

January 2019 Featured Grantee Venture Strategies for Health and Development



Niger

Introducing Venture Strategies for Health and Development



The purpose of the project is to transform girls' lives by providing safe space clubs for adolescent girls in rural Niger, dramatically improving education outcomes and delaying marriage and childbearing.

Where in the world?

Niger

- Landlocked, dry, poor, lack of education and healthcare
- Highest fertility rate (average 7.6 children) and second lowest income in the world
- Size of France, population 19 million
- Official language French, 20 indigenous languages spoken
- At the current 4% population growth rate, they will triple their population in 30 years



Life Challenges of the Women Served



- Among the world's highest rates of child marriage and maternal mortality
- 75% of girls marry before age 18
- 30% of girls marry before age 15
- 50% have first child before age 18
- 19% literacy rate – only 11% for women, girls go to 3 years of school on average
- Seclusion and lack of quality education
- 3 drivers of child marriage: poverty, social norms, and lack of socially viable alternatives, especially in rural settings

What are we supporting?



- Pathways to Choice program encourages girls in rural Niger to stay in school and delay marriage and childbearing.
- Includes focused community engagement and capacity building activities for the female teachers who lead the clubs. Mentored girls clubs (safe spaces) are the heart of the program.
- Great success in neighboring Nigeria: after two years, girls' secondary school graduation rate increased twentyfold and the age of marriage increased by 2.5 years.

Year 1 direct impact: 250; indirect impact: 1,638

Year 2 direct impact: 450; indirect impact: 2,925

Budget

How DFW's two-year grant of \$49,999 will be used

Item	Description	Total
Human resources	Director, co-director, advisor, mentor supervisors	\$19,578
Activities	Monthly teacher/mentor meeting	\$4,310
Safe Spaces	Mentor stipends, supplies, materials	\$20,946
Monitoring & Evaluation	Enumerators for baseline and endline	\$620
Indirect costs		\$4,545
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$49,999

About the Featured Grantee

- **Founded in 2002 by Martha Campbell at the University of California, Berkeley's School of Public Health.**
- **Began with program to promote misoprostol availability for the prevention and treatment of postpartum hemorrhage in developing countries.**
- **International advocacy work has grown to include family planning, women's health, and girls' education.**



Share Your Thoughts

1. Why is it important that *all* girls be offered this program in participating schools?
2. What changes might occur over time for the girls' parents?
3. What kind of outcomes might convince Niger's government to adopt these educational practices?

 Changing the world one dinner at a time

January's Sustained Grantee: Integrate Health

Empowering Female Community Health Workers to Provide Integrated Primary Care in Remote Communities in Northern Togo, West Africa



The purpose of the project is to empower 136 total (75 new) female Community Health Workers (CHWs) to provide reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH) services in five districts that currently lack access to high-quality healthcare, leading to reduced rates of maternal and child morbidity and mortality

Direct Impact: 17,250; Indirect Impact: 58,999