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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACTN	Association of Traditional Chiefs of Niger
AES	Confederation of Sahel States
CFM	Future Husbands Clubs
CPD	Country Programme Development
EdM	Schools for Husbands
EmONC	Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
EPP	Emergency Policy and Procedures (EPP)
ESMA	Higer School of Fashion and Arts
FGF	Female Genital Fistula
IGA	Income-Generating Activity (IGA)
IHC	Integrated Health Services
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GRYK	Guidan Raya Yaran Karkara
MCHC	Mother and Child Health Center
MISP	Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health in Crisis Settings
PBF	Peacebuilding Fund
PF	Family Planning
RH	Reproductive Health
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
UN	United Nations
UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund



MESSAGE FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The 10th Cooperation Programme marks a decisive step for health and human rights in Niger by aligning with national priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This alignment has helped save thousands of lives through targeted interventions.

Efforts have focused on essential pillars of human development:

- **Maternal and Neonatal Health:** Strengthening emergency obstetric care to reduce mortality.
- **Family Planning:** Improving access to services to enable informed choice.
- **Women's Dignity:** Surgical and social care for female genital fistula.
- **Protection and Justice:** Active response to gender-based violence (GBV), particularly in humanitarian crisis settings.

The originality and effectiveness of the results achieved are based on an inclusive and community-based approach:

- Direct involvement of traditional leaders to break socio-cultural taboos.
- Mobilization of men and boys as agents of change to support women's rights.
- Prioritization of adolescent girls' empowerment as a driver of the country's future resilience.

These interventions have strengthened the resilience of the most vulnerable communities, turning humanitarian challenges into opportunities for sustainable development. This report provides me with an opportunity to once again commend the Government of Niger for its excellent collaboration.

I would like to thank all technical and financial partners, community leaders, as well as women's and youth organizations, for their continued support in promoting the well-being of populations, particularly the most vulnerable.

Mr. Saidou Kaboré
Resident Representative of UNFPA in Niger

I. CONTEXT AND FRAMEWORK OF UNFPA INTERVENTION IN NIGER



Aïssa Yacouba, mentor at the Jikadamat safe space (Balleyara), raises awareness among adolescent girls.

Niger in figures



27.5 million
inhabitants



6.2
children per woman



10%
contraceptive
prevalence rate



350/100,000
maternal
mortality ratio



4.3 million
people in
humanitarian need



971,686
people in need of
GBV assistance



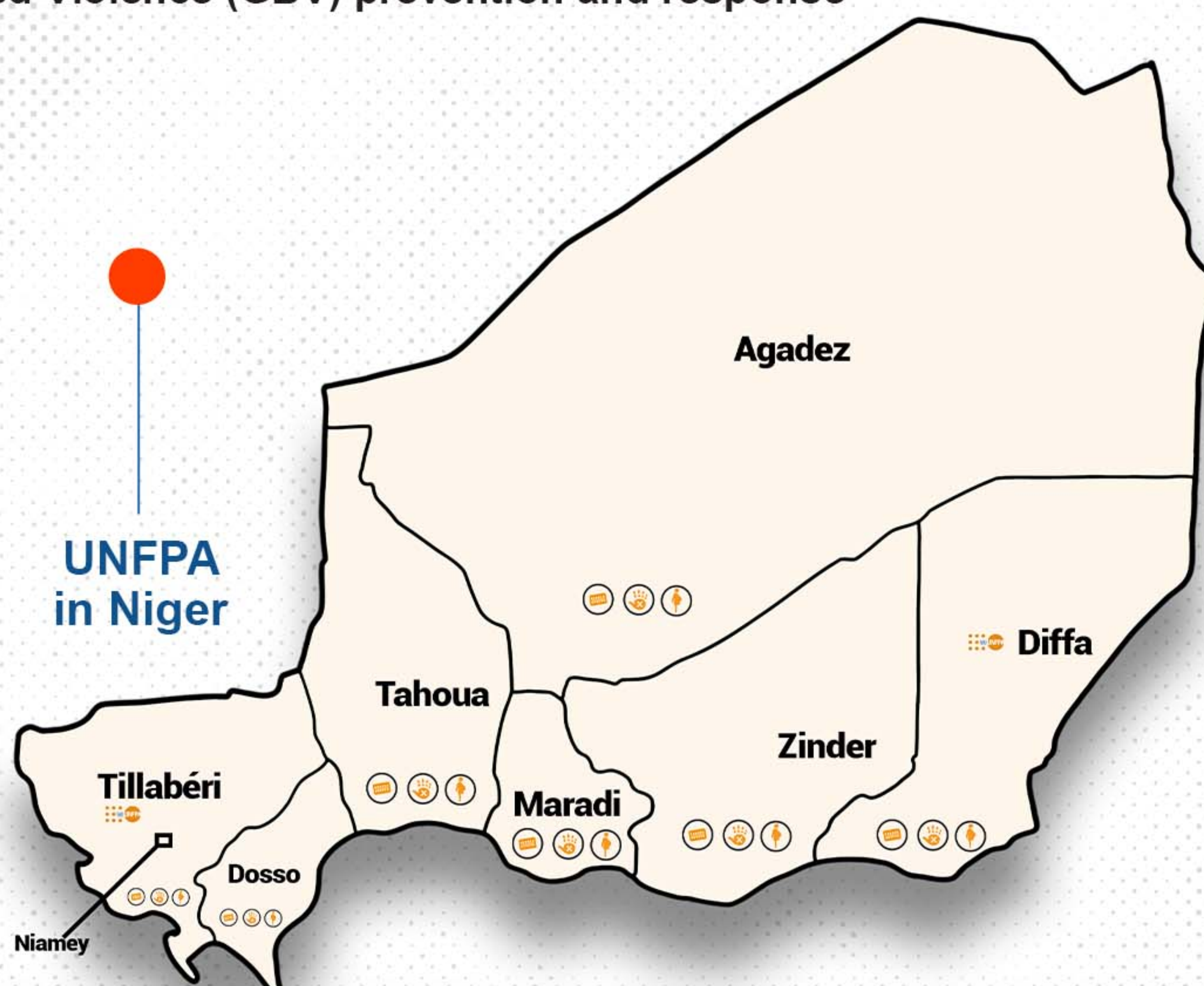
41.2%
poverty incidence



0.826
Gender Development
Index (GDI)

UNFPA operates across the entire national territory in the following areas:

- Maternal Health
- Family Planning
- Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response



The 10th Niger–UNFPA Cooperation Programme (2023–2027): Strategic Orientations

This programme builds on previous achievements and is aligned with national priorities. It adopts a human rights-based approach, gender equality, and resilience, while recognizing that the empowerment of women and young people particularly adolescent girls and other most marginalized groups—is essential to sustainable development and crisis response.

Partnerships and Resource Mobilization

Domestic Resources

The Government of Niger contributed:
50 millions CFA francs to UNFPA

External Resources

Donors	Amount (USD)	Percentage
LAFIA IYALI Project / World Bank	2 401 840	37%
Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	1 824 929	28%
Canada and Luxembourg / BBGE	640 794	10%
Peace building Fund	518 700	8%
Germany	209 066	3%
Norway	878 364	14%

South–South Cooperation

The technical support provided by the UNFPA Niger office to Burkina Faso illustrates strategic South–South cooperation within the AES region. By sharing expertise tailored to Sahelian challenges, this mission helped optimize the activation of Emergency Policy and Procedures (EPP) and harmonize intervention methods between the two countries.

This synergy not only accelerated the humanitarian response and strengthened local capacities, but also ensured more agile, coherent, and fully context-adapted resource management in line with shared political and security realities.

The UNFPA Country Office in Niger is establishing itself as a regional center of expertise by exporting its competencies in Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Reproductive Health (RH).

In 2025, this South–South cooperation dynamic materialized through two major support initiatives :



The organization of online training sessions on the use of the Quantum and Quantum Plus platforms for the country offices in Mauritania, Gabon, and Ivory Coast. All these South–South cooperation initiatives promoted the sharing of best practices and strengthened capacities in various areas, including gender equality, reproductive health, and programme management



“When a girl rises to face the challenges before her, she must be reassured that the world stands with her.”

Diene Keita,
UNFPA Executive Director

“When leaders and societies decide that every woman’s life matters, we can eliminate maternal mortality. We call on governments, governors, parliamentarians, mayors, the private sector, religious and traditional leaders, civil society, youth, and networks to ask themselves: what can each of us do, in our own country context, to eliminate maternal mortality?”

Sennen Hounton,
UNFPA Regional Director for West and Central Africa



II. OUR RESULTS IN 2025: ACTING TO TRANSFORM LIVES



A midwife during prenatal consultation

Improving access to family planning and addressing unmet needs

Strengthening high-impact interventions in the area of Family Planning, including supply chain management in both development and humanitarian settings, has enabled the recruitment of 109,536 new family planning acceptors, surpassing the expected target of 100,000.



Mariama Ibrahim Mahaman, humanitarian midwife at the CSI of Nguigmi.



A humanitarian midwife from a mobile clinic inserts a contraceptive implant (Implanon) in Dakoro (Maradi).

Contributing approaches to eliminating unmet need for family planning (FP)

Deployment of 1,862 community health workers, including 186 trained in contraceptive implant insertion in RH/FP services.

Organization of a social mobilization campaign and active outreach for RH/FP services in a major region of the country.

Development of a strategic partnership with 156 traditional and religious leaders for social mobilization.

Deployment of 260 midwives in strategic maternity facilities to provide HR/FP services.

Implementation of a task-shifting project to expand community-based contraceptive implant insertion.

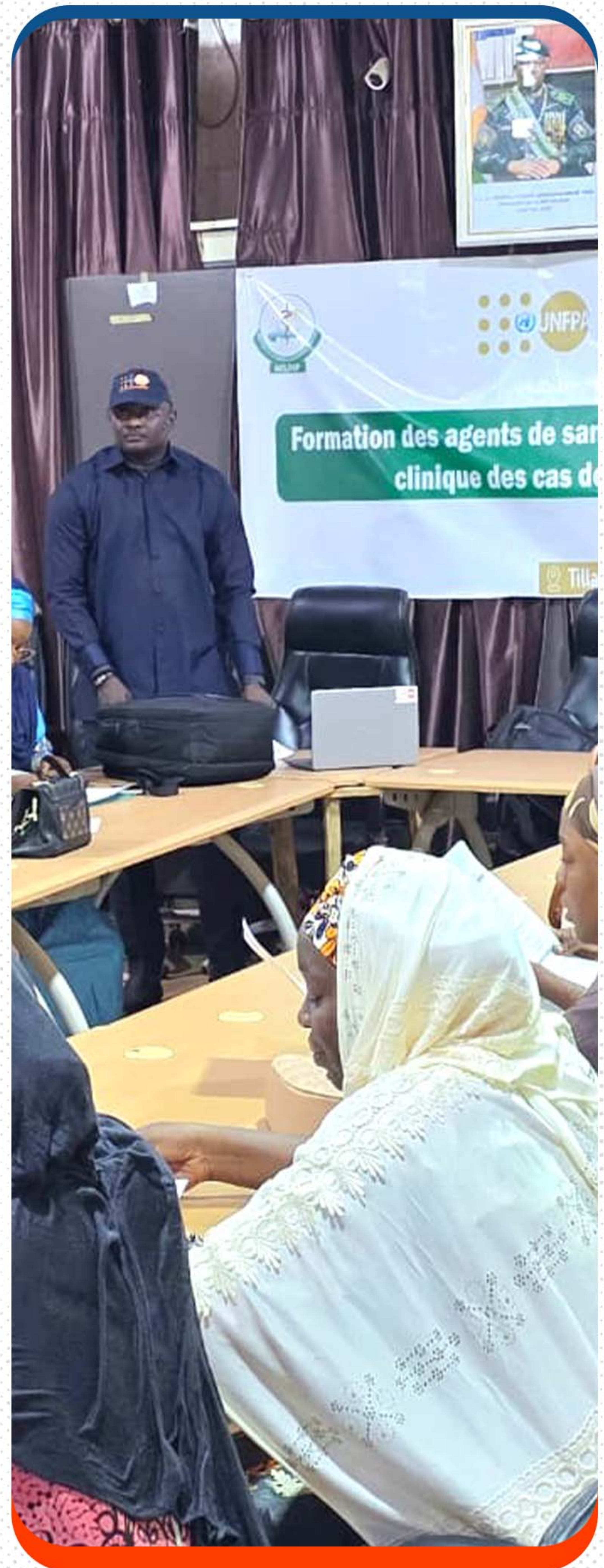
Regular supply of health products to 2,161 health huts, 1,525 integrated health services, and 7 mother and child health centers (MCHC).

Eliminating preventable maternal deaths: Saving mothers' lives

- **163** health facilities were strengthened to provide Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC).
- **496** women and girls affected by fistula received care, including **364** who underwent surgery and **32** treated with catheterization.
- **186** fistula survivors benefited from socio-economic reintegration support.

Contributory approaches to eliminating preventable maternal deaths

- **271** health providers have strengthened their skills.
- Maternal health data were updated following a rapid assessment conducted using the revised Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care EmONC tool. This represents an important step in the design of EmONC networks.
- UNFPA supported the development of the national roadmap for reducing maternal and neonatal mortality in Niger (2025–2030), as well as the implementation of recommendations from the forum on reducing maternal and perinatal mortality in Niger.

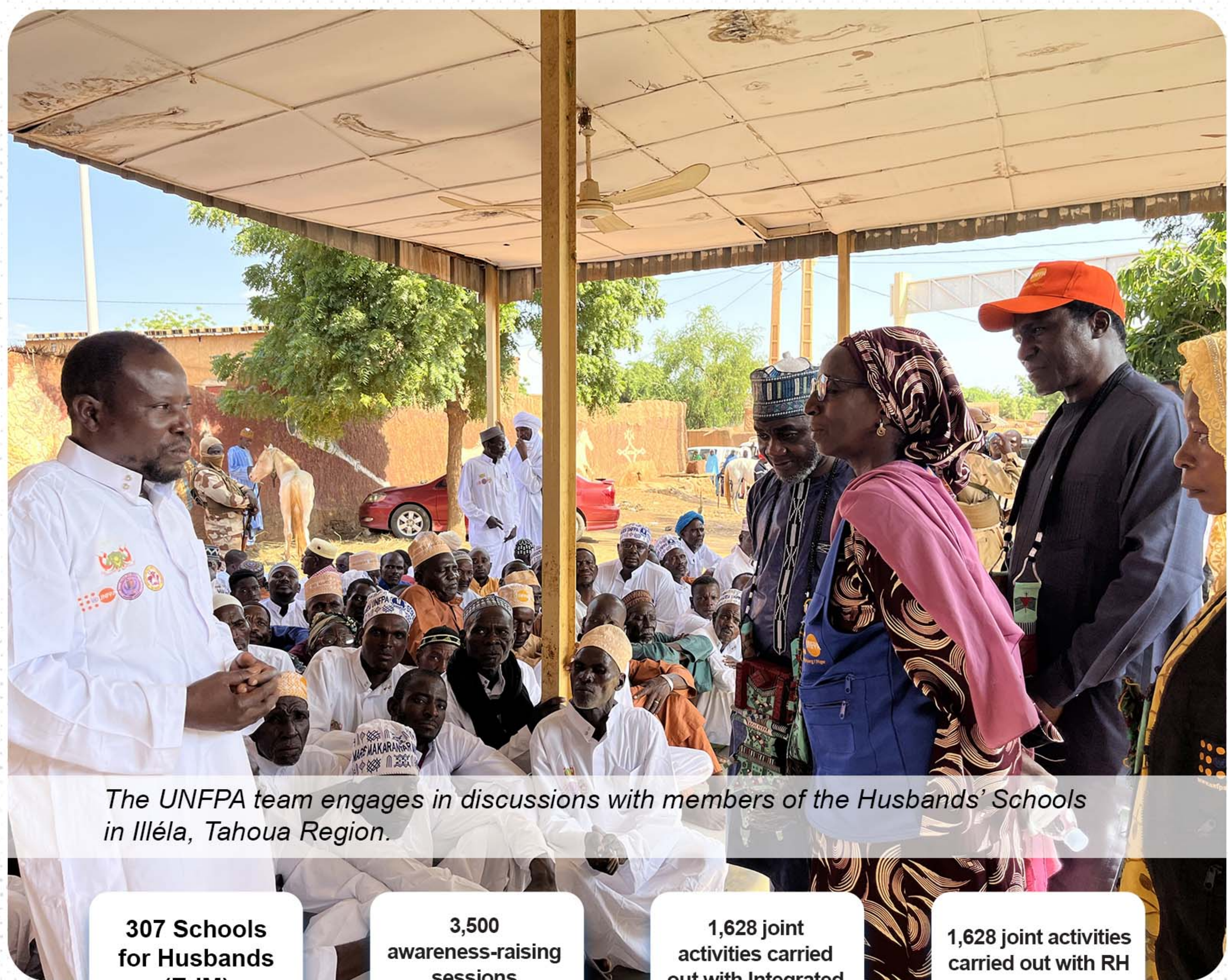


Improving attendance at health facilities: Schools for Husbands and Future Husbands Clubs

The role of Husbands' Schools and Future Husbands' Clubs in promoting attendance at health facilities

Contribution of Schools for Husbands and Future Husbands Clubs to increased utilization of health services

The Schools for Husbands and Future Husbands Clubs (EdM/CFM) raise community awareness and carry out joint activities with Integrated Health Services (IHS) and support committees. They contribute to increasing women's use of health services and reducing child marriage



The UNFPA team engages in discussions with members of the Husbands' Schools in Illéla, Tahoua Region.

307 Schools for Husbands (EdM) 278 (CdFM)	3,500 awareness-raising sessions organized, reaching 26,688 people	1,628 joint activities carried out with Integrated Health services (IHS)	1,628 joint activities carried out with RH support committees
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Protecting adolescent girls: Ending early pregnancies and child marriage



160 girls/adolescents
protected from early marriage
and other forms of GBV



19,128 adolescent girls (10–19) years
empowered to avoid early marriage
and early pregnancies



195 safe spaces established
to strengthen skills and attitudes in
SRH (Sexual and Reproductive Health)



203 cases of child marriages
cancelled/postponed through the
implementation of safe space
activities



5 partner training centers for girls' vocational training:
CFPSM in Zinder and Niamey, ESMA
in Niamey, Gatan Matassa in Tahoua,
Maraatul in Maradi, and GRYK in
Zinder.



750 young women (15–24 years)
trained in woodwork, motorcycle
mechanics, leatherwork, arts,
fashion design/modeling, tailoring,
agro-processing, and cosmetics
production.

Ending gender-based violence and harmful practices

The main achievements are as follows:

Strengthening the capacities of **248 service providers trained** in the care of GBV survivors and in awareness-raising to promote the use of services.

Increase in knowledge levels:

35,283 people were trained on GBV risk factors, available services, and behaviours to mitigate risks.

7,088 women and girls regained their dignity through the provision of dignity kits.

6 safe spaces for women and girls, **2 multifunctional centers**, and 1 “Maison de l’Espoir” were made operational for GBV prevention and response activities.

A national mapping of GBV/PSEA services and actors, supporting the Ministry of Population, Social Action and National Solidarity, was developed and published.



Distribution of income-generating activity (IGA) kits to adolescent girls under the Illimin programme.



Launch of the 16 Days of Patriotic Action in Tillabéri.



High-level panel on the 80th anniversary of the United Nations in Niger.

III. CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPACT



Sennen Hounton, Regional Director of UNFPA for West and Central Africa, exchanges with an adolescent girl at the ESMA Alphadi center.

Investing in youth and youth empowerment

More than 3,500 adolescents and young people reached through school-based, university, community, and humanitarian interventions, UNFPA Niger strengthened young people's access to information, skills, and opportunities.

More than 500 young people were sensitized on responsible and risk behaviours, breast cancer prevention through peer education, mass campaigns, training sessions, and awareness-raising activities.

300 students were mobilized in university settings to promote academic excellence and female leadership. Through camps, panels, and university competitions, UNFPA invests in the leadership potential of young girls by highlighting inspiring female role models and breaking gender stereotypes.



A girl- and young women-centered approach: more than 60% of beneficiaries were adolescent girls and young women, confirming UNFPA's commitment to gender equality and empowerment.

50 young girls were trained in the production of reusable sanitary pads.

1,500 young people were engaged in intergenerational dialogues. This dialogue brought together institutional actors, religious and community leaders, youth, and partners around a shared ambition: strengthening social cohesion and making youth a pillar of Niger's national renewal.



Kwarewa internship programme was implemented, with strong participation of young girls: a total of 12 interns, including 10 young women, benefited from this professional development programme.

50 young leaders were trained and equipped to promote peace, civic participation, and social cohesion in their communities, under the National Youth, Peace and Security Action Plan (NYPS) of Niger. Led by the NGO Jeunesse, Action et Leadership (JAL) with UNFPA support, this initiative mobilized over 290 actors across all 8 regions and brought together 17 youth organizations.

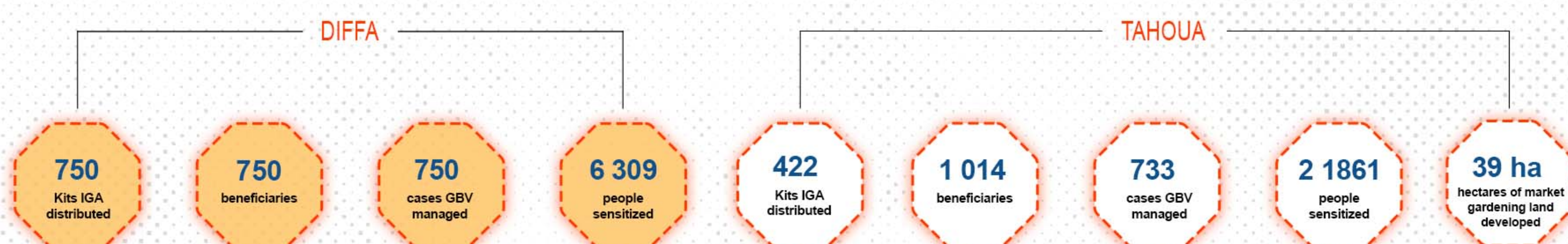


Preventing conflicts and promoting social cohesion

The Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) is a first-resort UN financing instrument established to sustain peace in countries at risk or affected by violent conflict.

In 2025, the implementation of the peacebuilding program in the Tahoua and Diffa regions enabled the prevention of 958 conflicts and the resolution of 255 conflicts. It also led to the training of 323 mediators, including 253 women in Tahoua, and the establishment of 3 peace committees in Diffa.

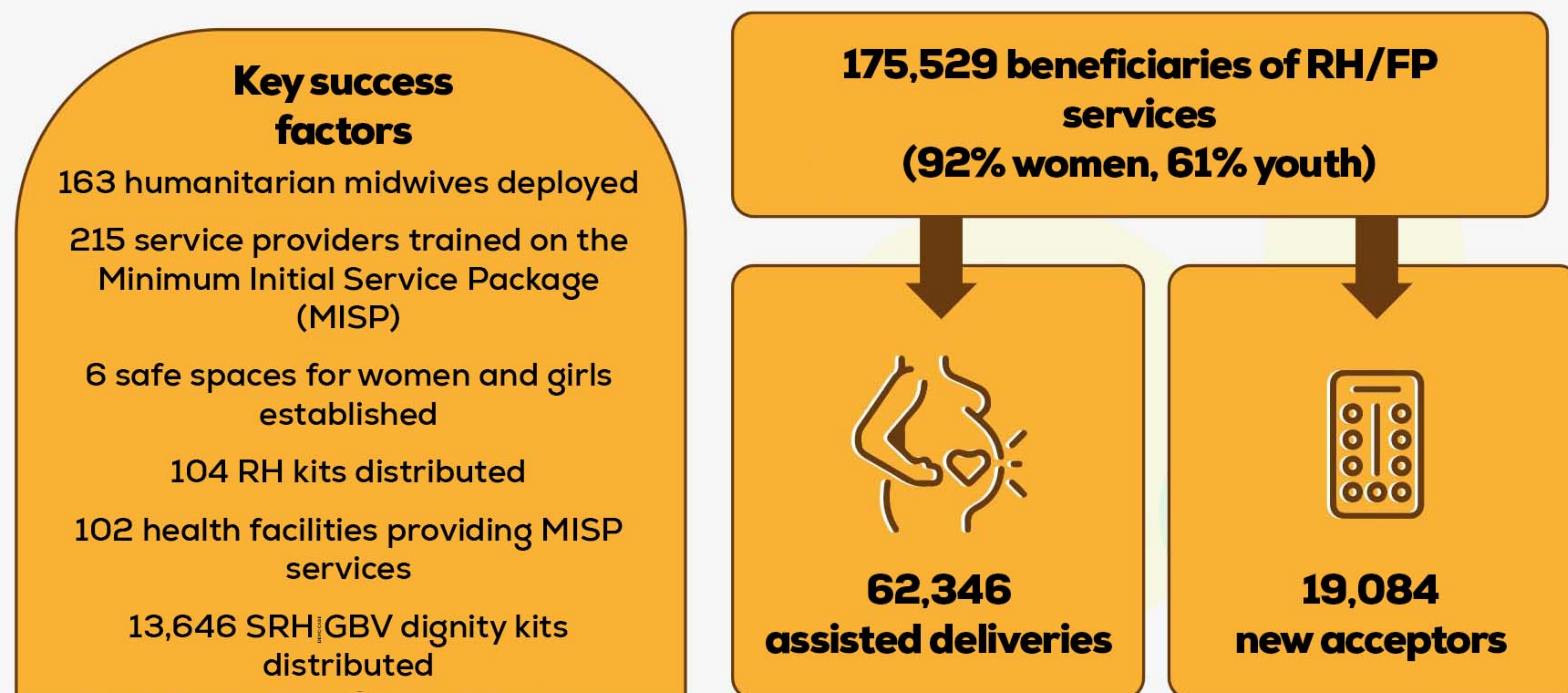
In the Diffa region, UNFPA, through PBF funding and in partnership with the NGO Karkara, supported the development of a 2-hectare market gardening site in the commune of Gueskéro. Targeting 80 women, this initiative contributes to strengthening economic empowerment, food security, and social cohesion in an insecurity affected area by providing sustainable income opportunities and community resilience.



Our humanitarian response: protecting populations in crisis situations

Niger is part of the Three Borders and Lake Chad areas, where humanitarian needs remain high. In 2025, the localization approach facilitated access to remote areas in order to respond to the needs of affected populations.

This strategy, implemented through local NGOs and the deployment of humanitarian midwives, strengthened community ownership and enhanced the effectiveness of interventions.



Visit to Niger by the Regional Director of UNFPA for West and Central Africa.

The Regional Director of UNFPA for West and Central Africa, Sennen Hounton, visited Niger from December 8th to 12th, 2025.

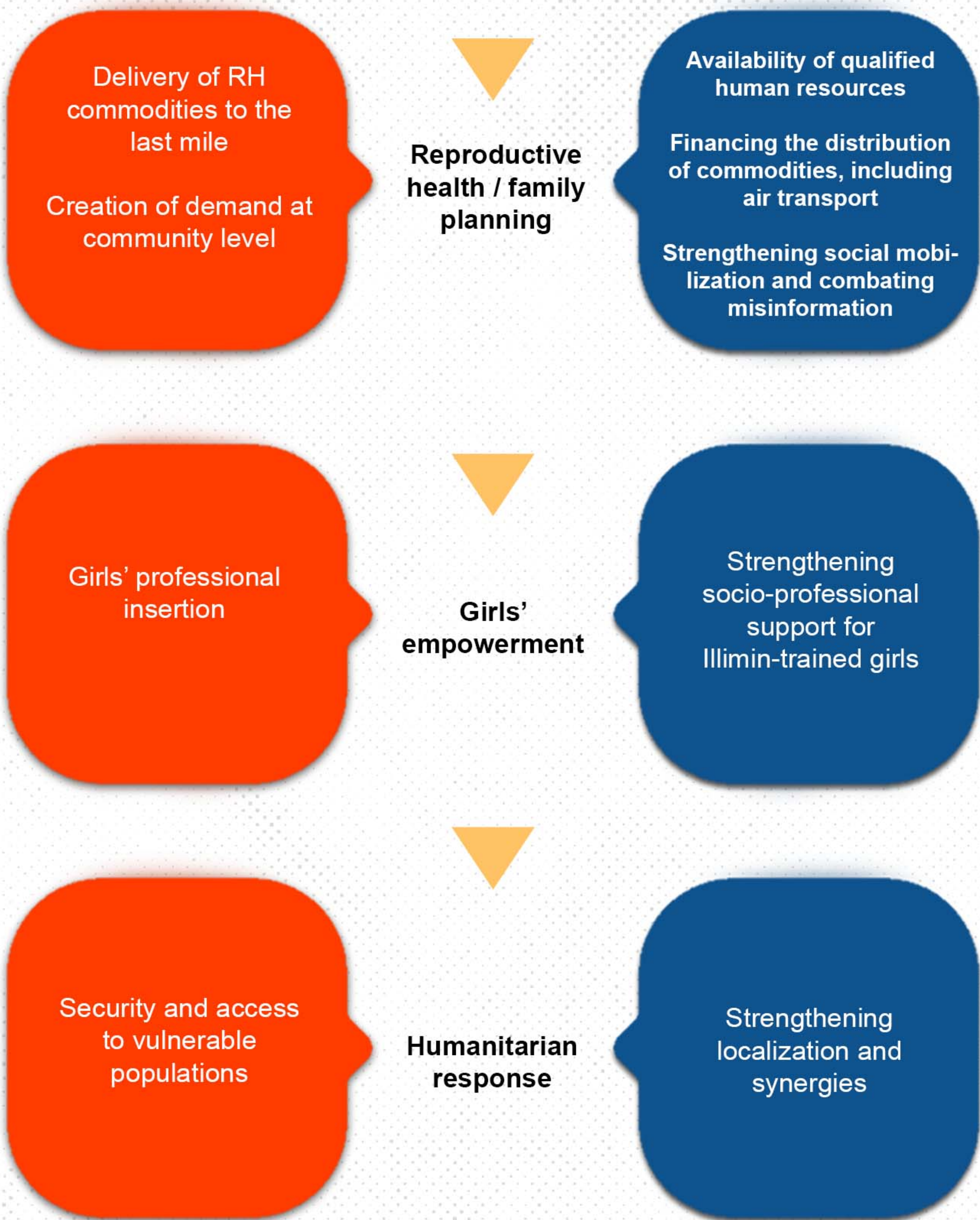
He commended Niger for the strong measures taken to end preventable maternal deaths and reaffirmed UNFPA's commitment alongside the Government to accelerate efforts in reducing maternal mortality, strengthening the human capital of adolescent girls and young people, and promoting the demographic dividend.

IV. LOOKING AHEAD



Oumoukhair Amadou, adolescent girl at the Dayi Kayna safe space (Tillabéri).

Challenges and Perspectives



Group photo during the visit to Niger of the UNFPA Regional Director.



The UNFPA Representative in Niger receives the trophy for Best Development Actor, September 2025.

