

# Access to water for pastoralists and improved hygiene conditions in Mayahi, Niger



**Areas of intervention**  
Niger

**Main topics**  
Pastoral hydraulic facilities  
Drinking water in schools and health centres  
WASH

- Beneficiaries**
- 9,325 people including 2000 transhumant stockbreeders
  - 4,325 schoolchildren and 3,000 patients at health posts
  - 25,691 inhabitants of whom 50.68% women
  - 6,000 TLU (tropical livestock units equivalent to 250 kg dry weight)

**Budget**  
Total: 892,088 CHF  
SDC: 611,355 CHF  
HEKS: 280,733 CHF

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**Strategies, methodologies and approaches**

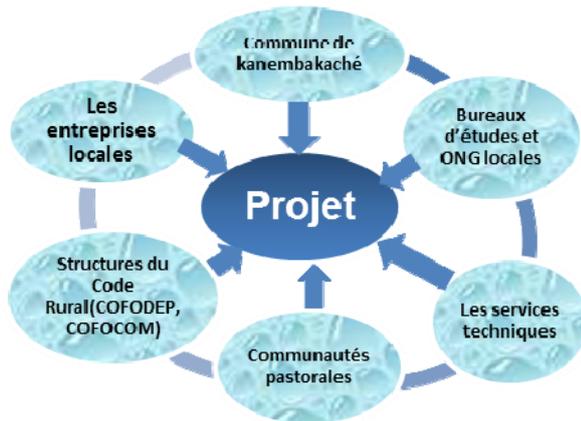
The project approach is community-based, participatory, inclusive (multi-stakeholder, sensitive to minorities) and based on social contracts.

**Results**

- 3 cemented wells completed - 2 water wells and one driven well - out of the 6 planned;
- 22 working drinking fountains;
- 45 latrine blocks, 67.5% of them completed;
- 5 baseline studies carried out;
- 6 works monitoring committees set up and trained (30 people);
- 6 well management committees set up and trained (36 people)

**Lessons learnt**

As one municipal adviser said, "The project approach makes us proud. We control what happens in the municipality, and the fact that we sign the contracts and pay the bills forces the companies to be accountable to us and respect us. This approach also strengthens our capacities for organising calls for tender.



PHNS type wells

**Good practice**

Training in on-site works monitoring has enabled communities to critical analyse infrastructure projects. For example, a well-builder wanted to use three bags of cement rather than four to line the shaft, but the trained committee opposed this, leading to work being suspended for a few hours.

**Advocacy & political dialogue**

To overcome the fact that the media have not really participated in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); HEKS and Swissaid helped to organise an International Media Symposium for Sustainable Development by 2030 (SIMED). They had a joint stand there to raise awareness about the SDC's Water Consortium project. Participants at the SIMED promised to inform and raise awareness so that the SDGs might be achieved.



PHNS-style pastoralist well