

Value chain analysis using the VCA4D methodology. *Lessons learned from EU-DEL Niger*



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1. Background elements: Nutrition situation in Africa and Niger

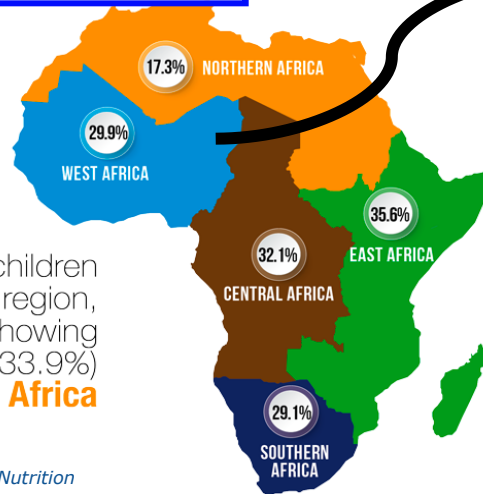
Niger

Anemia (Iron deficiency)

- ~6 children of 6 - 59 months out of 10 (**55,5%**)
- Nearly 1 woman of 15-64 years old in 2 (**46,1%**)

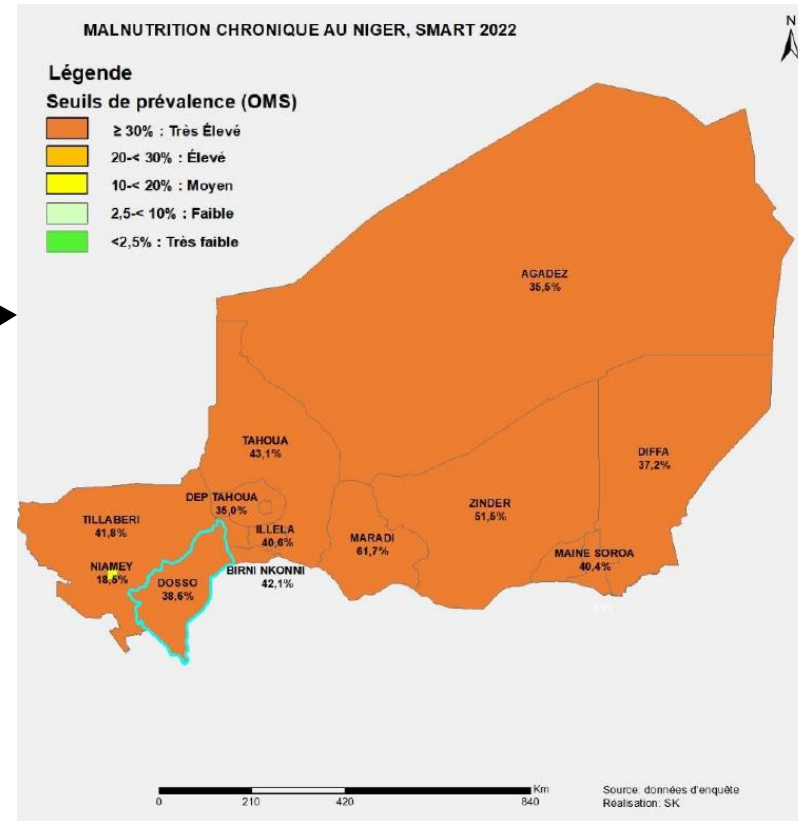
Deficiency-Vit.A.:

- Prevalence of vit A deficiency : **67%**



The prevalence of stunting in children under the age of five varies by region, with **Sub-Saharan Africa** showing a higher prevalence (33.9%) in comparison with **Northern Africa**

Source: African Development Bank, Nutrition Facts for Africa, 2022



2. Response from EC

*Fortification de Produits
Alimentaires
Transformés (**FOPAT**)
de consommation
courante au Niger
(~=5MEUR, 2016-2022)*

*Objective: Improve
quality and availability
of nutritional foods in
Niger*

*Projet d'Appui à la
Fortification Alimentaire
au Niger (**PAFAN**)
(~=5MEUR, 2017-
2022)*

*Objective: Improve the
nutritional status of
vulnerable populations in
Niger (sustainable access to
fortified products + their
consumption)*

3. A new project under the AAP-2023

Scaling-up the action of food fortification by developing VC on proteins (peanut and cowpea)

- Component under our global action on the Green Great Wall/grande muraille verte (in Maradi and Agadez)
- Need to get more technical information on the two crops in Niger
- Using results from a value chain analysis for each crop in our formulation exercise

4. Process/steps to have a VC analysis

Request of the EU DEL Niger addressed to DG INTPA/F3 to get a VCA4D analysis for two crops (peanut and cowpea) in Niger

Positive feedback and getting in touch with the PMU-VCA4D team

Drafting the ToR

Selection for experts for each component (social, economic, environmental) + the national expert

Planning of of field mission

Collecting data and analysis

Drafting the report

Final report

Restitution exercise/validation of final product

5. Lessons learned

5.1. Process

Important to have a demand driven approach (there is a need from EU DEL/where to find a solution?)

This makes the EU DEL engaged from the beginning to the end

Be sure that our colleagues/thematic unit (+desk) are aware of the exercise (eg. F3 unit/DG INTPA)

Involve a national body in the exercise/choice of VCs to be analysed

If possible, try to involve as well other technical partners working in the field

Once the green light is given by all the stakeholders (EU DEL and PMU-VCA4D team), the EU DEL has to follow all the steps from the ToR to the final report

5.2. Tasks and time allocation/exercise

EU DEL is following up the whole exercise with the following main tasks:

Read and share comments for all products (*from the TOR, questionnaires, draft reports, final reports*);

Participate in the selection of experts;

Collect inputs/comments from other stakeholders and share them with the experts via their team leader;

Facilitate the visa process by sending the invitation letter to the experts;

Following-up the field exercise by organising ad-hoc meetings for experts;

Share information with all stakeholders → easy to validate the final product;

Facilitate some appointments requests from experts to the local authorities; etc..

5.3. Communication during the exercise

During the exercise, EU DEL is communicating with the PMU-VCA4D team for all administrative issues

For technical component, EU DEL is communicating directly with the Team leader (*PMU in cc*) who will talk to different experts

5.4. Using final product to respond to the needs/formulation exercise (Niger case)

It is not needed to wait the final product to use the inputs from the report/draft

Some figures/stats need to be validated by the national body before using them

There is a need to have all the key partners (PTFs, national bodies) for the restitution exercise → validation



Thank you for your attention!

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