



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Niger Nomad Relief Project – Wells, Schools & Herds

PROJECT BACKGROUND AGADEZ, NIGER, WEST AFRICA

The Rotary Clubs of Agadez, Niger (D9100) and Westlake Village Sunrise, California (D5240) seek to address the plight of the nomadic Tuareg and Wodaabe of Niger. In Niger, the poorest country in the world, livestock is the second largest export after uranium. This indicates that it is a viable occupation in an economically undeveloped country. The nomadic people are the herders who produce this livestock. They are at constant risk from reoccurring droughts and famines as shown in 2005 when thousands of animals died and the people faced starvation. They are in need of help to modify their ancient system in order for them to be able to continue their traditional occupation,

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which is so important for their country and the survival of their cultures. As a part of this modification, the nomads have agreed to settle part of their families each year near a family well, where the children will stay to attend school. This gives the nomads, always difficult to find, an address where they can establish a link to the world which can allow them to improve their existing skills and add new ones to provide a sustainable future. The Rotary Club of Agadez proposes to work in cooperation with the Nomad Foundation, a US 501c3 corporation and an ONG registered in Niger. The Nomad Foundation has been working with the nomads for eight years to help them sustain their livelihoods and cultural traditions. To do this, they address the following needs in each community. WATER • FOOD • WORK • EDUCATION • HEALTH



**THIS ROTARY MATCHING GRANT
PROJECT ADDRESSES WATER,
EDUCATION AND WORK.**

TOTAL BUDGET \$54,000

If your club or your district wishes to join us in funding this project, please contact the Rotary Club of Westlake Village Sunrise

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WATER

INYOKEN \$9,000 This is a remote community of Tuareg who have an insufficient well. Our program to help a community always begins with providing adequate water, which means a cemented well which includes a system to carry the water away from the well mouth to water the animals so that they do not contaminate the well. We would like to adopt this community as we have done with five others. The expected depth of a well in the area is 45 meters.

NOMAD FOUNDATION WELL \$10,000 This is the first phase of a large project which would be a center for the betterment of the lives of the nomads. It would contain a learning center, a health clinic, cereal and animal food warehousing and be the home the nomad foundation herds kept to replenish the animals lost to nomads in droughts. We have received government authorization to locate and dig a well in a very central area among the largest population of nomads. The expected depth of a well in the area is 55 meters.



EDUCATION

ABDEK SCHOOL Start up cost \$3,000 Supplies and school lunches \$3,500 This is an area that has no school and the leader has managed to get the two Nomadic groups in the area to agree to send their children to the same school. This is unusual and this co-operation could be a good example to set for the region. The community has accepted to construct a temporary hangar for the school and apply to the government to construct a permanent one once it has been operational for a year. The start up cost is for desks, and furniture for the school; the annual support is for books, school materials and school lunches. The teacher's salary will be provided by the Nomad Foundation.

AWEDENINE SCHOOL Start up cost \$3,000 Supplies and school lunches \$3,500 We have already adopted the community of Awedenine and helped them dig three garden wells and started a cereal bank. The school is the next step. The community has accepted to construct a temporary hangar for the school and apply to the government to construct a permanent one once it has been operational for a year. The start up cost is for desks, and furniture for the school; the annual support is for books, school materials and school lunches. The teacher's salary will be provided by the Nomad Foundation.



WORK

ANIMAL FOOD STOCK \$10,000 Nearly every year in Niger there is an area which has not received enough rain to sustain pasture through the dry season. In a drought if a herder's animals die he loses his livelihood. If his animals survive he will recover and be able to feed his own family in the future. In times of drought and famine it is almost more important to feed the animals than the people, because if they survive they will be able to nourish the people from their milk.

ANIMAL VACCINATIONS \$10,000 Health of the herds is crucial to a nomad's livelihood. Veterinary care is largely unavailable. The price includes transportation costs of vaccination missions.

ANIMAL MARKETING CO-OP TRAINING \$2,000 Herding is one of the most viable occupations in Niger as proven by the fact that livestock is its second largest export after uranium. Although they are the herders of the country, the nomads do not profit from the export of their livestock. Large business interests have taken over shipping livestock by truck, leaving little profit and no control in the hands of the herders. We propose to set up a marketing co-op in which the nomads learn how to combine their resources and market their own animals by renting a truck and shipping and selling on their own.



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