
Niger

**Total area:**

1,267,000 km²

Population:

18,638,600 (2016)

Literacy:

17%

Official languages:

French, Hausa, Kanuri, Zarma, Tamasheq

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$1,154 (2016 est.)

Life expectancy:

55 years

Religions:

93% Muslim, 4% Christian, 3% other religions

Prayer points

Baggara Arabs & Shuwa Arabs

Members of this people group are found in eight countries in the world. Pray specifically for Cameroon, Niger and Sudan, where these Arab communities are most unreached. For Sudan where they are called Shuwa Arabs, pray for a full Bible translation in Sudanese Arabic. Pray for workers in these countries to communicate the love of Jesus, in word and action, to these 3.7 million Baggara/Shuwa people. (WEC International - May 2021)

The Fulani in Niger

The Fulani in Niger combine their Islamic beliefs with ancestor worship. Pray that they would put their trust and faith in Jesus and that he would set them free from their fear. Pray for help to understand the free gift of salvation, so that they don't have to rely on rituals and sacrifices. We give thanks for all the connections and contact that the AIM team has been having with Fulani in the surrounding communities to where they are living. May the team and the Fulani believers have wisdom as they share the gospel beyond their immediate communities. (AIM International - March 2018)

Leprosy Mission Working in Niger

Pray for people affected by leprosy in Niger, who are often ostracised from their families (and even their children) once diagnosed with leprosy. Any outward signs of leprosy can cause fear and even for a spouse to reject their husband/wife, forcing them to leave their children. The Leprosy Mission offers

education and training for employment to people affected by leprosy. People like Mariama, who attended an adult literacy class, can now read and write, have a better chance of employment and supporting their families. Pray that more people will be encouraged to come forward early for diagnosis and treatment, knowing that they can also benefit from the same care, education and training. (The Leprosy Mission England and Wales - January 2018)

Tamajaq Translations

It has taken 30 years to translate the New Testament into the West African Tawallammat language but that is just the first step in spreading the gospel among the Tamajaq people who speak it. It's a huge task to share with these mainly nomadic people who have a very low literacy rate and live in a very oral society. The Tamajaq (or Tuareg) roam across Lybia, Algeria, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, where the biggest group is found. Since the translation, work has begun to record the New Testament so that it can be distributed on micro SD cards and played on mobile phones or radios. The Tamajaq have a great oral tradition so it's vital that they hear in their own language. Please pray that through these recordings many Tamajaq would hear the gospel and come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. (Serving In Mission - November 2016)

Reducing leprosy stigma

Pray for The Leprosy Mission's project in the Dosso and Tillabéri regions of Niger. Pray that TLM's holistic approach will help to empower people affected by leprosy and other disabilities in those communities and that they will fully engage with the work. Give thanks for the awareness raising about leprosy disease that has already been carried out. This will help to reduce stigma and educate people on the need to come forward for early treatment to prevent disability. (The Leprosy Mission England and Wales - May 2016)

In the aftermath of attacks

As they began clearing up after groups of extremists in Niger vandalised their home and destroyed their possessions, a family of Christians associated with YWAM has been encouraged and supported by the sincere help of their Muslim neighbours. Other local Christians have been supported by the help of churches, missions and other local residents in the aftermath of the attacks. Things are reported to be calm in Niger at present but further unrest is anticipated. Pray for the Church in Niger—not for the restoration of the buildings, but for the preservation of the people, their faith in Christ, and their role as ambassadors of peace. (YWAM England - March 2015)

Raising awareness about leprosy

Pray for the success of work to raise awareness about leprosy in Niger where government health staff can now be trained to detect and treat the condition. The Leprosy Mission is able to provide free medicine, surgery and help with disability prevention. On top of this, five leprosy-affected communities near the hospital in Danja are to receive help with housing, sanitation, education and vocational training. Pray that more people affected by leprosy will come forward to receive assistance after learning about symptoms and treatment. (The Leprosy Mission England and Wales - September 2014)

Human trafficking

Children and young adults forced to beg, sold into domestic service, used as labourers in mines and agriculture, and sexually exploited - this is the grim reality of trafficking in Niger and other countries in Africa. Students and graduates are not immune from these dangers and, sadly, young people who go against their parents' beliefs and convert to Christianity are particularly at risk. Christian students in Niger long to respond to the injustices of society and to be part of helping others to see God's kingdom come on earth. Please pray for them as they work to encourage church members to join with NGOs who are fighting people trafficking, inspire graduates to sustain this ministry, and equip students to help rescued children re-integrate into society. (IFES - March 2011)

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