

Friends of Niger

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Friends of Niger Grant Application - EXAMPLE

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Title of the Project	ABC Village Garden For Better Nutrition
2. A. Short summary of problem to be addressed (<i>Maximum 50 words</i>) B. Short summary of what the project will do (<i>Maximum 200 words</i>)	<i>A. Women and children in ABC lack access to enough nutritious foods. B. This project will improve the nutrition of women and children in ABC village by increasing their ability to produce and prepare their own food. The project will create one community garden to provide 30 women with small plots. Initially vegetable seeds and moringa seedlings will be purchased. Training will be provided to women in how to grow and prepare nutritious foods that they can feed their children.</i>
3. Project location: Region, Department, Commune, Village(s)	Niamey, Kolo
4. Number of people who will directly benefit	30 women and 75 children
5. Expected duration of the project	2 years
6. Total project cost	652,000cfa
7. Funds requested from FON	570,000 cfa

APPLICANT INFORMATION

8. Name of Organization (or group)	GARDENS FOR ALL NIGER
9. Email	Amina@ymail.com
10. Phone (WhatsApp available? y/n)	##.##.##.## / YES, I use WhatsApp
11. Mailing Address	BP ##, Kolo, Niger
12. Name of Responsible Party or contact person for applicant	Mme Amina

PROJECT DETAILS

13. Project Goal (*Maximum 100 words*)

Provide a short statement of the change your project seeks to achieve, targeting the problem stated in (2.) above.

This project will improve the nutrition of at least 30 women and 75 children in ABC village by increasing their ability to produce and prepare their own food.

14. Project Objectives (Maximum 100 words)

List two to four results of the project that will directly contribute to achieving the goal.

Objectives:

- 1) *Establish a community garden to grow vegetables and moringa*
- 2) *Improve basic gardening and management skills to create a sustainable garden*
- 3) *Improve skills in preparation of nutritious foods for children*

15. Proposed actions to address the problem (Maximum 250 words)

Describe the main steps that will be taken to meet the project objectives and achieve the goal, and who will be responsible for carrying out each step.

- 1) *Mme Amina will work with local community leaders to select 30 women with children who will participate based on nutritional need and their willingness to contribute. Initial nutritional status of women and children will be measured using an accepted metric (BMI, weight, etc).*
- 2) *Mme Amina will work with the chef du village to secure 1 hectare of garden space with access to water supply for irrigation. Participants and community members will construct a fence to keep animals out.*
- 3) *Mme Amina will procure vegetable seeds and moringa trees to be planted by participating women.*
- 4) *Agriculture agent will provide 2 3-hour classes for 30 women to teach these basic gardening skills: soil preparation, irrigation techniques, planting, weeding, harvesting, seed saving, use of compost for weed control and soil amelioration. Two follow-up visits will be made during each growing season to provide technical assistance.*
- 5) *Sage Femme will provide training on preparation of nutritious foods and the nutritional status of the children using the same metric as described in action #1*
- 6) *Mme Amina will work with the Association Des Femmes and participating women to form a group and establish a system to pay for ongoing purchases of seeds, supplies, fencing repairs, and maintenance of the water source as needed*
- 7) *Participants will keep records of the quantity of produce the gardens yield and evaluate the health of women and children after the first and second season of gardening.*

16. Evaluation and monitoring. (Maximum 200 words)

How will you know that the project goal was achieved? Please describe what indicators will be used to evaluate how well this project meets the goal and objectives. Select indicators which are directly related to the activity, reasonable, and time bound. Describe who will conduct the monitoring, how and when they will do it.

- Indicators to be measured:*
- *Suitable 1-hectare garden plot is identified for use in the project*
 - *Number of women who completed the training*
 - *Quantity of vegetables/moringa harvested*
 - *Number of women and children who benefitted from garden produce*
 - *Changes in health status of participants (before and after the project)*
 - *Total CFA contributed to community garden maintenance fund, and current balance*

Who/How/When

At the beginning of the project the Sage Femme will take note of the health status of the children of participants.

Early in the project Mme Amina will work with the women’s group to help them establish a record keeping system to record amount of produce produced in the gardens. This will be reviewed at the end of the project.

The Agriculture Agent and Sage Femme will track participation in trainings and will share their observations and recommendations with the participants during visits to facilitate ongoing improvements. They will also share results and observations with Mme Amina to be incorporated into reports to Friends of Niger.

17. Local support, contributions and partnerships

- a) Describe the involvement and contributions of the community (explain how the group or community was chosen, their role in designing the activity, and what they are providing in terms of expertise, labor, materials, and/or financial support) *(Maximum 150 words)*

The chef du village sent a request to Gardens For All Niger, on behalf of local women who asked him for help establishing a garden. The chef du village has pledged to provide a 1-hectare area to be used for the garden. The women and their families will work together to build the fence of local materials they collect. The Agriculture Agent and Sage Femme will provide expertise, training and support to the women. The women themselves will cultivate the gardens and participate in offered trainings sessions.

- b) Are any other organizations helping to implement the project, y/n YES - If yes, please list them and describe how they will help. *(Maximum 100 words)*

The Association des femmes du region will provide training and assist with the formation of the women’s group. They support development of women’s groups throughout the region.

18. Factors for success *(Maximum 100 words)*

List three reasons why you think this project will succeed.

- 1. The women in the village have developed this idea themselves and are eager to work together to improve their children’s health*
- 2. A neighboring village has been successful at creating a women’s garden and they are willing to advise and help the women here*
- 3. The village chief has demonstrated his support and commitment by making the land available*

19. Sustained impact *(Maximum 100 words)*

Explain how the impacts will be continued and be sustained after the project ends

*The garden will continue to be available to the women after the project is complete and the women will continue to cook nutritious foods they have learned about.
The Sage femme will continue to monitor the progress of the children and the Agriculture Agent will be available for consultation as needed.*

20. Challenges and solutions *(Maximum 200 words)*

List up to three challenges the project may face and the corresponding ways these challenges will be addressed.

- *Some of the women may have too much other work to participate. If this occurs, new participants will be recruited to replace them.*
- *Pests may destroy some of the crops. If this occurs we will consult with the Agriculture Service for assistance*
- *Seeds for future crops may be expensive. Women will be taught seed-saving methods and be encouraged to save money for next season’s seeds.*

21. Qualifications of the applicant and ability to implement the project

a) Describe what experience and expertise the applicant has to successfully complete this project. *(Maximum 70 words)*

GARDENS FOR ALL NIGER has assisted with the development of gardens in three other villages (Village XX, YY & ZZ). Mme Amina has assisted with the creation of successful gardens and has worked with women’s groups for 2 years with Gardens For All and with XYZ NGO for 3 years before that..
Please see attached annual report for GARDENS FOR ALL NIGER.

b) Have you previously received funding from FON for a project? y/n ____ - If yes please explain. *(Maximum 50 words)*

GARDENS FOR ALL NIGER requested assistance from Friends of Niger in 2010 for a garden demonstration project in ZZ Village. FON provided \$1500 to help with the construction of a well for a garden. The well was constructed and villagers have continued to produce food for their families in the garden.

c) List names and contact information (phone or email) of 2-3 references who can describe the applicant’s ability and experience to implement the proposed project. Please describe their relationship to the applicant.

1. Mr Jones: partner organization director – email@xxx.com
2. Mrs Smith: previous employer of Mme Amina - ###.##.##.## (use WhatsApp)
3. Mlle XX: former Peace Corps volunteer - ###-###-#### (USA)

d) Is the applicant organization a registered nonprofit in Niger?

y/ n__YES_
 If yes, attach registration/authorization documentation.
please see attached letter of authorization

22. Project Budget

Include cost estimates for all expenses needed to complete this project. A good budget is complete and explains how all the activities will be completed. Please include the value and source of other donated funds, items and services in the budget. Over-generalized budgets will not be accepted.

Examples of budget categories to include: materials and supplies, labor, transportation, equipment, maintenance, oversight/training, other.

Please note all amounts are for example only

Budget

Item Description:	Unit cost	# units	Total Item Cost CFA	Requested from FON CFA	Other fund source, or donation
<i>1 hectare of land for garden</i>	<i>NA</i>		<i>****</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Use of land donated by village chief</i>
<i>Fence materials: millet stalks, posts</i>	<i>---</i>		<i>15,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Materials contributed by participants</i>
<i>Installation of fence</i>	<i>2000 CFA/person/day</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Labor contributed by participants</i>
<i>Vegetable seeds</i>	<i>200 CFA/packet</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>10,000</i>	
<i>Moringa plants</i>	<i>1,000 CFA each</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>500,000</i>	<i>500,000</i>	
<i>Barrels for water storage</i>	<i>15,000 CFA</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>30,000</i>	<i>30,000</i>	
<i>Training by Agriculture Agent (time and travel)</i>	<i>3000CFA / training class</i>	<i>2 classes</i>	<i>6000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Agriculture department</i>
<i>Training by Sage Femme (time and travel)</i>	<i>3000CFA / training class</i>	<i>2 classes</i>	<i>6000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Health department</i>
<i>Project support, oversight and reporting by "Gardens For All" (Mme Amina)</i>	<i>5000/ day</i>	<i>6 days</i>	<i>30,000</i>	<i>30,000</i>	
<i>Vehicle and gasoline</i>	<i>5000/site visit</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>30,000</i>		<i>Contributed by GARDENS FOR ALL NIGER</i>
<i>Visits by representative of Association des femmes</i>	<i>5000/site visit</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>15,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Assoc. des Femmes</i>
TOTAL PROJECT COST			<i>652,000</i>		
TOTAL REQUESTED FROM FON			<i>570,000</i>		
TOTAL OTHER RESOURCES			<i>85,000</i>		

23. Is applicant capable of receiving an international funds transfer? y/n _____

24. What is the name of the bank account holder? _____ *GARDENS FOR ALL NIGER* _____

25. Is the account holder an _____ individual or XX organization (check one)?

Please confirm your acceptance of the following conditions by writing “agree” by each condition.

Agree/disagree	Conditions of funding
Agree	If awarded funding, the applicant will provide FON with progress reports, photographs, receipts and a final report at the completion of the project.
Agree	FON will not provide funding for any purchases or work completed prior to notification of funding.
Agree	No funding will be awarded to applicants who have previously received funding and have not submitted all reports due.
Agree	The applicant understands that no funds may be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Political advocacy, litigation activities, political campaigns, attempts to influence legislation in Niger ● Visa or other immigration requests that only benefit individuals ● Debt relief for any organization ● Projects that benefit only one individual or family ● Projects with a religious objective ● Support of an antigovernment or terrorist activity of any kind
Agree	Grant funding is awarded on a competitive basis. Funding decisions are at the sole discretion of the FON Board of Directors

I attest that this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant _____ *Mme Amina* _____

(Sign here: by typing your name in this electronic document, you confirm the attestation above. We would also accept a handwritten signature, scanned and sent electronically.)

Date submitted to FON ___ *May 1, 2021* ___