S12 – VOCATIONAL TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

PRESTIJ — Strengthening Employability and Stability for Economic Transformation and Youth Inclusion in Niger

Sponsored by **Government of Niger & United Nations System in Niger**



ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	LOCATION	FINANCING SOUGHT	CAPACITY
EUR 54.88 million	**5 regions: Agadez, Diffa, Dosso, Maradi, and Tahoua**	**Grants and cofinancing** EUR 27.3 million from partners · EUR 13.65 million from government · EUR 13.65 million from other sources	**100,000 young people · 2,000 SMEs · 1,000 cooperatives**

Equivalent to EUR 54.6 million. Duration: 60 months. Indicative currency conversion. All monetary figures are in EUR. Converted estimates are indicative and rounded; source estimates may use different valuation bases.

Investment opportunity

In Niger, young people's potential remains underutilized because of widespread unemployment, underemployment, gender inequality, and security crises. These factors undermine young people's stability, inclusive economic growth, and the country's development process.

PRESTIJ provides an integrated response under a common banner: skilled young people, stable communities, and a more prosperous Niger.

AT A GLANCE

PROJECT SPONSOR	Government of Niger & United Nations System in Niger
FINANCING STRUCTURE	EUR 27.3 million from partners · EUR 13.65 million from government · EUR 13.65 million from other sources
TARGET POPULATION	100,000 direct youth beneficiaries, 50% of whom are women and girls
REFERENCE	Project sheet submitted by the sponsor

Objectives

Contribute to a sustained reduction in unemployment, stronger resilience, and inclusive economic transformation by promoting young people's employability, entrepreneurship, stability, and active participation.

Components

1. Training and employment integration — vocational and technical training, skills certification, and social and occupational integration
2. Employment and entrepreneurship — self-employment support, incubation and startup support, and access to finance
3. Peace and social cohesion — civic engagement, prevention of violent extremism, and community dialogue
4. Inclusion and gender equity — equal opportunity, economic empowerment of girls, and action against discrimination and gender-based violence

Expected outcomes

Expected results

- 60,000 young people trained and 30,000 in apprenticeships
- 25,000 young people placed in employment
- 2,000 businesses supported and 2,000 jobs created or consolidated
- 12,000 adolescent girls supported and 3,000 young leaders
- 15,000 young people reached through cohesion activities; 10 training centers strengthened

Strategic alignment

Aligned with the Republic Refoundation Program, the Regional Stabilization and Development Program (PSDR), the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Niger (UNSDCF), and the National Youth Employment Strategy (SNEJ). SDGs 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 16.

Financing structure

SOURCE	EUR
Development partners	27,440,823.10
Government of Niger	13,720,411.55
Other contributions (private sector, etc.)	13,720,411.55
Total	**54,881,646.20**

Partnerships sought

Technical partners

United Nations agencies: UNDP, UNFPA, UNIDO, ILO, and UNICEF; training institutions.

Financial partners

Development partners; private sector.

Government role

Sector ministries, ANPE, ANFICT, CENI, local authorities, and youth organizations.

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ANPIPS is the single point of contact: it connects investors with the project sponsor and arranges B2B meetings at F2IN 2026.