WHO supports the Government of Niger COVID-19 vaccination with the USAID and other donors financial support

Since March 29, 2021, the Government of Niger has started Covid-19 vaccination roll out that was launched in Niamey by the Prime Minister and across the country on 4 May 2021 by the Minister of Public Health, Population and Social Affairs, Dr Illiassou MAINASSARA. This campaign was made possible thanks to the vaccines received from the bilateral cooperation and the Covax facility.

However, this vaccination faced many challenges such as the availability of sufficient stocks of vaccines and the funding for the operational costs.

To address this situation and in complementarity with the contributions of other partners, the Government of the United States of America donated 302,400 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccines to Niger and a financial support for the operational costs; the world health organization (WHO) is honored to be the recipient of this funding that has been used to support the Government to reach the goal of vaccinating 30% of Niger total population by December 2021.

On October 20th 2021, 695,498 people aged 18 year-old and over have received a first dose of (Astrazeneca and Sinopharm), 200 048 people have received the single dose of Johnson and Johnson and 389,119 people are fully vaccinated which represent 1% of the total population fully vaccinated.
Results of the last phase of Covid-19 vaccination

Use of vaccines

Evolution of the cumulative number of people fully vaccinated during the last Covid-19 vaccination campaign against COVID-19 - Oct. 2021 in Niger

People vaccinated during the last COVID-19 vaccination campaign - Oct. 2021 in Niger

A vaccination site in the health district of Zangoudatchi, Zinder region
A Nigerien citizen, in Maradi health district: "I chose to get my vaccine to protect myself against Covid 19 because it is a dangerous virus that causes serious complications and it is rampant across the world. Being vaccinated is the only way to protect myself from the severe side effects of Covid 19. Now I will convince my relatives to get their vaccine as well.

A Nigerien citizen, Niamey region: "I chose to get my first dose of vaccine to save my family and friends lives and the vaccine will allow us to reenter a normal life.

A Nigerien citizen, in Niamey health district: "There is a lot of misinformation about covid-19 vaccines that scare people. I realized that people around me got their vaccine and they didn't develop any vaccine events following immunization. What motivated me to get my vaccine was the religious leaders who got their vaccine. To young people like me, I advise you to get your vaccine."
Covid-19 vaccination in Baboul Kandawa village, Tanout health district, Zinder region

Supervision of Covid-19 vaccination activities in Maradi city health district by the WHO experts.

Satisfaction of an elderly woman after getting her dose of covid-19 vaccine

Sensitization session of a village chief on Covid 19 vaccine by WHO experts in Madaoua health district.

Vaccination against covid 19 in a vaccination site, Zinder region
No one is safe until we are all safe. Concerted international action is the only way to end the pandemic, said Her Excellency Ms Catherine Ingleheart, Ambassador of the United Kingdom in Niger.

"The U.S. government has bailed out $2 billion to fight against Covid-19 and plans to allocate an additional $2 billion. The support provided to Niger in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic through the Covax facility testifies our cooperation in the public health sector and our partnership with Niger" said His Excellency Eric P. Withaker at the Johnson and Johnson vaccine reception ceremony.

"We are living today a very special moment as we have just reached an important milestone in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic in Niger. This is the place for me to express my deep thanks to the Nigerien government for the efforts made to accelerate the covid-19 in order to protect the populations," said Louise Aubin, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Niger in Niger.

"The Government of Niger has made a top priority to order these vaccines in order to protect its population, in a global context where the pandemic continues to wreak havoc." According to Dr. Illiassou Idi Mainassara, Minister of Public Health, Population and Social Affairs.
The Covid-19 vaccination roll out has been made possible thanks to the efforts of the Government of Niger with the technical and financial support of WHO, USAID, GAVI and other partners.