

Strategies for Engaging Youth Refugees: Lessons from Niger

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Advancing solutions to improve young lives

- **YouthPower Learning** advances solutions through integrated research and development programs to improve the capacity of youth-led and youth-serving institutions.
- *By engaging youth, their families, communities, and governments in innovative programs, we build young people's skills, assets, and competencies; foster healthy relationships; strengthen the enabling environment; and transform systems.*

What is Positive Youth Development (PYD)?

PYD programs recognize youth's inherent rights and result in youth who have **assets**, the ability to leverage those assets (**agency**), and the ability to **contribute** to positive change for themselves and their communities, surrounded by an **enabling environment** that supports them

<http://www.youthpower.org/positive-youth-development>



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How can we partner together?

- Connecting with other YouthPower activities
- Sharing Resources, Events, Information, and What Works: Learning Hub YouthPower.org
- Identifying What Works
- Measuring PYD: Indicators
- Contributing to the PYD Learning Agenda
- Engaging with the Communities of Practice:
 - Youth in Peace and Security
 - Gender and PYD
 - Youth Engagement
 - Cross-Sectoral Skills for Youth



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Youth Livelihoods in Niger

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ERD's Theories of Change for Economic Wellbeing

Basic Needs

- Sub outcome Pathways: people meet basic needs and food security

Food Security

- Sub outcome pathways: food availability, access, use, and stability

Income and Assets

- Sub outcome pathways: people are employed, people are self-employed, people manage financial risk

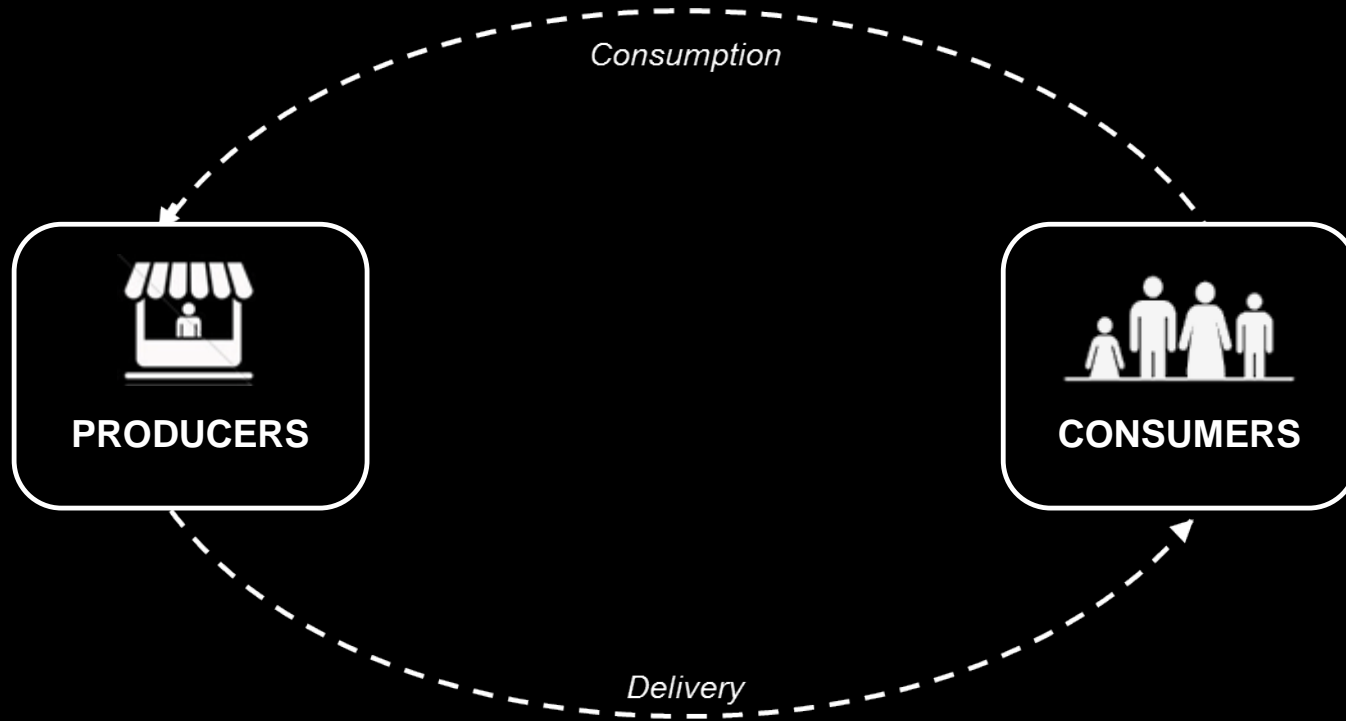
Use and Control of Resources

- Domains: use and control in household, community, and marketplace
- Women are prioritised

Improving outcomes for everyone while narrowing the gender gap

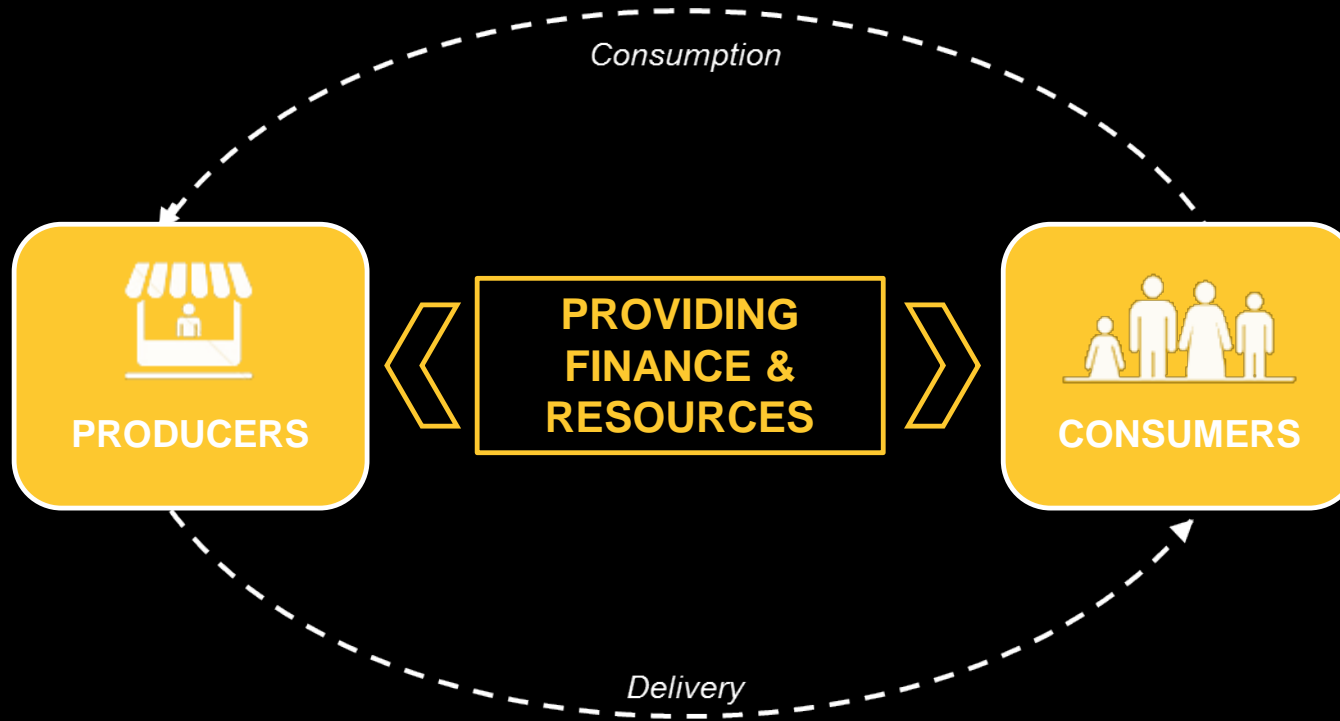
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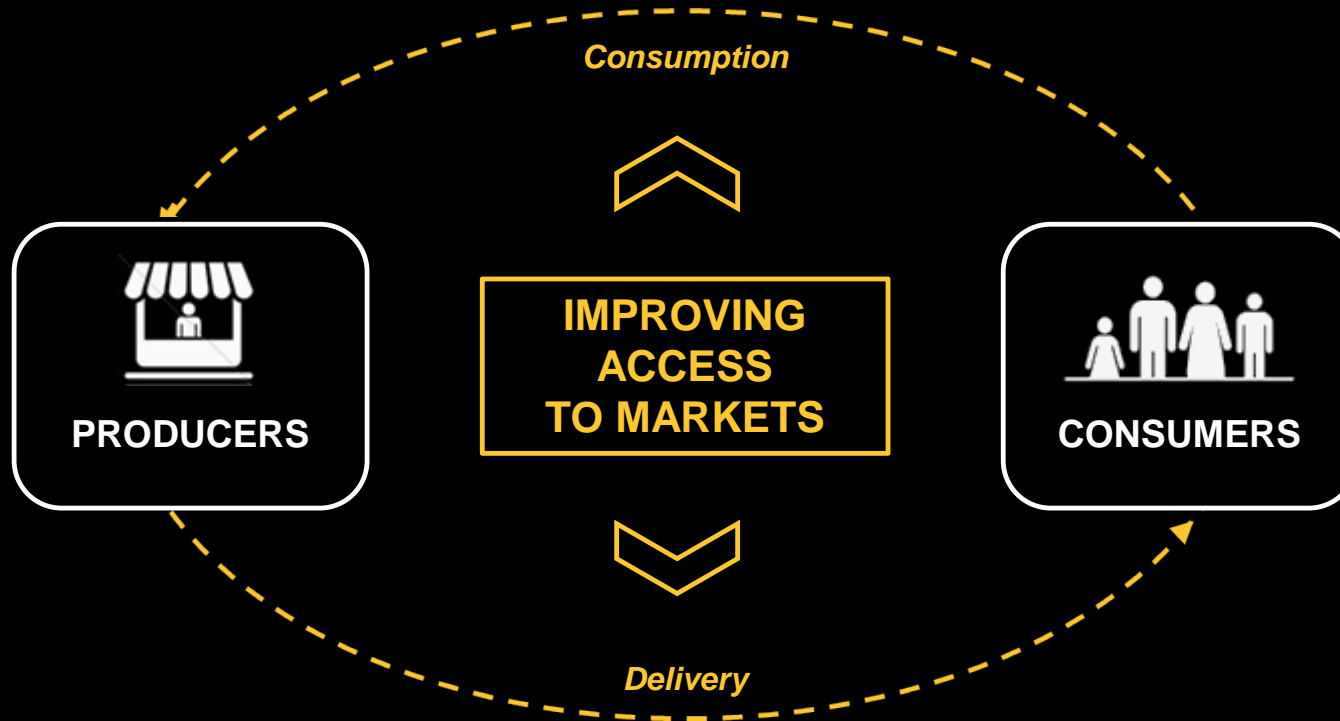
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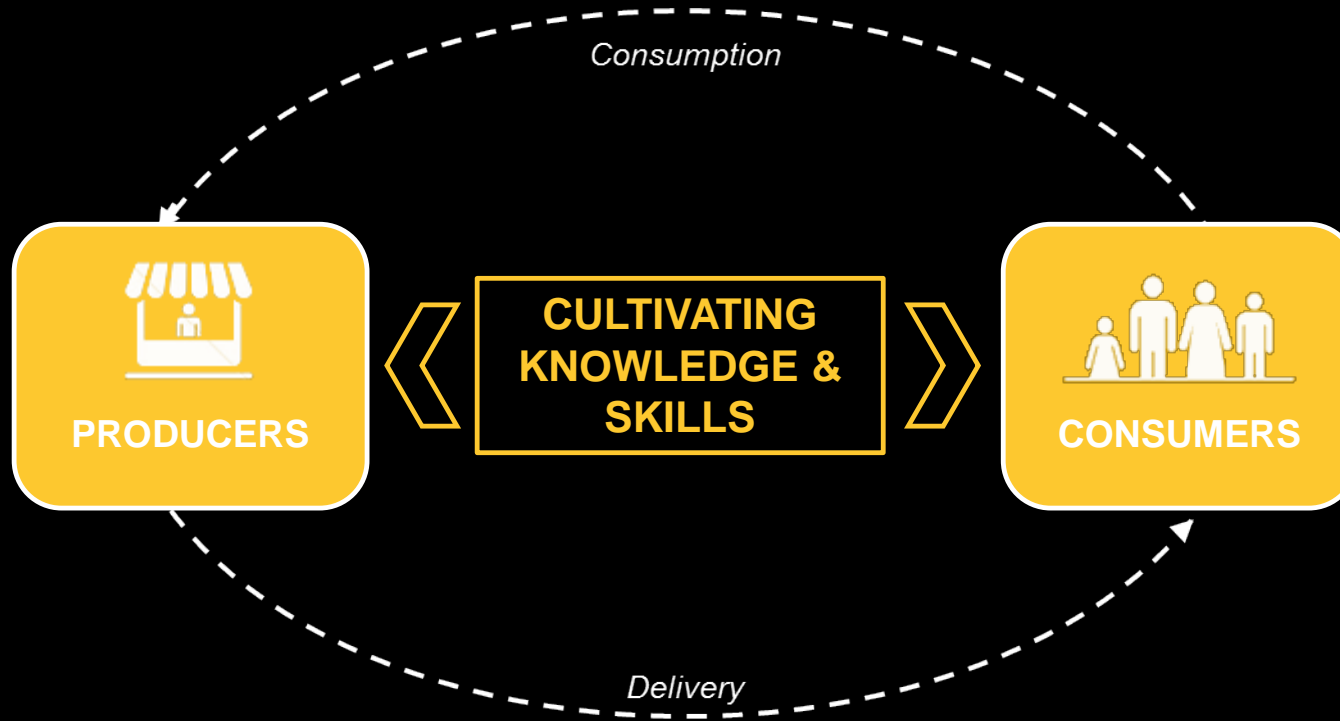
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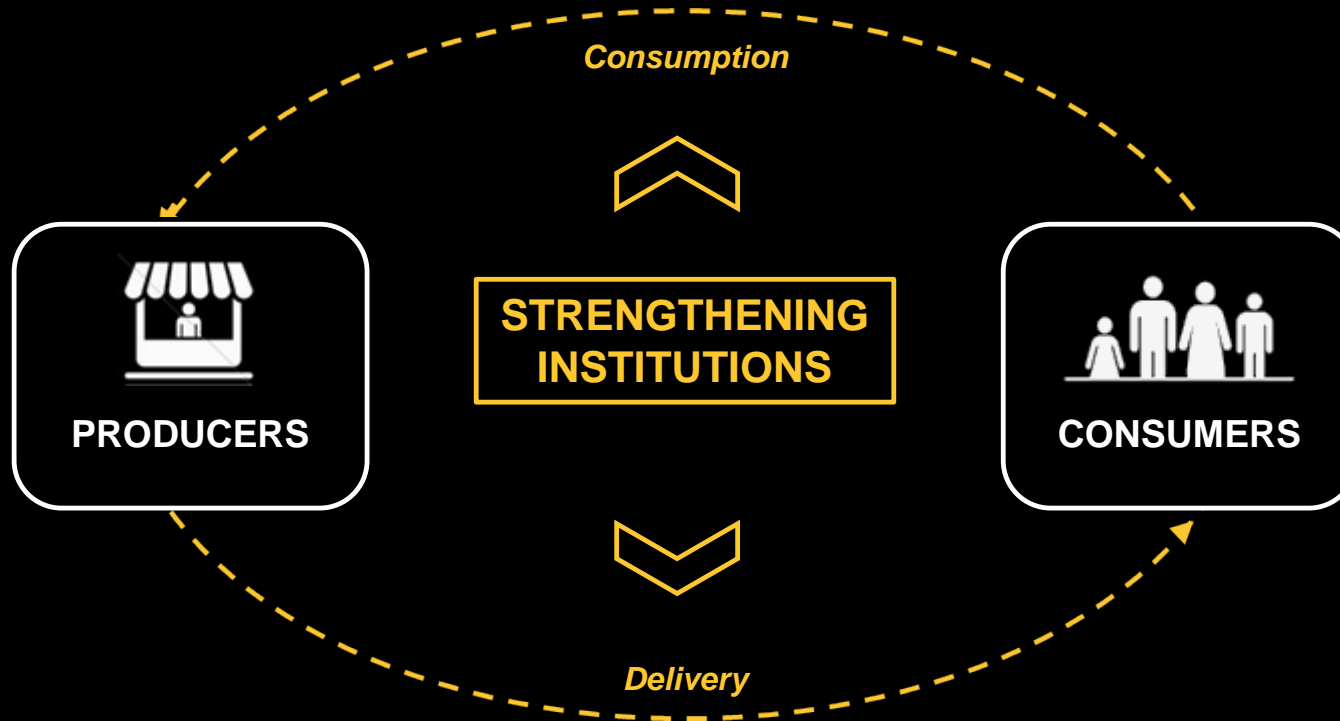
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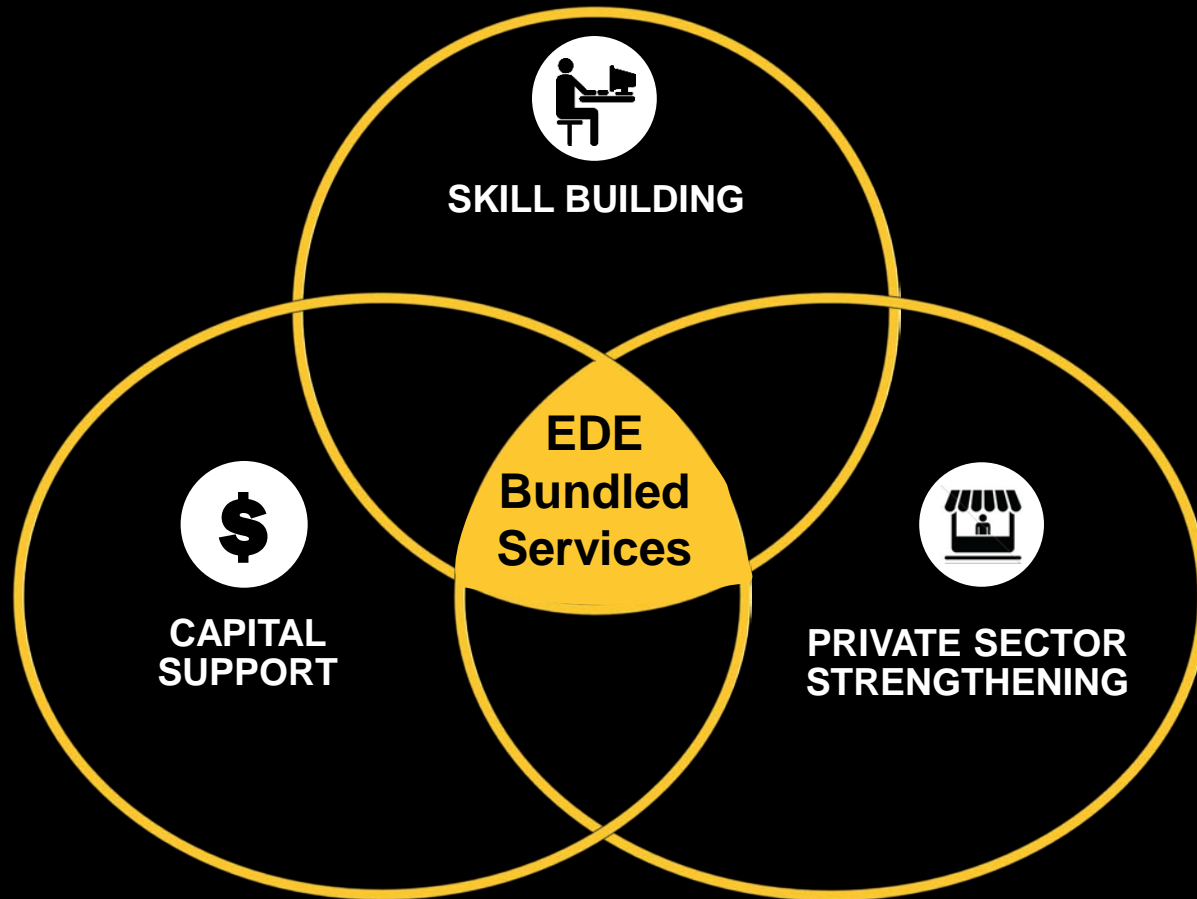


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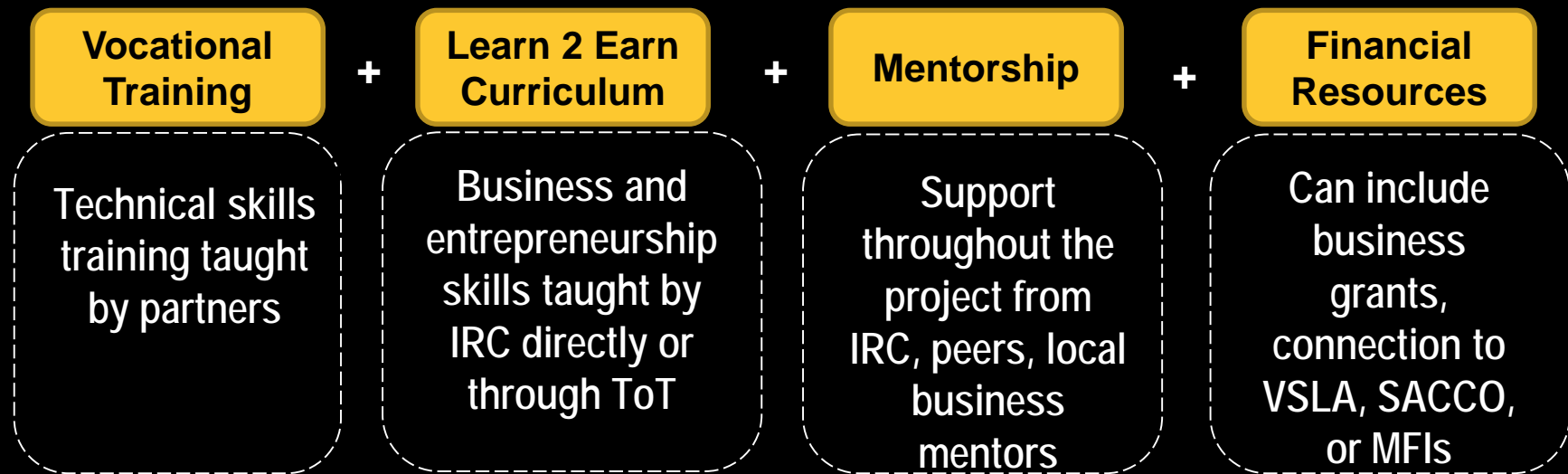


Bundled Services Approach



Youth Business Incubation Approach

Full program activity set includes each of the following elements:



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Case Study: Niger

Context

- IRC started operating in Niger in 2013
- Sectors: Health, Education, Livelihoods, Protection, Emergency Response
- Regions: Tillaberry, Diffa



Displacement at a Glance

- 300,000 people displaced in Diffa region (184k IDPs)
- 50,000 Malian refugees in Tillaberry
- 80,000-100,000 migrants annually

Case Study: Niger

- Inter-border and inter-community protracted crises
- Climate Change
- High malnutrition and food insecurity rates
- Weak government institutions and low school enrollment
- High population growth and high youth unemployment
- Government is planning on closing camps in Tillaberry



Case Study: Niger

Multi-Sector Integrated Approach

Livelihoods

- Support for IGAs:
 - In-kind inputs
 - Agriculture inputs
 - Cash grants
 - Business coaching
- Business Skills Training
 - Market assessments
 - Business planning
 - Life skills
- Vocational Training

Protection

- Protection and GBV monitoring and information dissemination
- Case management for extremely vulnerable populations
- Community-based protection
- Protection mainstreaming

Education

- Rehabilitation of classrooms and latrine blocks
- Performance-incentives for students and teachers
- Awareness campaigns for parents
- Teacher training
- Literacy campaigns for out-of-school youth

Health

- Reproductive Health
 - Capacity building of midwives
 - Provision of preventative care, antenatal care, and post-natal care
 - Community health messaging
- WASH
 - Latrine construction
 - Boreholes
 - Community hygiene messaging

Case Study: Niger

2017-2018 Livelihoods Results and Impact

Indicator	Result
Beneficiaries starting their own businesses within 6 months	206 beneficiaries; 58.86% of beneficiaries
Beneficiaries receiving entrepreneurship training	400 (243 female, 157 male)

Most common businesses are mobile money agents, tailors, and market vendors. Market vendors report the highest monthly profit, averaging **XOF 24,620 (42 USD)**.

Case Study: Niger

Challenges

Short length of
funding cycles

Market-relevant
livelihoods
opportunities

Low literacy of
youth population

Lack of formal
employment
opportunities

Gender barriers
to entry in
livelihood
sectors

Case Study: Niger

Moving Forward

Multiyear Funding

Market-based vocational training

- Adapted for illiterate populations
- Focus on practical on-the-job training

Youth Farmers Incubation Hubs

- ICT services and innovations
- Value chain services
- Private sector partnership integration

Q&A



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What can you do next?

- Contribute to the Twitter stream and spread the message of #PositiveYouthDevelopment.
- Join a YouthPower Community of Practice.
- Visit the YouthPower Learning Hub at www.YouthPower.org and use the resources, best practices, and knowledge shared.
- Send materials to post such as reports, studies, and other resources to us at info@youthpower.org.



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Grants Under Contract

- Ten [grants](#) have been awarded to:
 - assess, evaluate, document and disseminate innovative work in **positive youth development (PYD)** and **cross-sectoral youth programming**.
 - advance the evidence base for **gender-transformative positive youth development**.
 - advance the evidence base for **youth civic engagement in effective peacebuilding** or in countering / prevention of violent extremism.
- **Coming soon:** Young Women Transform Prize awardees
www.youthpower.org/2018-prize



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Thank you!

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