



# AGUIE

# PRIMARY

# SCHOOL





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Remember Niger Coalition  
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# REMEMBER NIGER SUMMER INTERNS

Remember Niger is fortunate to have 5 talented student interns working on various projects this summer. Each intern has put together yearbooks for our schools in Niger. This yearbook was completed by Brynнан Frye We are proud of her hard work and dedication to children in Niger.



Brynнан Frye  
University of South Carolina

I am a junior at the University of South Carolina and I am studying early childhood education. I am happy to work with Remember Niger this summer because this organization has been special to me since I was in middle school. In my youth group at James Island Presbyterian, we participated in hunger strikes and other fundraisers to help children in Niger. It helped me realize that is a privilege to go to school and that all children do not have the same opportunities that I did when I was growing up. Remember Niger Coalition is helping children to go to school in the poorest country in the world and I'm happy that I can be a small part of their important work.

# ABOUT REMEMBER NIGER COALITION

Remember Niger Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to unifying people and mobilizing resources to expand quality educational opportunities in Niger, Africa. We partner with and support Nigerien organizations who have a remarkable vision for their country and share our core values. Through a holistic approach and by working side-by-side with our Nigerien partners, who own and operate their schools, we are able to ensure that more children receive a high quality education in Niger, the least developed country in the world. In the 2019-2020 school year, we partnered with 13 schools and over 2700 students.



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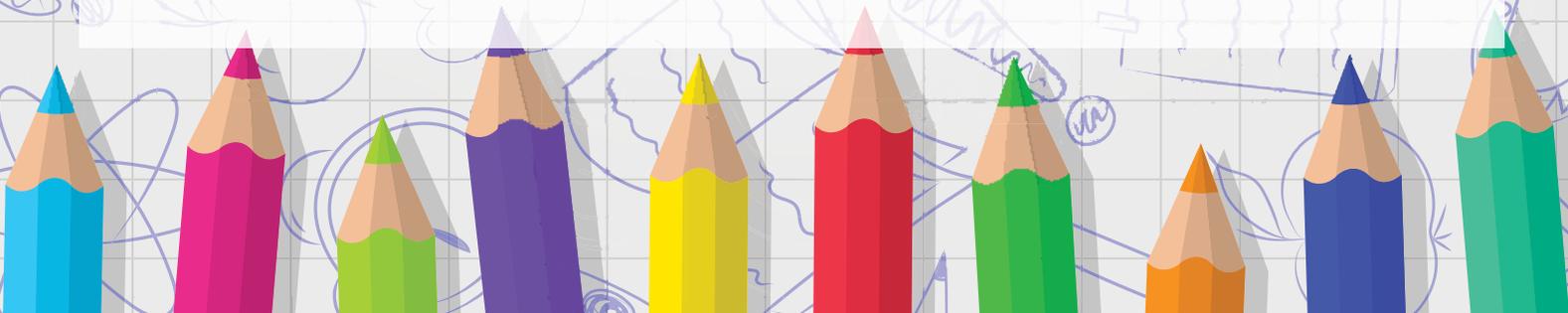
## CLIMATE

Niger's climate is largely hot and dry, with most of the country in a desert region. The terrain is predominantly desert plains and sand dunes. There are also large plains in the south and hills in the north. In the extreme south, there is a tropical climate near the edges of the Niger River Basin. The climate divides the year into approximately three seasons: a hot season from March to May,

a rainy season from June to September, and a cooler season from October until February.

## MAIN INDUSTRIES and CROPS

The main industries in Niger are uranium mining, petroleum, cement, brick, soap, textiles, food processing, chemicals, and slaughterhouses. The main crops of Niger are millet, sorghum and cassava.



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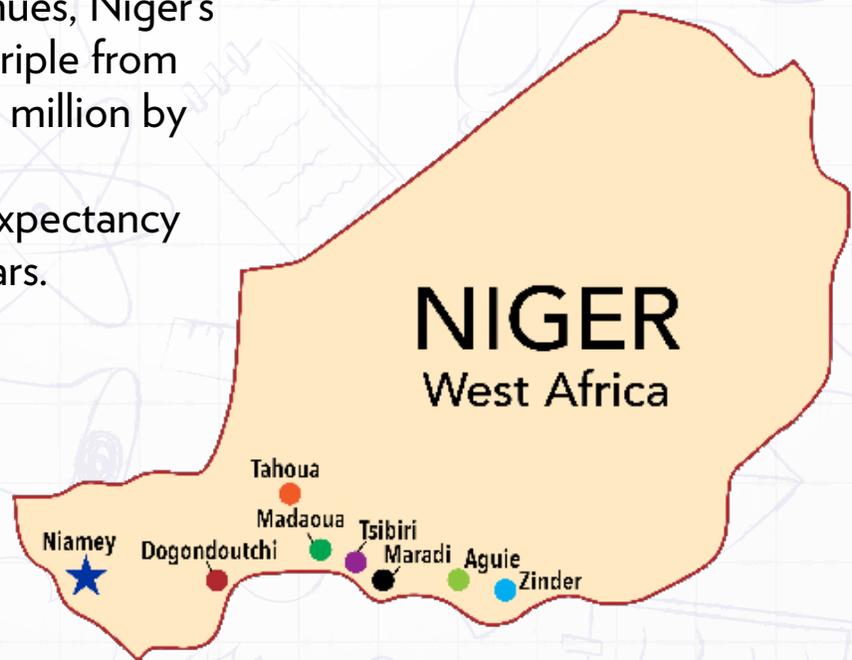
- 51% of children go to primary school
- 19% of children go to middle school
- Only 5% of children go to high school

## POPULATION

- As of 2019, Niger has the highest birth rate in the world.
- The average woman in Niger has 7.2 children.
- If the nation's current growth rate of 3.8% continues, Niger's population could triple from 22.2 million to 63.1 million by 2050.
- The average life expectancy in Niger is 61.6 years.

## MARRIAGE

- 76% of girls in Niger are married before the age of 18.
- 28% of girls are married before the age of 15.



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# ABOUT AGUIE SCHOOL

The Advanced Bible School of l'Eglise Evangelique de la Republique de Niger (EERN), serving adults, is located in the village of Aguié. For more than a decade the staff and students of this school wanted to open a primary school in order to provide quality education to their children and the children of the village. Through their own efforts, they opened the Aguié Primary School with one kindergarten class in 2006. They started with 15 students. The school added a class each year, and quickly outgrew the space. The first permanent structure was completed in 2011 and the school filled up immediately. A second 3-classroom building was added in 2013. The primary school is now at capacity.



# **AGUIE BY THE NUMBERS**

**# of students: 322**

**# of classrooms: 8**

**Grades: Preschool-6**



# TEACHER HIGHLIGHT



**Leahtou Issoufou** is the principal of the Aguié School. She has grown her school from a small kindergarten to a thriving school community with grades preschool through 6th grade. Every year, 100% of the 6th grade students at the Aguié school pass the national exam to move on to middle school. Leahtou started her career as an elementary teacher in the public school system. Ten years ago, her church asked her to become the principal of the new school they planned to establish in Aguié. She left the security of her government job to help make the new school project a reality.

The school's success is a direct result of Leahtou's leadership. She is invested in each student and communicates regularly with parents who listen to her and implement her advice. She finds the best teachers, supports them well, and sets an example for them of dedication, resourcefulness, and problem solving. As a result, her teachers work hard for their students and are loyal to the school.



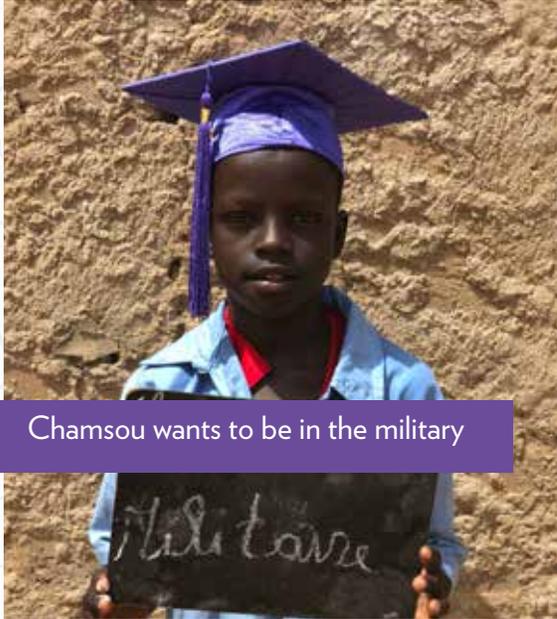
# STUDENTS



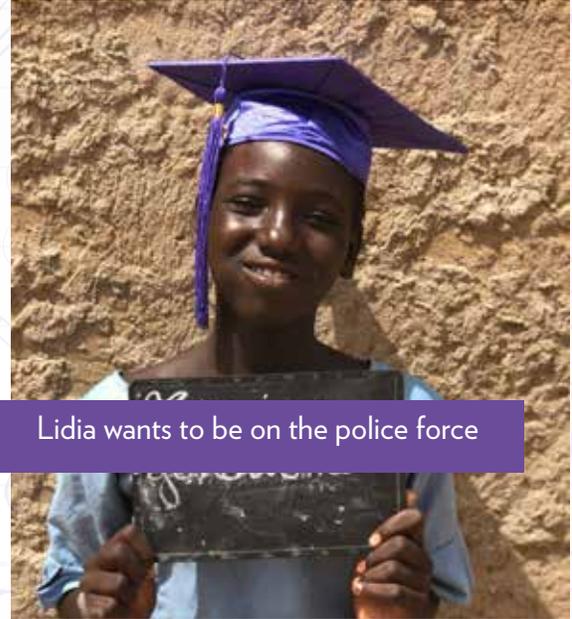
Students with their teacher, Leatou



# STUDENTS



Chamsou wants to be in the military



Lidia wants to be on the police force



Obadai wants to be a doctor



Adama wants to be a judge



# STUDENTS



# THANK YOU

for sponsoring a student to go to school in Niger. Your student could not go to school without your support. You are having a positive impact that will last a lifetime!

