

# ACT FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AMONG ADOLESCENTS



## KEY INFORMATION

**Duration :** 3 years and a half  
(2019-2022)

**Beneficiaries :**  
Structures providing  
SRHR services to young  
people (15-24 years old) -  
communities - local civil  
society organizations -  
national authorities.

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## JADES PROJECT "HEALTHY YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS"

In Niger, where nearly 70% of the population is under 25 years of age and where HIV/AIDS prevalence among 15-24 year olds is 1% (compared to 0.7 in the general population), youth is a strategic issue in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in improving sexual and reproductive health. Especially since the increased risk of infection is highlighted due to limited knowledge of STI/HIV, lack of access to reliable and good quality information, socio-cultural factors related to taboos around sexuality, gender inequalities and the limited place of young people in society that limits their decision-making power, as well as limited demand and supply of services in the field of sexual and reproductive health. These vulnerabilities are most pronounced for young girls, with nearly two-thirds of new HIV infections among adolescents aged 15 to 19 occurring among women.

# GOALS

Contribution to the reduction of new HIV infections, and of unwanted pregnancies among adolescents in Niger

The JADES project aims to improve the national environment for Sexual and Reproductive health Rights by deploying an innovative and multi-channel strategy that combines youth empowerment, social and political mobilization of key stakeholders, and strengthening sexual and reproductive health services in targeted areas.

Continuing the first phase of the project, the JADES 2 project will make it possible to make young people actors of their health, improve their access to good quality information on sexual and reproductive health and refer them to appropriate services. This 2nd phase will focus on creating a collective youth leadership to advocate at the national level, challenge and strengthen decision-makers' commitments to a national SRHR strategy that is well adapted to their needs.

# EXPECTED RESULTS

- Knowledge and practices of young people (especially girls) on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are.
- Demand for SRHR from youth is increased.
- Sexual and reproductive health services for young people are improved and adapted to the needs of young people.
- The national environment for youth SRHR in Niger is improved and strengthened to continue to drive change.

*« Comprehensive information and appropriate sexual and reproductive health care enable young people to make informed choices about their health. » A.K, Peer educator*



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