



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

# Niger



80

Connected schools

19,355

Unconnected schools\*

Few Nigerien schools are connected to the internet. There is limited information on both school location and coverage status; however, estimates suggest over 8,500 schools are within 10km of 3G, 4G or fixed broadband

“The Giga initiative is a great project for us because it comes to complement the already existing efforts we had of last mile connectivity to different essential services like schools.”

**MINISTER IBRAHIMA GUIMBA SAIDOU**

Minister & CEO of the Nigerien National Agency for the Information Society – ANSI

## GIGA SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

Through Smart Villages and investment in Digital Public Goods (DPGs) the Government aims to ensure digital learning for in and out of school youth



### Expanding Connectivity through Smart Villages

Launched in August 2018 by the Government of Niger and its partners (ITU, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, WB) the Smart Villages program aims to expand internet access to digitally-enabled services in education and other sectors (health, agriculture, commerce etc.)



### Ecosystem Investment in DPGs

The National Agency for the Information Society (ANSI) seeks to deliver digital services for education, health, e-Government, digital businesses. A growing number of SMEs and incubators are innovating and creating DPGs that align with government initiatives.



### Focusing on Equitable Outcomes or Out of School Youth

School connectivity has the potential to transform learning but also provide access for youth who are not directly within the school system – through community use. Support could transform educational outcomes for out of school youth and girls. Girls in Niger are more likely to be out of school, less likely to complete secondary school and have on average low literacy levels.

\*Data from Ministry of Education, Niger, 2019



Giga can support the Government of Niger in their existing smart village program, maximizing school benefits. Some of Giga's priority areas for collaboration in Niger include:

Using Project Connect mapping to more accurately deploy connectivity and create efficiencies in the roll-out of Smart Villages

Developing innovative financing methods to aggregate demand across villages to bring down prices from satellite and telco ISPs

Onboarding Niger as a Digital Public Goods Alliance Pathfinder, identifying areas of public services that need open source solutions

### From schools to communities

Schools are often the centre of communities. Giga hopes to explore sustainable models to use the school as a hub to connect people in the local community. This initiative will support the Nigerien Government's aim to drive economic growth through digitization by expanding access to connectivity.



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School

**19,355**

Schools



**189**

Students & teachers

**3.5M**

Students & teachers



**307**

Local community members within 1km

**7.2M**

Local community members within 1km

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