



CLOSURE OF SOLTHIS NIGER

At the end of June 2026, Solthis will be closing activities in Niger, where we have had a presence since 2004. For over 20 years, our projects have focused on priority public health topics: maternal and child health, adolescent and youth health, and combatting infectious diseases. Our latest projects, AZANTCHI, which focuses on institutionalizing reproductive health mentoring, and LAHIYATA, aimed at strengthening empowerment of adolescents and young people, implemented in the regions of Niamey and Maradi, closed on 31 March 2026. These two projects enabled more than 200 health workers to be trained and mobilized and equipped 84 young leaders and 40 teachers.

The current funding context means we are unable to continue this support and we are having to close our office and all our interventions in Niger.

Over 22 years of working in Niger, Solthis is proud to have supported, among other things, comprehensive HIV care provision and decentralization to all regions of the country (2004-2025), task shifting to midwives to monitor and treat women and children living with HIV (2011-2013), improved care for prisoners in Niamey and Say prisons (2015-2017), adolescent and youth reproductive health interventions (2019-2026), and integration / scale-up of pul-

se oximeter usage in the national strategy for the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (2019-2023). More than 33,000 adolescents and young people have been sensitized or received information on sexual and reproductive health, and more than 3,000 people, including health professionals, have been trained, sensitized or supported on different health topics. Since 2004, Solthis has also worked in partnership with around ten different civil society organizations.

We would like to thank all of our partners, and particularly the Ministry of Public Health and Hygiene, for their trust and support over the years. We would also like to thank all the institutional and operational teams, health professionals, organizations, communities, young leaders and all the people we have had the chance to work with to sustainably improve the health of populations in Niger.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone involved in our various teams who have been committed to work together for more equitable access to quality care and health rights.