

Niger - Sahel Women Empowerment and Demographic Dividend Initiative Impact Evaluation - Baseline Survey, 2018

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TITLE

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SUBTITLE

Baseline

ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM

NER SWEDD BL 2018

COUNTRY/ECONOMY

Name	Country code
Niger	NER

STUDY TYPE

1-2-3 Survey, phase 1 [hh/123-1]

ABSTRACT

The SWEDD is a regional project aiming to accelerate the demographic transition by addressing both supply- and demand-side constraints to family planning and reproductive and sexual health. To achieve its objective, the project targets adolescent girls and young women mainly between the ages of 8 and 24, who are vulnerable to early marriage, teenage pregnancy, and early school drop-out. The project targeted 9 countries of the Sahel and Western Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger) and is expanding in other African countries. The SWEDD is structured into three main components: component 1 seeks to generate demand for reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child health and nutrition products and services; component 2 seeks to improve supply of these products and qualified personnel; and component 3 seeks to strengthen national capacity and policy dialogue.

The World Bank Africa Gender Innovation Lab and its partners are conducting rigorous impact evaluations of key interventions under component 1 to assess their effects on child marriage, fertility, and adolescent girls and young women's empowerment. The interventions were a set of activities targeting adolescent girls and their communities, designed in collaboration with the government of Niger. These were (i) safe spaces to empower girls through the provision of life skills and SRH education; (ii) Cash transfer to cover girls' expenses (transportation cost, food...); (iii) support to income-generating activities (IGA) with the provision of grants and entrepreneurship training and finally (iv) community sensitization by religious and village leaders. The latter two have the objective to change restrictive social norms and create an enabling environment for girls' empowerment.

These data represent the first round of data collection (baseline) for the impact evaluation. The sample comprises 6,387 households and 6,942 girls living in the regions of Dosso, Maradi, Tahouha, Tillabéry and Zinder.

The information gathered from the survey may aid decision makers in the formulation of economic and social policies to:

- reduce fertility and child marriage by improving access to contraceptive methods and improving reproductive health knowledge.
- foster women's empowerment through enhancing their access to economic activities.

The survey can be an important source of information for planners to know how to improve the quality of people's living standards, in particular women's living conditions. The Ministry of Women's Promotion and Child Protection of Niger would benefit from the data of this survey, together with other public organizations working on girls and women empowerment and reproductive health. District Authorities, Research Institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations and the general public will also benefit from the survey data.

KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Households, individuals

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

Edited, anonymous dataset for public distribution.

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Five regions of Niger: Dosso, Maradi, Tahouha, Tillabéry et Zinder.

Producers and sponsors

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Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

The impact evaluation in Niger includes 6,942 girls across 395 villages located in the regions of Dosso, Maradi, Tahoua, Tillabéry, and Zinder. The evaluation targets two key interventions: Safe Spaces, aimed at out-of-school or never-schooled girls aged 10 to 19, and Future Husbands Clubs, which engage unmarried young men aged 15 to 24 to address gender norms and early marriage. To construct the evaluation sample, the Ministry of Women's Promotion and Child Protection, the National Institute of Statistics (INS), and UNFPA jointly established a list of 395 villages within the five regions, selected for their high rates of early marriage and low contraceptive prevalence. The number of villages surveyed in each region was determined proportionally to the regional population of girls aged 10 to 19. The selected villages were then randomly assigned to one of four groups: three treatment groups reflecting different intervention combinations or delivery modalities, and a control group receiving no intervention during the study period. This randomized design allows for rigorous measurement of the program's impact across diverse demographic and geographic contexts.

The objective of the baseline survey was to build a comprehensive dataset, which would serve as a reference point for the entire sample, before treatment and control assignment and program implementation.

Data collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End	Cycle
2018-04	2018-05	Baseline

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Computer Assisted Personal Interview [capi]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

The main mode of data collection was the use of a structured questionnaire. The respondent was provided with coded answers from which to choose. These questionnaires were administered by enumerators who visited the homes of the participating households at a time convenient for the respondents.

Questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

The data consists of responses from households to questions pertaining to:

1. List of household members
2. Education and employment of household members
3. Characteristics of housing and durable goods
4. Opinions on equality and autonomy
5. Religion

The questionnaire administered to girls contains the following sections:

1. Education
2. Marriage and children
3. Aspirations
4. Reproductive health and family planning
5. Psycho-social
6. Women's empowerment
7. Income-generating activities
8. Savings and credits
9. Personal relationships and social networks
10. Mental health
11. Religion

The household questionnaire was administered to the head of the household or to an authorized person capable of answering questions about all individuals in the household. The adolescent questionnaire was administered to an eligible pre-selected girl within the household. The questionnaires were written in French and programmed on tablets in French using the CAPI program.

Access policy

CONFIDENTIALITY

CITATION REQUIREMENTS

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swedd_ner_base_ado Adolescent Survey Dataset	6942	575
swedd_ner_base_ind Individual Level File	37833	26
swedd_ner_base_men Household Level File	6387	141