



RN Remember Niger
Coalition

Annual Report | 2022

RAISING UP LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE

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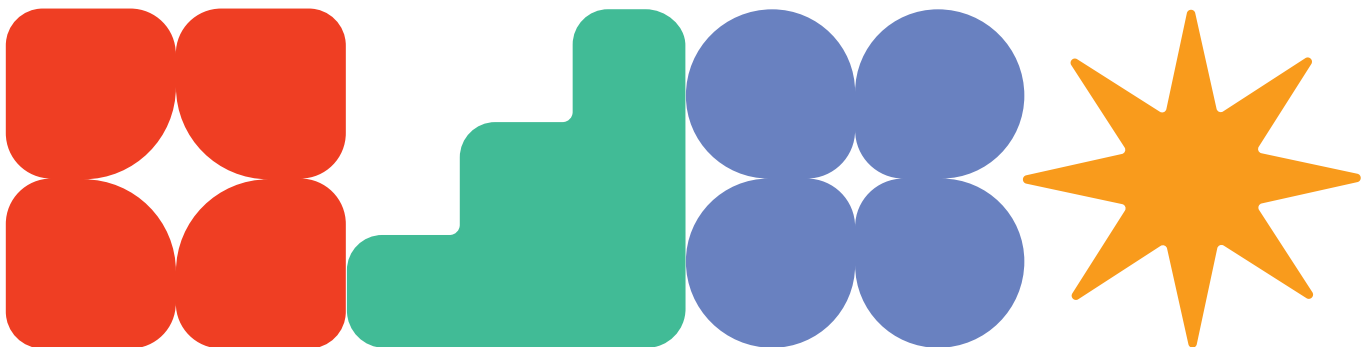
We extend our sincere thanks to **Branding Pool** for donating their talents to create this annual report and Remember Niger Coalition’s new brand.

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OUR MISSION AND VISION

Remember Niger Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to unifying people and mobilizing resources to expand quality educational opportunities in Niger. We accomplish our mission by partnering with Nigerien organizations who have a vision for education in their communities and share our core values. Through a wholistic approach and by working side-by-side with our Nigerien partners who own and operate their schools, we are able to ensure that more and more children receive a high-quality education in the least educated country in the world.

Our vision is that every child in Niger has access to a high-quality education, which will create opportunities for leadership roles in their communities and beyond. Through our work, we will reach a tipping point in Niger: When enough children have received a quality education, they will positively impact their communities, which will result in a country-wide transformation.





From the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

In 2022, through your support and generosity, the Remember Niger Coalition made great strides in accomplishing its mission to create more opportunities for Nigerien children to attend high-quality schools. Together, we made it possible for over 4,000 children to attend schools where they will gain the knowledge and develop the skills to become the people God created them to be.

Of particular note, Remember Niger worked with a partner to add a secondary school. In September, the school began with 26 students in the first class of middle school – 21 of whom had graduated from the school's primary school. The headmaster, an experienced educator spoke to me about how remarkable and well prepared the majority of the students are. He said, "In my 40 years of experience, I have observed how teachers must push their students to learn and grow. But in this school, it's the opposite: The students push their teachers. This is an exceptional situation, and I'm eager to see what these students are able to accomplish as they grow and mature."

All of the Remember Niger partner schools are making a marked difference in the lives of their students. The schools are highly successful with a combined average of over 90% of students matriculating to secondary school. We are honored to partner with them and support their efforts to provide a quality education to the children in their communities. Throughout this report you will read about the impact they are having and how that impact will continue in the years to come as they nurture and develop the leaders of the future.

Kara VanderKamp

Founder and Executive Director



From the **NIGER COUNTRY DIRECTOR**

Thank you for giving generously so that children in Niger have the opportunity to attend good schools. In my country, only about half of all children are fortunate enough to have this chance. But step by step, Remember Niger is changing that reality for more and more children. This year, we facilitated the construction of 14 classrooms, which created space for over 600 more children to receive a high-quality education. And, as a result of our teacher training program, more than 2,800 students were positively impacted through the training their teachers received.



Importantly, the schools we partner with are training their students to see the world differently. The school leaders and teachers are creating an environment where students learn to comprehend and make use of the opportunities around them. They graduate with critical thinking skills, empathy and optimism. Their perspective will be a benefit to their communities as they lead the next generation to a better future.

Thank you for supporting the children of Niger.

Ibrahim Abdou

Niger Country Director

OUR IMPACT IN 2022

In 2022, through your support and generosity, the Remember Niger Coalition made great strides in accomplishing its mission to create more opportunities for Nigerien children to attend high-quality schools.

4,172
Students Served

18
Partner Schools



- 50% of Students are Girls
- 10% of Students Receive Sponsorships and Scholarships
- 7% of Students Have Disabilities

A YEAR FOR GROWTH

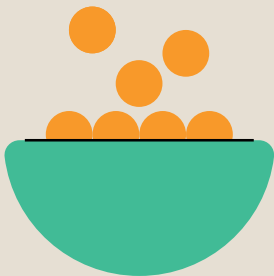
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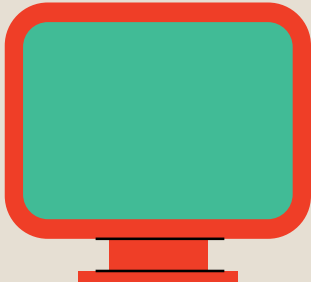
14 Classrooms built



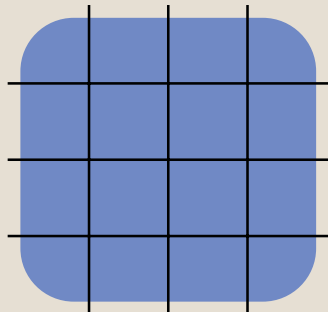
115 Teachers received training



10k+ Meals served at school



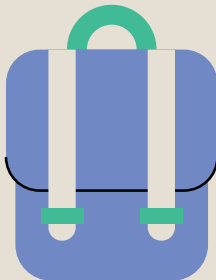
9 Computers installed



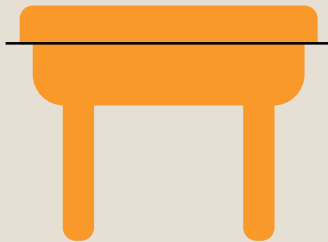
1 Solar pump installed



295 Sponsorships



111 Scholarships for girls



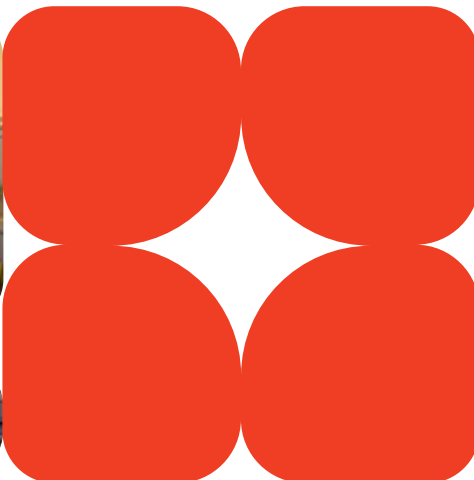
79 Middle school girls received tutoring

ABOUT OUR WORK

How we work

Remember Niger partners with community leaders who seek to establish high-quality schools for children and youth in their communities.

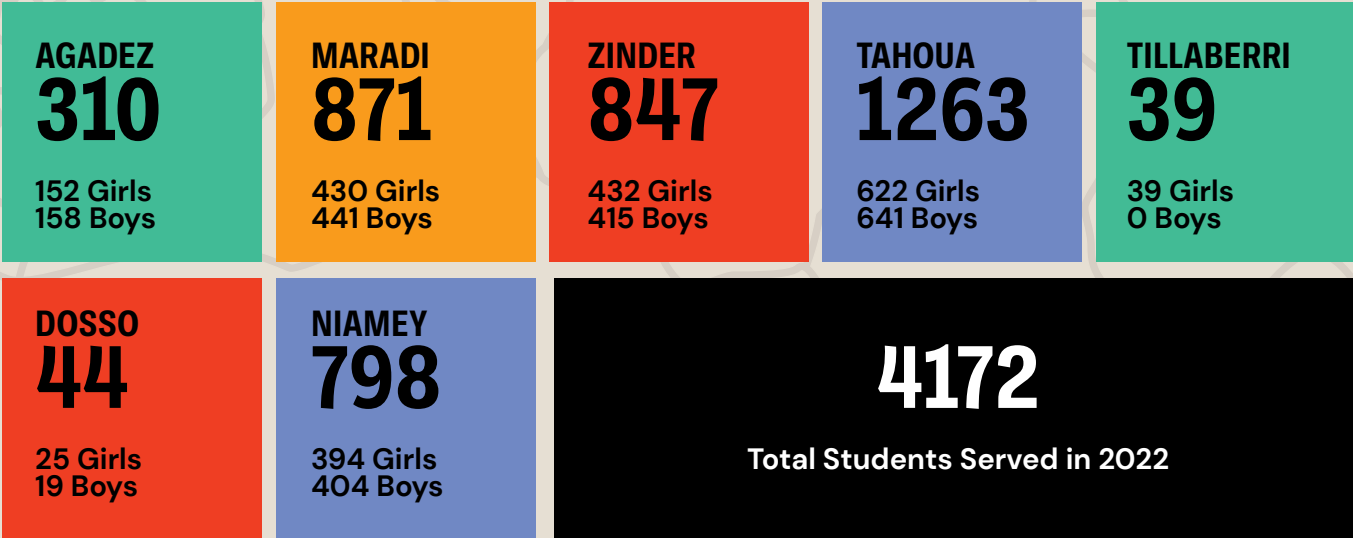
Our partners own and operate their schools, which means they are invested in and committed to their success. Remember Niger works to ensure that our partners have the tools and infrastructure they need to be successful. We do this by strengthening the capacity of our partner schools through the construction of school buildings, teacher training, the establishment of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) resource centers with libraries, computers and other resources, a healthy meals program, solar-powered well construction, and more. We recognize that every community and partner is different, and we tailor our approach and activities to local needs. Students come from a variety of family situations. There is religious and economic diversity within each of the schools we support. There are students and families who can afford to pay tuition, and disadvantaged students, including orphans, students with disabilities, girls and impoverished students from rural areas. When implemented with care, transparency and accountability, these projects and programs ensure that partner schools are sustainable and self-sufficient by the time they are complete primary and secondary schools.



Where we work

Niger is a land-locked country located in West Africa with nearly two-thirds of its land mass within the Sahara Desert. Niger has an estimated population of over 25 million people, and over half of the population is under the age of 14. According to UNICEF, "Niger has one of the youngest and fastest-growing populations in the world." Niger currently ranks 189 out of 191 countries on the United Nations Human Development Index. Additionally, Niger is last on the United Nations Education Index, with only 51% of children attending primary school and 22% attending secondary school.

Remember Niger works throughout the country of Niger, serving in seven of the eight administrative regions.



RAISING UP LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE

The School of Hope for Children with Disabilities

Remember Niger partners with local Nigerien schools, organizations and associations that own and operate their schools and programs. A common goal shared by all Remember Niger partners is to raise up leaders for the future of Niger. These leaders will create and identify strategies to meet the challenges in their communities and country and will inspire those around them to assist in that endeavor.

An example of how Remember Niger partners are raising up leaders in their schools can be found at the Maradi School of Hope. The President of the Maradi Association for People with Disabilities and the local leader of the Hosanna Institute for the Sahel teamed up to meet a distinct need in their community: a school that welcomes and

honors students who come from families with disabilities or who have disabilities themselves. Due to widespread disease and lack of medical treatment, disabilities are common in Niger and those individuals are often overlooked. In fact, children with disabilities are recognized as one of the groups least likely to be enrolled in school, with 5% or less attending primary school.

The School of Hope was established in 2019 for children with disabilities and children whose parents or caretakers are disabled. Since that time, the school has grown to 143 students in K – 4th grade. Remember Niger came alongside this community to help them build the infrastructure necessary to make their dream come true.



Ibrahim's Inspiring Story



Ibrahim lost his leg due to a childhood injury.

When Ibrahim was a young child, he lived with his parents in a small village. One day he cut and injured his leg while playing with friends. His parents washed and cared for the wound, but the infection continued to worsen. Eventually, Ibrahim's leg had to be removed from the hip down.

His father moved the family to Maradi when Ibrahim's mother passed away due to an illness. That same year, Ibrahim's father died and he and his siblings went to live with their older sister, who was married. Ibrahim spent his days on the streets of Maradi begging for money, which the family used to buy food for their dinner each evening.

Then, last April, Ibrahim decided that he wanted to attend the School of Hope after he heard about it from a friend. He had a vision for his life and he knew that he could do more than beg on the street. For weeks, Ibrahim drove his special wheelchair tricycle, which is set up so that he can pedal with his hands, 5 miles from his house to the school and back.

The school directress welcomed Ibrahim and found a desk in a classroom for him. The school leaders made it possible for him to live on the school campus with a teacher and her family during the school year. Ibrahim says that he wants to be just like the president of the Association for People with Disabilities. His desire is to help more children who have disabilities go to school so they too can realize their full potential and not spend all their time begging on the street.



Ibrahim lives with a School of Hope teacher and her family during the school year.

"The school is thriving. Everything is running smoothly and the students are clearly comfortable and happy. They have books, toys, and other supplies, and the children are fed a nutritious meal every day. This is largely because of the school's skilled and dedicated leaders. Thank you to our donors who make this school possible. It is a joy to see children in one of the most vulnerable groups in Niger receiving a quality education."

- Kara VanderKamp, Remember Niger Executive Director



Capital Projects

14 NEW CLASSROOMS IN 2022!

Only 51% of children in Niger attend primary school. One of the reasons for the low attendance rate is the lack of school buildings. In 2022, Remember Niger and our supporters constructed 14 new classrooms at 5 schools in communities throughout Niger. As a result of the added space, over 600 students will have the opportunity to go to school each year. These permanent cement block classrooms will provide a safe place for children to receive a high-quality education for many years to come.

Aguie Middle School est. 2022

2

New
Classrooms

The Aguie School Community was established in 2007 with 15 students in one preschool class. In 2022, Remember Niger constructed the first block of a middle school for the Aguie School Community. The middle school is adjacent to the primary school, which boasts a 100% student matriculation to secondary school. Establishing a middle school in the community will enable children to continue their education without having to leave their homes.

"We (the parents and community leaders) have been asking for a secondary school for many years. The primary school provides a good education to the students and we want them to be able to continue with the same quality in secondary school. 100% of the 6th grade students have passed the exam to be able to go onto secondary school from the very beginning. The students from this school are always at the top of the class at the public middle school. We are very thankful that our children will now be able to continue with the same level of education as primary school."

-From the parent of an Aguie Middle School student



Madaoua Middle School est. 2014

3

New
Classrooms

Salama Primary School est. 2017

3

New
Classrooms

Koira Kano Primary School est. 1998

3

New
Classrooms

The School of Hope est. 2019

3

New
Classrooms

Teacher Training and Technology

TEACH-THE-TEACHER

Annual training, which takes place in September, helps guarantee that the teachers have the skills necessary to provide a high-quality education to their students.

The Remember Niger Teach-the-Teacher program was established in response to partner requests for more training opportunities for their teachers. The annual training, which takes place in September, helps guarantee that the teachers have the skills necessary to provide a high-quality education to their students. In 2022 there were 115 participants, including teachers, administrators, staff, members of the local education department and others. The 6 days of training reached a total of 10 participating schools and 50% more teachers participated than initially anticipated. More than 2,800 students have been positively impacted through the training their teachers received through the program.

A strength of this program is the collaborative learning that takes place between teachers and trainers during the seminar. This year, the computer teacher from the Niamey School for the Deaf assisted in the technology training (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) section. This was an important element of the training because it ensured that the teachers received more one-on-one instruction and immediate feedback. Additionally, Remember Niger partnered with the Niger Ministry of Education in the Maradi Region to provide



training in the areas of pedagogy and school and classroom management.

As part of the technology training and classroom technology integration program, Remember Niger, provided 9 computers to the Resource Center at the Maradi School of Hope for children with disabilities. These were purchased in the US and transported and installed at the school in 2022. By providing technology training and equipment, Remember Niger is actively improving Niger's educational infrastructure by increasing the capacity and availability of resources to both teachers and students.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS TRAINING POSSIBLE!

We extend our sincere thanks to our donors, IMF Giving Together, the Henry E. Niles Foundation and the Montgomery Village Rotary Club for your support.

A photograph of two women in traditional African attire, including patterned headwraps and bright blue shawls, sitting at a desk. They are focused on a laptop computer. The woman in the foreground is wearing glasses and has her hands on the keyboard. The woman behind her is also wearing glasses and looking at the screen. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and equipment in what appears to be a classroom or training center.

**2,800+
STUDENTS HAVE BEEN
POSITIVELY IMPACTED
THROUGH THIS TRAINING**



**SPONSORS MAKE
EDUCATION POSSIBLE
FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN**

Sponsorship Program for Boys and Girls

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

As a student sponsor, you are changing the trajectory of the child's life and raising up leaders for the future of Niger.



Latido
FUTURE TEACHER

Latido is in first grade and has 5 siblings. She loves learning about history and hopes to become a teacher when she is older.



Haoua
FUTURE PILOT

Haoua is in first grade and her favorite subject is geography. She has 5 brothers and sisters. Haoua hopes to be a pilot one day.



Samalia
FUTURE POLICE OFFICER

Samaila is 8 years old and in 2nd grade. He has five brothers and sisters. He would like to be a police officer when he is older.



Rabiou
FUTURE ELECTRICIAN

Rabiou is 12 years old. Due to having meningitis as a baby, he does not have use of his legs. Rabiou would like to be an electrician when he is older.

The Remember Niger Sponsorship Program matches vulnerable children in Niger with sponsors who make it possible for the child to attend school. The children in the program are in pre-school through 6th grade and they cannot afford the cost of going to school. They are from the most vulnerable groups, including the disabled,

orphans, girls and those living in extreme poverty. In 2022, sponsors provided 275 students with a quality primary school education in the world's poorest nation. Without such sponsorships, these children would not have been able to attend school.

A REMEMBER NIGER SPONSORSHIP PROVIDES THE STUDENT WITH:

- A quality education
- Tuition, books and supplies
- Uniforms, meals, transportation and boarding*
- Opportunity to reach her/his full potential
- Hope for a successful and healthy future

**varies according to school*

EDUCATION IS UNFORGETTABLE

Girls' Advancement

KEEPING GIRLS IN SCHOOL

The lack of education in combination with early marriage results in Niger having the world's highest birth rate, with the average number of births per woman being 6.89 and 1 out of every 200 women being at risk of dying as a result of pregnancy.



It is in response to this reality that Remember Niger established our Girls' Advancement program. This program focuses on keeping girls who have successfully completed elementary school in school, with the goal of finishing middle school and potentially going on to complete high school. Through the Girls' Advancement program, each girl is guided to recognize her own unique gifts and talents.

OUT OF EVERY 100 GIRLS IN NIGER

- <50** enroll in primary school
- <10** attend some secondary school
- 1** complete middle school
- 25** can read (ages 15–24)
- 78** will marry before they turn 18



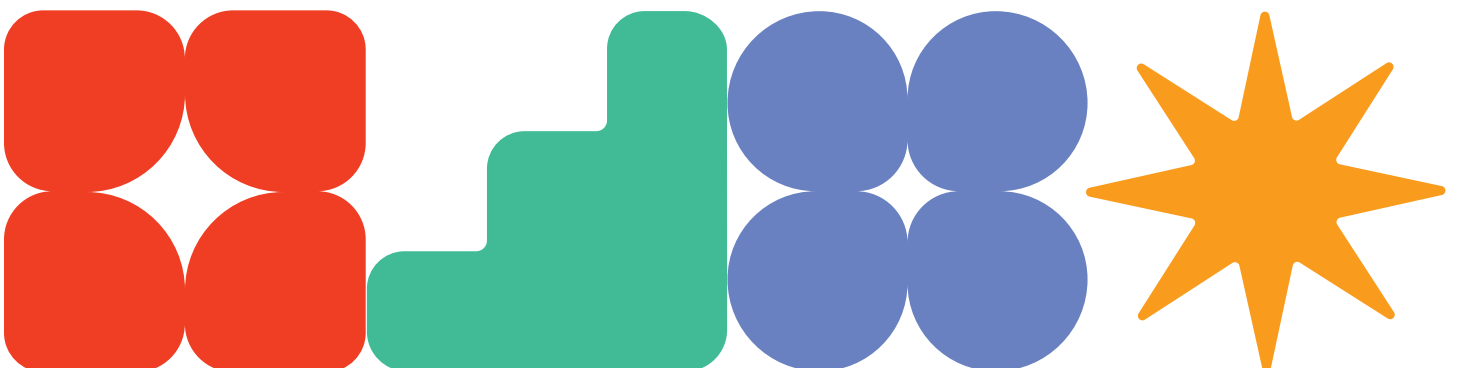
Houge, pictured with Kara VanderKamp, is an excellent example of what a young girl can achieve when she is given the opportunity to pursue a quality education. She was the very first student in our sponsorship program and today, 12 years later, she is in medical school studying to be a doctor.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Scholarship Program for secondary school girls provides tuition, supplies, transportation, and other critical support that helps girls continue their education beyond primary school. In 2022, 111 girls received full or partial scholarships, enabling them to continue on to middle school and high school. This programming is a crucial element to our overall work, as the more educated girls become, rates of early marriage and number of pregnancies will decline. This will improve overall well-being of not only women in Niger, but entire communities.

TUTORING PROGRAM

Another aspect of our Girls' Advancement program that had significant impact in 2022 is our Tutoring Program for middle school girls. In 2022, we provided targeted tutoring to a total of 79 girls, 19 of whom went on to take the end of middle school National Exam. Nationwide, the pass-rate for 2022 was 24.% for girls. Our pass-rate was 45%. Remember Niger is encouraged by the increase that far exceeds the overall average in Niger, indicating that the Tutoring Program played an important role in the girls' success.

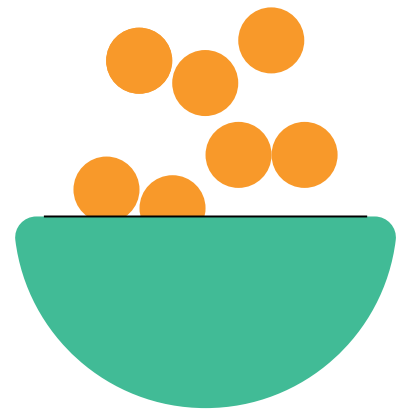


Health and Wellness

GROWING UP HEALTHY

Remember Niger's Strategy for Health and Wellness is to:

- 1** Provide nutritious daily meals
- 2** Establish school gardens
- 3** Facilitate health and hygiene learning for teachers, school leaders, and key community members
- 4** Construct sanitary latrines with hand-washing stations,
- 5** Construct solar-powered wells that provide clean water to the school communities



Food Programs and School Gardens

In 2022, we provided over 10,000 nutritious meals to students at 3 of our partner schools. Additionally, gardens at 3 of our partner schools have matured to the point where the garden provides most of the fresh vegetables used to prepare the meals.

Food insecurity is a significant barrier to education for Nigerian children. The Remember Niger Food Program ensures that students receive one nutritious meal each school day, guarding against food insecurity as a barrier to education for those most vulnerable to under nutrition. By making sure students are well nourished, cognitive abilities improve (based on test scores) and school attendance is higher. Simply put, students who are not hungry are better equipped to engage in learning. We accomplish this by supporting meal programs and gardens at our schools.

Not only do school gardens provide food for students, they also provide a learning opportunity because the students are responsible for the gardens – learning to grow and prepare their own food.



Hygiene Learning

As part of our 2022 Teach-the-Teacher program, some sessions focused on healthy school communities. As a result, 115 teachers and leaders learned the how and the why of good hygiene, with handwashing being a major focal point.

Latrines and Solar Power

Remember Niger built 8 latrines at 2 partner schools in 2022. We also replaced the pump on the solar powered well at Hamsa Girls School and constructed a well with solar power at the School of Hope for Children with Disabilities.

Health Learning *Train Midwives Save Lives*

The Train Midwives Save Lives project under Remember Niger Coalition collaborates with the traditional birth attendants (community midwives) and the local health clinic to implement a CHE (Community Health Education) program and to better equip the midwives to ensure the well-being of mothers and babies in the Azzel village conglomerate. This adult education arm of Remember Niger mobilizes a local resource (midwives) to teach nutrition, health, and sanitation to their communities, resulting in healthier children and higher school attendance. During 2022, a total of 20 midwives and 3 health clinic workers were trained over the course of 3 multi-week sessions in March, May, and September.



TRAVEL TO NIGER

In 2022, several board members and supporters from the United States traveled to Niger to visit Remember Niger Coalition partner schools.

While visiting the schools, they met with administrators and teachers, led activities with the students, painted murals, played soccer and so much more. Each traveler remarked that one of the highlights of their trip was getting to meet the students they sponsor through the Remember Niger sponsorship program.

“One of the joys of my trip was getting to meet Ahmed, one of the children I sponsor. It is one thing to have his picture hanging on our wall; it is another to meet him face-to-face. I feel very blessed to play a part in his education.”

**– Linda Haveman
Remember Niger Board Member**

“It was such a fun experience at the Tsibiri school to join the students in their soccer game. The girls at the school were still learning the basics of the game, but it was so fun to join them and play a common game that we all understood. Another highlight from this last trip that I loved was doing crafts with the kids! For the kindergarten and first graders we used animal stickers. I remember handing out the paper and stickers to the kids and not even one minute later we hear “Tantie, Tantie, Tantie” (auntie/miss) with a million little hands around us asking for guidance with their animals! We all had so much fun and it was great to see how proud they were of the things they made.”

**– Lydia DeYoung
Remember Niger Volunteer and Sponsor**



From the **BOARD CHAIR**

All of us at Remember Niger are grateful for the generosity of the many donors whose contributions substantially increased our budget in 2022. We built 12 new primary school classrooms at four schools that had reached full capacity, and opened a 2-classroom middle school in Aguié to go along with our primary school there. This kept our team on the ground in Niger incredibly busy coordinating and supervising the construction at five different sites, but they did an excellent job and we are delighted with the new buildings. The 14 new classrooms will enable about 600 more children to attend our schools!

Of course, building schools is only part of what we do. Among other things, in 2022 we conducted a six-day teacher training program for teachers, administrators, and staff; provided sponsorships and scholarships for nearly 400 students; and provided students with tutoring, meals, and emergency medical funding. We also added to our team in Niger, which has strengthened our ties with our partner schools and made us a more effective organization.

It is wonderful to see the growth in our budget, but even more gratifying that we are able to educate more children. A little money still goes a very long way in Niger, and the money we have spent is making a tremendous difference in the lives of Nigerien children. Our donors, our staff, and our partner schools should all be very proud of what we accomplished in 2022.

Robert B. Bell

Chair, Remember Niger Board of Directors

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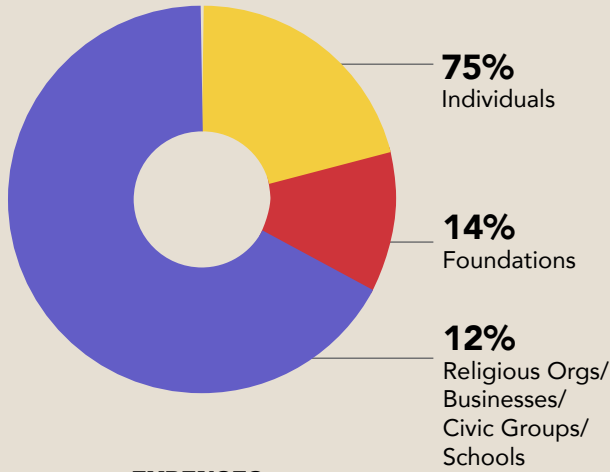
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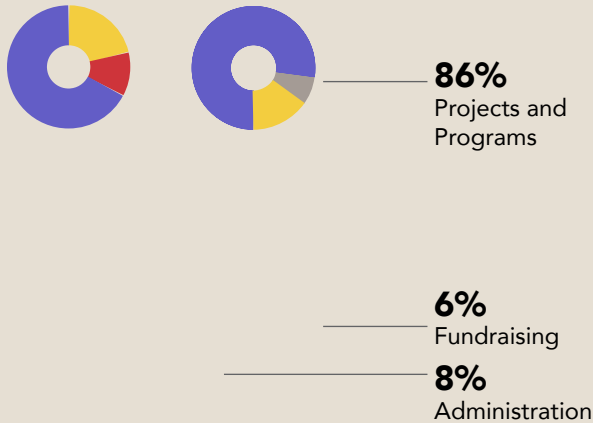
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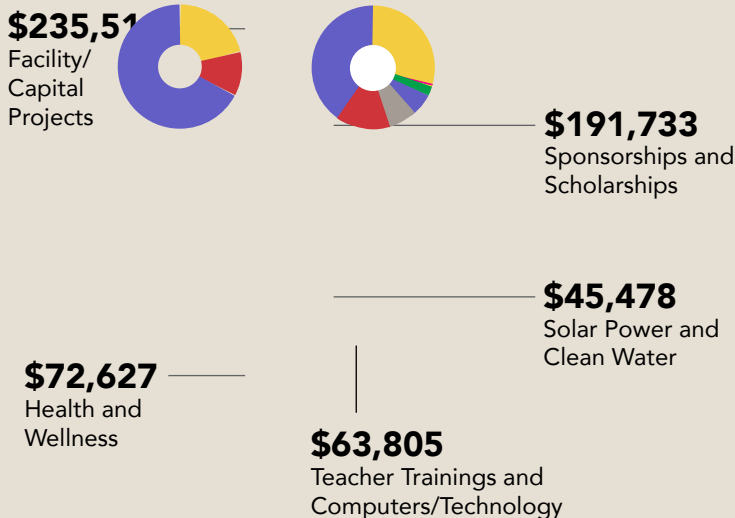
REVENUE



EXPENSES



PROGRAM EXPENSE BY AREA



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue

Foundations	\$106,329
Individuals	\$569,619
Religious Orgs/Businesses/ Civic Groups/Schools	\$91,139

Total **\$767,087**

Expenses

Projects and Programs	\$625,564
Fundraising	\$40,049
Administration	\$60,341

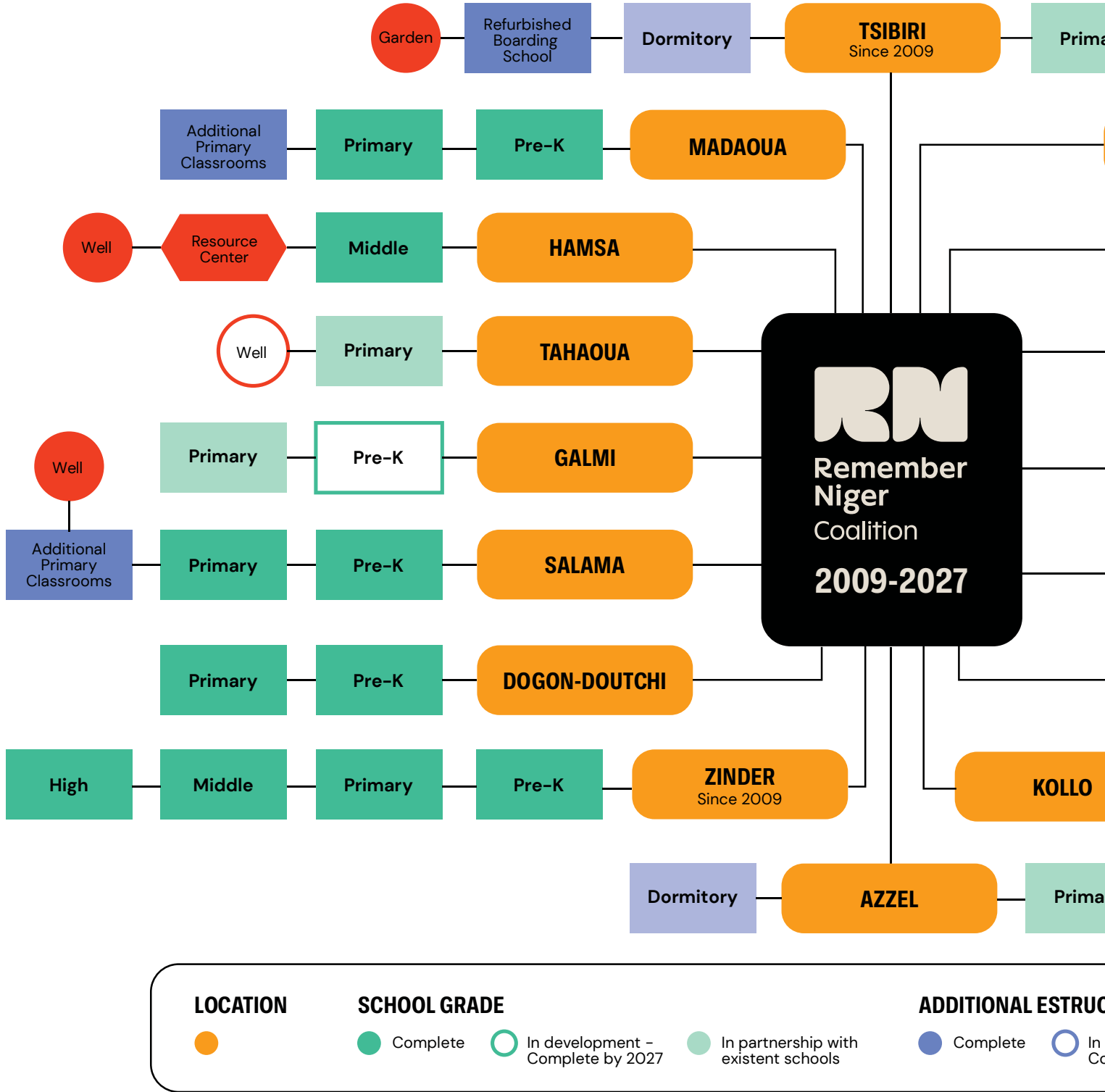
Total **\$725,95**

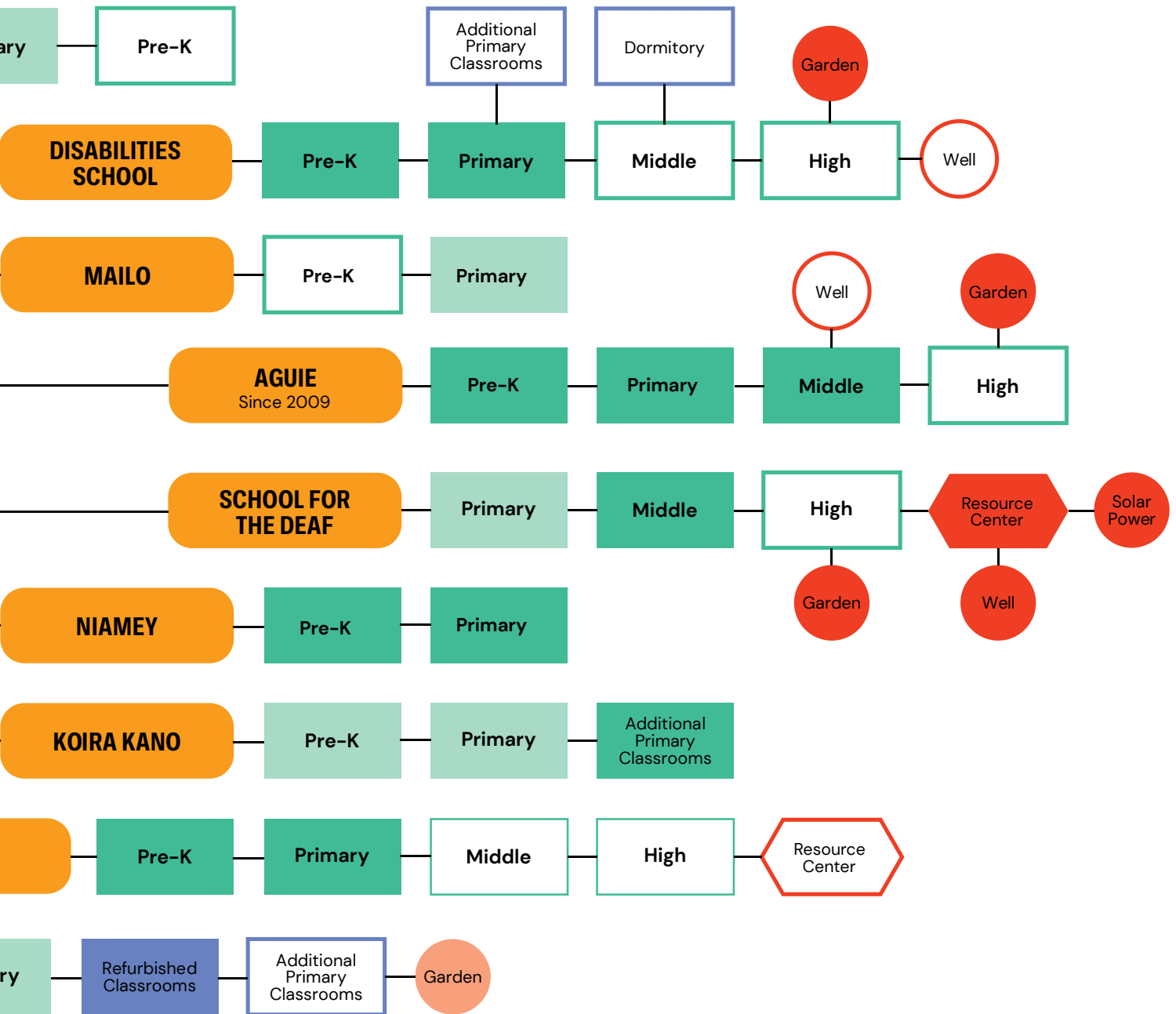
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EDUCATION IS UNFORGETTABLE

OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS





STRUCTURES

In development - Complete by 2027 (hollow shapes)
 In partnership with existent schools (solid blue shapes)

RESOURCES

Complete (solid red shapes)
 In development - Complete by 2027 (hollow red shapes)
 In partnership with existent schools (solid orange shapes)



YOUR SUPPORT IS RAISING UP LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE

Your gifts and partnership have a significant impact on the lives of children in Niger.

There are many different ways to support the mission of the Remember Niger Coalition, which include contributions, in-kind giving and volunteering. Whatever you choose, know that your gift makes a difference and we appreciate your generosity!

To make a donation, please visit our website at www.RememberNiger.org, or mail to:

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- Employer Matching Gifts
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- Planned Gifts
- Memorial Gifts

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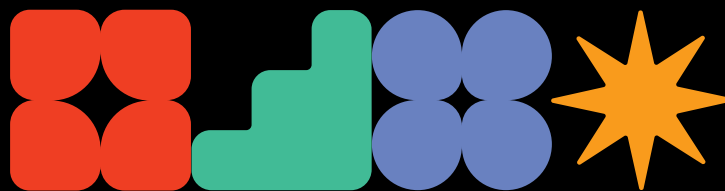
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