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Improving Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Niger

70% of the population is under 25 in Niger. The situation regarding the sexual and reproductive health of young people remains worrying:

- Contraceptive prevalence is 15.9% among 15-24 year olds,
- 50% of girls under 19 have already had a child,
- 76% of girls are married before their 18th birthday and 28% before their 15th birthday.

There has also been an increase in HIV prevalence over the past 10 years: from 0.1% in 2011 to 0.8% in 2019, with young women twice as likely to be infected and only 11.6% of young people receiving HIV education.

In this context, Solthis and Lafia Matassa have been working together since 2016 on the sexual and reproductive health rights of adolescents and young people, through the [JADES](#) and [JADES 2](#) projects, which have enabled the development of a network of young ambassadors and the initiation of individual empowerment of young people through awareness-raising sessions and debates, radio programmes and festive events. JADES 1 and 2 have also improved the clinical management of adolescents and young people in SRH and contributed to a 70% increase in the number of consultations for access to contraception among adolescents and young people.

KEY DATA



Project duration: 3 years (02/2023-03/2026)



Beneficiaries: Lafia Matassa, national and local authorities, young people and adolescents aged 10 to 24, health care personnel



Source of funding : The Initiative



Partners: Lafia Matassa, MSP-ASP, MPFPE, MEN, PNLSH



Country of intervention: Nigeria (Niamey, Maradi)



OBJECTIVES

General objective : To improve access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for adolescents and young people (SRHR) and in particular for adolescent girls and young women in Niger and thus contribute to the reduction of the risks of HIV/AIDS infection among adolescents and young people and to the fight against gender-based violence affecting them.

Specific objective : Empower adolescents and young people, especially adolescent girls and young women, with regard to SRHR and their access to comprehensive, quality SRH services adapted to their specific needs.



EXPECTED RESULTS

- The empowerment of adolescents and young people in and out of school is strengthened through the development of their psychosocial skills and knowledge of SRHR
- The health services targeted by the project offer a wide range of quality SRH services adapted to the specific needs of adolescents and young people in and out of school
- Lafia Matassa's capacities are strengthened and their expertise enhanced in training, animation and advocacy for youth SRHR
- A more favourable social and political environment for DSSRAJ is created at the level of the project intervention areas and at the national level



MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Training of young leaders in SRHR, GBV and life skills.
- Training of safe space facilitators in SRHR including GBV and empowerment
- Training of trainers for DSSR teacher-coaches
- Strengthening the psychosocial skills and empowerment of youth leaders
- Empowerment of girls in school clubs through self-care
- Public awareness sessions with so-called mass awareness sessions will be organised and will aim to disseminate knowledge or young people's words on SRHR issues through cultural or sports activities.
- Economic support for girls in safe spaces.
- Provision of technical support for the update and/or implementation of various protocols in relation to the services of SSRAJ
- Consolidation of referral mechanisms and systems



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