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African Policy Dialogues encourage the use of research evidence in policy making and implementation.

Inclusive national youth policy in Niger

In Niger, government policies such as the national youth policy are hardly designed through inclusive approaches, are not based on research evidence and not effectively implemented. This has contributed to unemployment, income inequality, poverty and is a potential threat to violence. This APD will identify political and social interventions to address hindrances to youth inclusion in the national youth policy and develop new participatory and inclusive approaches to enhance implementation of the National Youth Policy in Niger.

Objectives

- Identify challenges to employment creation in the current national youth policy
- Identify political and social interventions that enhance implementation of the youth policy
- Create a platform for stakeholders to inform implementation of the youth policy
- Encourage the Niger government to include youth organizations in debates and in improving and adapting youth policy
- Formulate evidence-based youth policy measures

Lead organisation

Oxfam in Niger

Country

Niger

Partners

Oxfam Novib and Laboratoire d'Etudes et de Recherche sur les Dynamiques Sociales et le Développement Local/Laboratory for Studies and Research on Social Dynamics and Local Development (LASDEL) and Conseil National des Jeunes CNJ/National Youth Council

Planned activities

- Stakeholder mapping
- Organise a kick-off workshop
- Generate evidence on the impact of Politique Nationale de la Jeunesse (PNJ)/National Youth Policy and the unmet needs of young people in terms of employment and income
- Evidence uptake through a ministerial dinner, parliamentary information days, information days with think tanks and inclusive forum on NJP
- Organise televised and radio debates/round tables between actors
- Social media updates through graphics, fact sheets, video stories, digital photos and stories
- Advocacy initiatives through lobbying and digital campaigns
- Develop a final policy brief for an "inclusive national youth policy in Niger"
- Develop a research article on the unmet needs and constraints of young people
- Develop a manifesto on "youth employability"