

### **OUR MISSION**

NIDIS (Network for Inclusive Development in Sahel) is dedicated to fostering sustainable development across the Sahel region, with a focus on advancing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Since its inception in 2018, initially operating through volunteer efforts, NIDIS has evolved into a full-fledged organization by 2020. Since its establishment NIDIS has helped over 100,000 people through a variety of efforts. With a multifaceted

approach, NIDIS tackles various critical issues plaguing the Sahel, including development, humanitarian aid, food security, and access to clean water. Through collaborative initiatives and community-driven projects, **NIDIS** strives to empower local communities, promote economic growth, and enhance resilience against environmental challenges. NIDIS prioritizes its efforts towards the most vulnerable communities within the Sahel region, ensuring that their voices are heard and their needs are met. By addressing these fundamental needs and championing inclusivity, NIDIS endeavors to create lasting positive change in the Sahel, fostering a future of prosperity and wellbeing for all its inhabitants.



For more information about our organization, visit: www.nidis.org



## Why the Sahel Region needs help

The Sahel region of Africa is currently facing a multifaceted humanitarian crisis due to a combination of factors such as armed conflict, poverty, climate change, food insecurity, and political instability. This crisis has resulted in over 10 million children in urgent need of humanitarian aid. The situation is particularly dire in countries like Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, where millions of people are impacted by severe humanitarian and protection crises.

One of the key drivers of this crisis is climate change, which significantly impacts the Sahel region, exacerbating existing challenges and contributing to the severity of the humanitarian situation. Rising temperatures, more frequent extreme weather events, and prolonged droughts have intensified the scarcity of water resources, leading to challenges in livelihoods, agriculture, and industry. The depletion of natural resources has resulted in conflicts between farmers and herders, further exacerbating tensions in the region.

Additionally, the degradation of soil due to improper land use and prolonged droughts has made farming increasingly difficult, contributing to food insecurity. This, coupled with overreliance on climate-sensitive agriculture-based livelihoods, poses new risks to the population in the Sahel.

By donating to our organization, you can directly contribute to efforts aimed at alleviating the suffering of millions of people in the Sahel region. Your support will help provide essential humanitarian aid, scale up long-term development programs, and engage government institutions to address the root causes of the crisis. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by the humanitarian crisis in the Sahel.



## What sets us apart

NIDIS stands out among NGOs in Africa for its unique approach to community development and its unwavering focus on helping vulnerable populations. What sets NIDIS apart is not only its commitment to making a difference but also its innovative strategies and dedicated team of young individuals aged 18 to 28.

Unlike other organizations, NIDIS harnesses the power of volunteers to mitigate costs, ensuring that donations directly impact those in need. Moreover, NIDIS doesn't just provide immediate aid; it invests time and effort into setting up communities for long-term success. Before implementing projects like solar-powered water systems or agricultural initiatives, NIDIS conducts extensive groundwork, ensuring that communities are ready for sustainable change.

But what truly sets NIDIS apart is its deep connection with the communities it serves. With members living in rural areas across the region, NIDIS understands the unique needs and challenges of these populations. This firsthand knowledge allows NIDIS to tailor its projects effectively, ensuring maximum impact.

By supporting NIDIS, you're not just donating to another charity; you're investing in transformative change. NIDIS doesn't simply alleviate immediate hardships; it takes communities from struggling to survive to prospering in a matter of a few years. Your donation to NIDIS isn't just a gift; it's a catalyst for lasting prosperity and positive change in vulnerable communities across Africa. Join us in supporting NIDIS and be a part of this incredible journey towards sustainable development and brighter futures for all.



## **Previous Project Highlight**

#### Solar-Powered Water Program in Rural Mali

We are proud to highlight our previous project aimed at addressing the critical need for clean water access in rural Mali. Through our initiative, we have successfully implemented solar energy-powered water pumps in several villages, alongside the installation of wells and water towers.



These solar-powered pumps significantly alleviate the burden on rural communities by providing immediate access to clean water. Utilizing the energy harnessed from solar panels, these pumps efficiently draw water from elevated tanks, stored in above-ground bladders for easy accessibility. This innovative approach not only ensures clean water provision but also offers a sustainable alternative to manual well pumps or diesel-powered systems.

The effectiveness of solar water pumping is underscored by research conducted by

institutions such as the World Bank and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Furthermore, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization recognizes the immense potential of solar energy irrigation in enhancing agricultural productivity and mitigating water scarcity challenges. With solar panels proving to be cost-effective for hydraulic volumes up to 3,000 cubic meters per day, and boasting a lifespan of around 25 years, our solar water pumping systems are both financially viable and environmentally sustainable.



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# Empowering Women through Agricultural Development

Building upon the success of our solarpowered water program in rural Mali, we introduced the next phase of our initiative aimed at harnessing the newfound water accessibility for agricultural use. Through the Initiative, we empower women in these communities to cultivate the land and create sustainable livelihoods through agriculture.



We provided agricultural seeds to women enabling them to kickstart their farming projects. By utilizing the clean water made available through our solar-powered water pumps, these women were able to transform previously unusable land into productive agricultural plots. This not only empowered them economically but also ensured food security for their families and communities.

In addition to providing seeds, our initiative emphasizes education and capacity-building. We work closely with local communities to teach common farming practices that maximize crop growth and yield. By sharing knowledge on sustainable agricultural techniques, such as proper irrigation methods and soil management, we empower women to cultivate hearty crops capable of sustaining their families and generating surplus for market sale.



# Our Plan for the next 5 years

In 2024-2025, our ambitious endeavor involves the creation of a large solar-powered water tower in a desperate community, poised to provide access to water for over 10,000 individuals and facilitate farming and irrigation needs. As we embark on this transformative project, we invite sponsors to be integral partners in our journey. Beyond financial contributions, sponsors will be engaged in the project's development, kept informed of milestones, and provided opportunities to contribute expertise and resources. Your sponsorship and support will be instrumental in realizing this vision, creating lasting impact and sustainable change within the community.

- NIDIS aims to expand efforts to more remote communities and increase the number of volunteers, primarily focusing on enhancing funding through partnerships and sponsorships.
- Initial investment in water projects to address water scarcity issues, freeing communities from the burden of long journeys for fresh water.
- Implementation of agricultural projects post-water stabilization, empowering women to engage in crop cultivation and support their families.
- Community empowerment through teaching effective farming techniques for previously unfarmable land, guiding them towards self-sustainability.
- Workshop initiatives in schools to educate children on renewable energy,
  inspiring them to become future change-makers in their communities.



## **Contact Us**

If you or your organization would like to support the growth of our chapter, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us! In addition to financial support, we are continuously seeking technical support and mentorship for industry professionals - if you would like to donate your time and share your expertise with our group, please get in touch!

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