Early Warning System

AFDB-P-NE-I00-006

Niger – Integrated Programme for Youth Agripreneurship Development and Technological and Financial Innovation (PIDAJ)

Quick Facts

Countries	Niger
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-04-23
Borrower	Government of Niger - Ministry of Trade and Industry
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 180.19 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 193.84 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Integrated Programme for the Development of Youth Agripreneurship and Technological and Financial Innovation in Niger (PIDAJ-Niger) is a multi-sector sovereign investment programme designed to sustainably strengthen job and wealth creation for young people in Niger. The programme combines interventions in technical and vocational agricultural education and training, youth entrepreneurship and incubation, financial inclusion and access to markets, climate resilience and agricultural risk management, and institutional support and programme coordination. It will finance the construction and rehabilitation of agricultural training institutions, support innovation and agritech centres, develop agripreneur sites and irrigated perimeters, strengthen incubation ecosystems, improve access to finance through tailored financial instruments and guarantee mechanisms, and promote sovereign and agricultural index insurance against climate shocks. The total programme cost is estimated at UA 142.003 million, financed by an ADF loan of UA 72 million, a Transition Support Facility (TSF/FAT) loan of UA 60 million, UNDP co-financing of UA 1.7 million, and a Government counterpart contribution of UA 8.3 million. The implementing agency is the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

The development objective of the programme is to sustainably strengthen job and wealth creation for young people in Niger. More specifically, the programme aims to strengthen agricultural technical and vocational training systems, develop training engineering aligned with labour market needs and climate challenges, promote youth and women's agripreneurship, improve access to finance, markets and digital services, and promote index-based insurance and other risk management instruments to protect agricultural investments against climate shocks.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [2] Moderate Risk

The programme is classified in Category B under national regulations, and in compliance with the Integrated Safeguard System. This categorisation was approved in ISTS and SAP on 16 January 2025.

The key environmental risks and impacts are as follows: (i) loss of 316 trees; (ii) risk of water and soil pollution from pesticides and/or waste from construction operations; (iii) risk of groundwater depletion; (iv) risk of occupational health and safety accidents and incidents; (v) risk of STI/HIV/AIDS contamination with the influx of labour into the localities.

The main social risks and social impacts are: (i) health risks associated with accidental ingestion/inhalation/contact with the skin/eyes of plant protection products/pesticides; (ii) risk of conflict over failure to recruit local labour; (iii) risk of the marginalisation of women and young people in accessing the project benefits and of gender based violence (GBV).

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Conversion Rate USD (2026-04-23): 1,36507

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Report (EN)
- Appraisal Report (FR)
- Environmental Study (FR)
- PROGRAMME INTEGRE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DE L’AGRI-PRENEURIAT DES JEUNES ET L’INNOVATION TECHNOLOGIQU [Original Source]