



SURVEY OF NIGERIEN NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 2024
Conducted by Friends of Niger to promote interest and understanding of locally based small-scale organizations in Niger.

In April 2024, the independent nonprofit organization Friends of Niger (FON) conducted a survey of some of the nonprofit organizations we have been in contact with in Niger. The object was to learn more about how they function and produce a report to share with others who might be interested in supporting grassroots efforts in Niger. Very few sources of funding are available to grassroots groups to pursue locally identified priorities in Niger. As one respondent said, “The challenges are enormous and the resources are limited; the need for funding is always present.”

This summary is an effort to familiarize interested parties with the structure and range of activity of small grassroots nonprofits in Niger with the hope that more support can flow to assist locally-based efforts. To that end, this brief description of the FON process will provide an introduction and reference point.

Friends of Niger is an all-volunteer organization based in the US with no on the ground presence in Niger. FON offers a structured competitive grant program carried out by a team of volunteers who review proposals and coordinate with grantees throughout the process. Since 2021, the FON team has reviewed 183 proposals and provided \$203,364 for the 47 projects that were selected. The outreach is conducted via direct emails to contacts and by word of mouth. All business is conducted in French.

The grants offered by FON are less than \$5,000 each, which proves to be adequate for a number of community-based activities. Some organizations are able to combine FON funding with other sources to pursue larger efforts, however other sources are very limited. Grantees are asked to provide references and they are screened to the extent practical. The recipient organizations have demonstrated willingness and accountability by providing regular updates, final reports, photos and videos. Some on the ground verification has been achieved through site visits by FON members and associates who travel to Niger.

The survey group represents 16 grassroots organizations with whom FON has had contact. Some respondents have already participated in the FON grant program, but this was not a prerequisite for participation in the survey. This small sample is intended to give a snapshot and is not intended to portray an in-depth analysis.

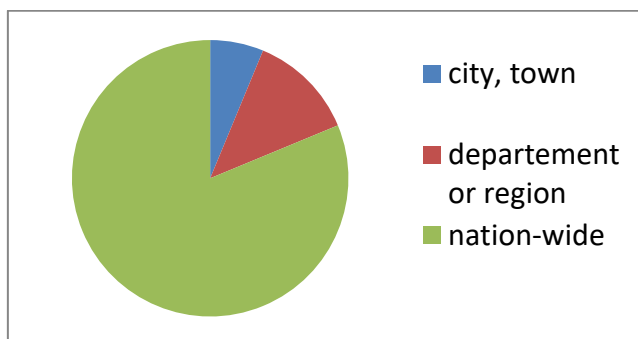
Friends of Niger unites over 1500 people who have lived and worked in Niger. Together we support the efforts of Nigeriens to improve their own lives and promote better understanding of the people of Niger. We promote development through a small grants program, prioritizing modest projects that are community-based and add value to the lives of Nigeriens. Learn more at www.friendsofniger.org



SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

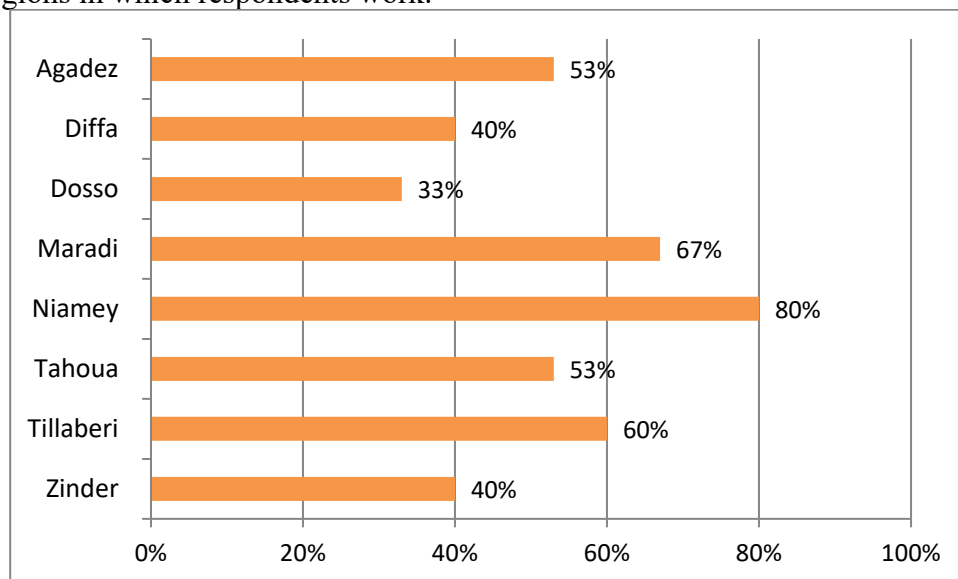
BASIC PROFILE OF THE RESPONDING ORGANIZATIONS

- 1. Organizations responding to the survey:** 16
- 2. Official Status:** 100% registered with the government
- 3. Geographical scope of service / activity:**



4. Activity Zone(S)

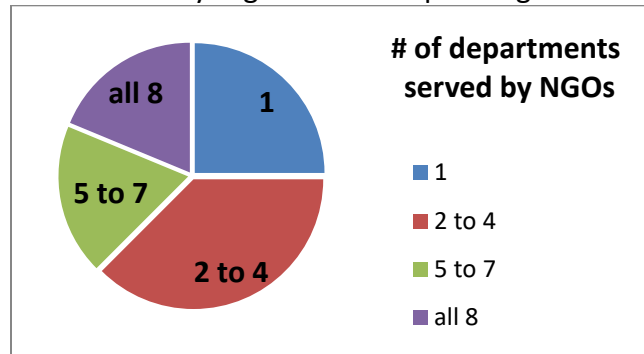
Regions in which respondents work.



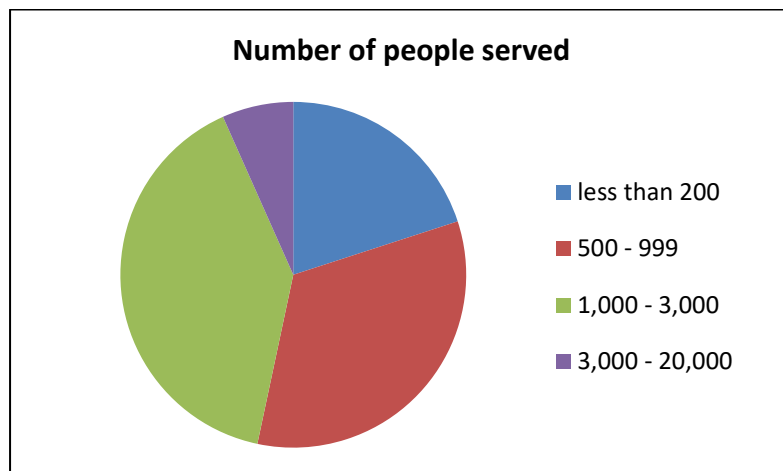


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Number of departments served by organization responding to the survey

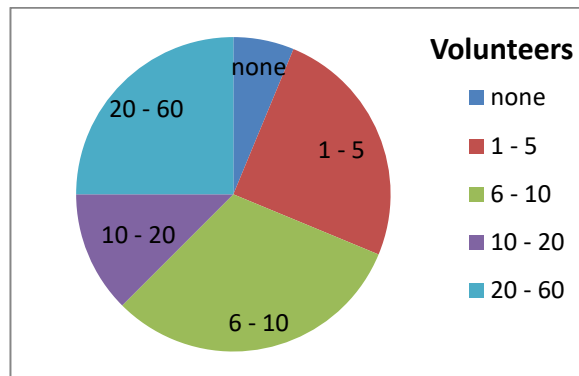
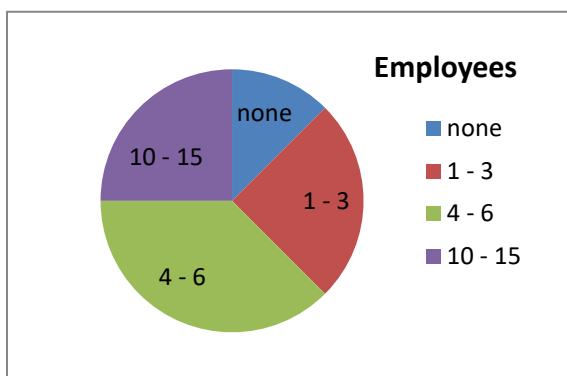


5. Number Of People Served Per Year?



6. Staffing

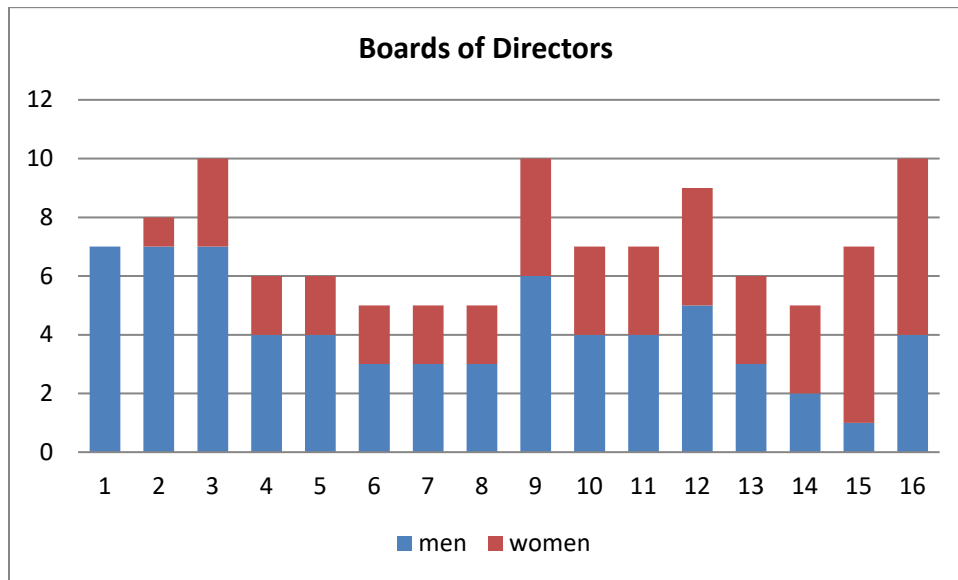
Staff who work full-time or part-time





7. Decision Making

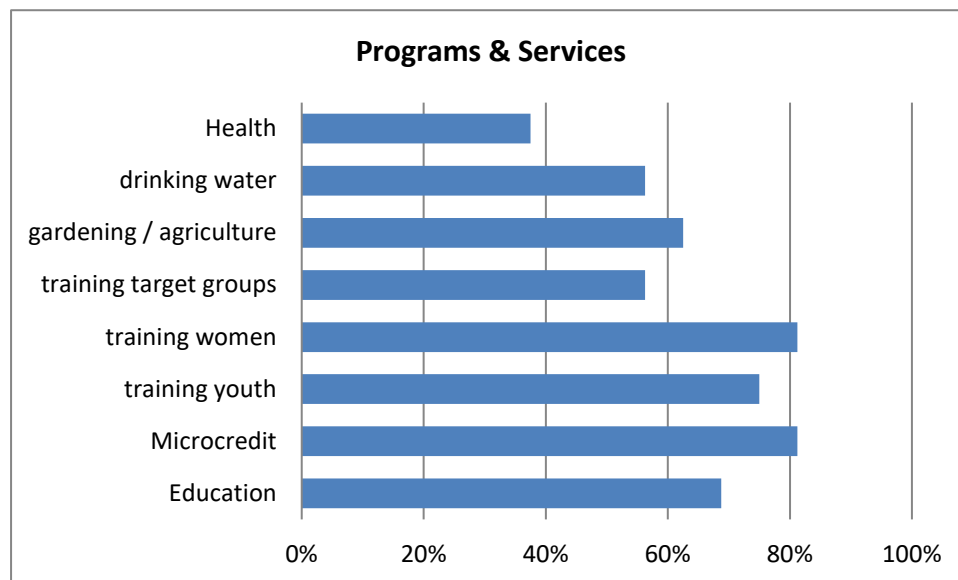
Number of people involved in the boards of directors; numbers of men and women



Boards of Directors elected by the members of the NGO at the General Assembly:

yes = 82%	no = 18%
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8. Programs/Services/Activities





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Other programs/services :

- Peace and security
- Prevention and management of community conflicts
- Program to keep girls in school as long as possible
- Collect donations, distribute them to orphaned children from people of good will
- Environmental protection
- Food safety
- Peer mediation at school
- Environmental protection, soil protection, young shoots, and rainwater infiltration works
- Food safety
- Grain banks and livestock feed banks
- Zootechnical deposits

9. Partnership

Work in partnership with international NGOs based in Niger:

YES	62%
NO	38%

Partners cited

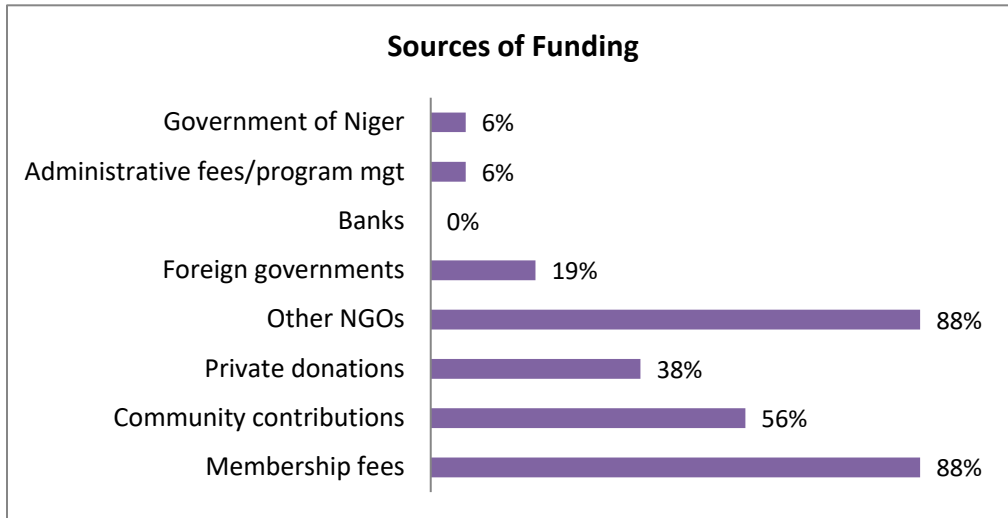
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| ▪ Action Against Hunger | ▪ OSF AFRCA |
| ▪ Catholic Relief Services | ▪ OXFAM |
| ▪ FSVC | ▪ International Plan |
| ▪ FUNAP | ▪ Niger Plan |
| ▪ GTZ (German Technical Cooperation) | ▪ UNDP CCA |
| ▪ Mercy Corps | ▪ Save the Children |
| ▪ Organization for Migration (IOM) | ▪ USAID |

Roles played by partners:

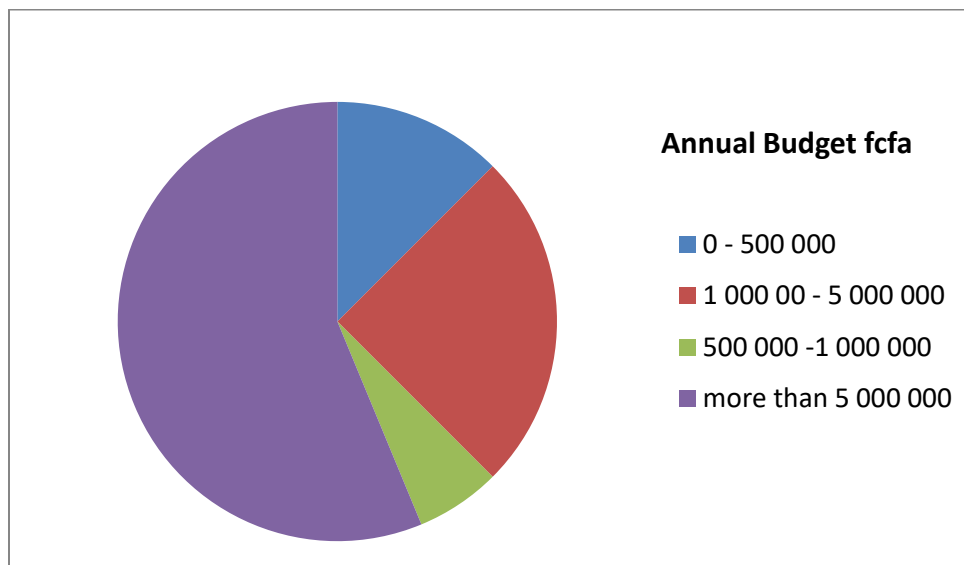
Institutional strengthening	10%
Technical assistance	60%
Financial	80%



10. Sources of funding



Total annual budget : *in FCFA*



Additional comments regarding support needs

- The challenges are enormous and the resources are limited; the need for funding is always present.
- We also want to be assisted with work, office and travel equipment in the field.
- Need for institutional support (strengthening team capacities, office equipment and liaison materials) to maintain the dynamic of sustainable support for beneficiaries.
- Need for program and thematic funding: it happens that to solve the same type of problem, the actions to be taken may be different depending on the



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communities on the one hand and on the other hand it takes more time for a change introduced to be appropriate by the beneficiaries.

- We need financial support to train and supervise the informal community structures that exist in our intervention areas.
- We have many proposals for projects that need funding. International organizations based in Niger do not provide funding to organizations or sometimes very limited funding.
- Food aid and non-food goods, promoting animal and market gardening production, granting of credit

11. General: suggestions on how to more effectively support small organizations in Niger

- We want to be assisted with work, office and travel equipment in the field.
- We suggest that FON recommends us to other organizations that can support us as effectively as they can.
- Share this survey information with other organizations
- FON's efforts are highly appreciated because the funded projects are initiated locally by the beneficiary populations.