 24/7 availability, and the absence of an early warning system for the rapid detection of epidemics and other health events have also been identified as major gaps.

Response strategy

The humanitarian response strategy is based on the provision of health care and services through the support of existing health structures and the organization of mobile clinics and temporary structures in camps for displaced persons and refugees. The following will be integrated in the response strategy:

- Strengthen surveillance of priority diseases (diseases with epidemic potential, including COVID-19).
- Provide quality emergency health care.

- Expand access to basic and referral health services for displaced persons and host populations through the provision of medicines, medical supplies, and equipment.
- Strengthen the skills of health providers for the management of common pathologies and referral, including mental health care (training, supervision, responses to various emergency situations).
- Strengthen the capacities of health facilities in reproductive health in the context of the movement of populations using basic medical equipment.
- Support community engagement at multiple levels (regions, districts, and local levels, especially health committees).
- Strengthen coordination mechanisms at the national level and synergy with other sectors, including nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene, and protection and food security.

Country priorities

- Ensure people in vulnerable settings, including people with disabilities, benefit from an appropriate response to emergency health situations, especially epidemics and disaster management.
- Ensure people in vulnerable settings, including people with disabilities, have access to quality health care.
- Strengthen coordination capacities, adaptation, and resistance to shocks in relevant ministries, amongst health workers, and in communities.

WHO works in Niger to help ensure that 1.2 million people in vulnerable settings, including people with disabilities, benefit from an appropriate response to emergency health situations, especially epidemics and disaster management in departments with acute needs. © WHO



