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GMLB Foundation Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2023-2024



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Executive Summary

Welcome to the GLMB Foundation's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023-2024. This report highlights our achievements, financial performance, and the impact we've made in the lives of those we serve. We are grateful for the continued support of our donors, volunteers, and partners, who have enabled us to make a positive difference in our community.

GMLB-Foundation is a UK charity registered under charity number 1202373. Its mission is to improve the living conditions of vulnerable women; children; elderly; widows and orphans in West Africa and in Niger Republic in particular. Created on April 20, 2020, the Marie Louise RADJI Germain HOUNON Foundation – Beatrice RADJI was created in memory of our previous parents, immortalizing their contribution to their community and creating a formal framework where children will continue the humanitarian actions of our parents. The GMLB Foundation's mission is to improve the living conditions of vulnerable women and children in Niger, including widows and orphans.

Mission and Vision:

We envision a world where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential and live a fulfilling life. We are dedicated to working tirelessly to improve the lives of rural communities in the Niger Republic. Through our financial support and collaborative efforts, we aim to create a brighter and more prosperous future for all. GLMB Foundation is dedicated to empowering individuals and communities through education, healthcare, and social services. Our strategic priorities are:

- **Strategic priority - Support to Rural Communities**

Our mission is to empower and uplift rural communities in the Niger Republic by providing accessible and sustainable financial support. We strive to create opportunities for economic growth, access to clean water, and improved quality of life through targeted financial interventions and capacity-building initiatives.



Our Core Values

- **Empowerment:** We believe in empowering individuals specially single mothers and communities to take control of their financial futures.



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- Sustainability: Our approach focuses on long-term solutions that promote self-reliance and resilience.
- Collaboration: We work in partnership with local communities, organizations, and stakeholders to achieve lasting impact.
- Transparency: We maintain the highest standards of transparency and accountability in all our operations.
- Impact: We are driven by a commitment to measurable and positive change in the lives of rural Nigeriens.

Our Goals

- Access to financial support : GMBL Foundation helps with financial assistance to support revenue generating projects for rural women or to provide emergency financial assistance to support women; children and communities in an emergency situation or facing financial crises.
- Promote entrepreneurship and income generation: We will support the development and empowerment of women and communities to engage in revenue generating small businesses (SMBs) and create opportunities for income diversification.
- Strengthen agricultural value chains: We will invest in agricultural infrastructure, technology, and market linkages to enhance productivity and profitability for farmers.
- Build financial literacy and capacity: We will provide training and education programs to improve financial knowledge and skills among rural populations.



● Strategic priority - Education

Objectives: To provide equitable and inclusive educational opportunities to rural communities in the Niger Republic, empowering individuals and fostering a transformative learning environment that cultivates critical thinking, problem-solving, and lifelong learning skills.

Commitment: A future where every child and youth in rural Niger has access to quality education, unlocking their full potential and contributing to the sustainable development of their communities and the nation.



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- **Strategic priority - Building Water Wells in Rural Communities in Niger Republic**

Imagine a future where every rural community in Niger has access to safe, clean water. A future where women and children are no longer burdened with the task of fetching water from distant sources, freeing up their time for education, work, and leisure. Imagine schools with reliable water supply, enabling students to attend regularly and improve their learning outcomes.

Our vision is to create this future by building water wells in rural communities throughout Niger. These wells will provide a sustainable source of clean water for drinking, cooking, sanitation, and irrigation purposes. They will also contribute to improving the health and well-being of rural populations, reducing the burden of water-borne diseases, and promoting economic development.

We believe that access to safe water is a fundamental human right. We are committed to working with local communities, governments, and other stakeholders to make this vision a reality. Together, we can create a future where every child and youth in rural Niger has access to the water they need to thrive.

Objectives:

- To provide access to safe, clean water for drinking, cooking, and sanitation purposes, improving the health and well-being of rural communities.
- To alleviate the burden of water collection, particularly for women and children, who often spend hours each day fetching water from distant sources.
- To promote education by providing a reliable water source for schools, enabling students to attend school regularly and improve their learning outcomes.

In Conclusion:

The GMLB Foundation is dedicated to uplifting rural communities in the Niger Republic by providing sustainable financial support and fostering opportunities for economic growth. We strive to empower individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency and a higher quality of life through targeted initiatives and collaborative partnerships.

Our vision is to create a future where all rural communities in Niger have equitable access to quality education and the resources needed to thrive. We envision a society where individuals are empowered to reach their full potential, contribute to their communities, and build a brighter future for themselves and generations to come.

To achieve this vision, we are committed to:

- **Educational Equity:** Expanding access to education for all children, regardless of gender, socioeconomic status, or geographic location.
- **Quality Learning:** Promoting innovative teaching methods, relevant curriculum, and a supportive learning environment that fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and lifelong learning skills.
- **Teacher Development:** Investing in the professional development of teachers, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to deliver high-quality education.
- **Community Engagement:** Partnering with parents, community leaders, and local organizations to create a strong support system for education.



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Water Well Initiative:

Recognizing the critical importance of access to clean water, the GMLB Foundation is dedicated to providing safe and reliable water sources to rural communities in Niger. Our Water Well Initiative aims to:

- **Improve Public Health:** Reduce the incidence of waterborne diseases and improve overall health outcomes.
- **Empower Women and Children:** Alleviate the burden of water collection, freeing up time for education, income-generating activities, and leisure.
- **Support Education:** Ensure schools have a consistent water supply for drinking, sanitation, and hygiene, promoting a conducive learning environment.
- **Promote Sustainability:** Implement environmentally friendly water management practices and community-led maintenance systems.

By addressing the interconnected challenges of poverty, education, and water scarcity, the GMLB Foundation is working to create a brighter future for rural communities in Niger. We believe that through sustainable development, empowerment, and collaboration, we can build a more just and equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Impact and Accomplishments

This year, the GLMB Foundation has made significant strides in fulfilling its mission. We have raised through organic donations more than £21,542.32 and we used most of these donations to deliver against GMLB Foundation key strategic priorities. Some of our key accomplishments include:

- **Education:** We provided scholarships to 3 deserving students, enabling them to pursue higher education. Additionally we provided financial support to renovate a derelict school without any benches and roof. This situation has led to children attending school by sitting on the floor and also in a roasting heat. The region of Zinder regularly has a solar heat of over 45 degrees celsius throughout the day. The funding provided by GMLB Foundation has helped renovate a classroom with new benches and a fully fitted roof so children can attend school with minimal living conditions. Also we organized a trip to Niger Republic for UK Year 11 students to travel to Niger Republic to teach english to a girls only school. It was an amazing experience for our volunteers and also a great opportunity for Niger young girls to learn English as a second language. This was the first a UK school has sent volunteers to the Niger republic and we are exploring ways to make this initiative permanent.





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- **Healthcare:** We provided funding to the building of a local clinic for children where low income families; single mothers and orphans can get access to healthcare services at low cost. We have also partnered with local clinics to offer free health screening to underserved communities across Niger Republic.
- **Health Education - Awareness on child Marriages:** We collaborated and financed some sensibilisation campaigns with ONG Berandi in Niger to raise awareness on child marriages in schools; rural communities in working partnership with religious leaders. NGO Berandi is a women-led organization based in Niamey, Niger. It was founded in 2014 to promote women and girl's empowerment through several development activities as well as their participation in cultural and artistic fields. They work to end child marriage by running sensitisation campaigns in schools.
- **Support to Rural Communities:** We have supported various rural communities through food donations and financial support to women and single mothers to become more financially independent. For example we helped Hassana, a mother of four responsible for the upbringing of her children. She has no formal education and she is unemployed; we provide training and financial support in buying a refrigerator so that she can sell cold water or ice as refreshment. These economical activities enabled Hassana to feed her children and she was no longer forced into mendicancy. In addition we have 2 built water wells in Zinder region rural communities to provide access to clean water for drinking, cooking, sanitation, and irrigation purposes. This has also contributed to improving the health and well-being of rural populations, reducing the burden of water-borne diseases.



These are just a few examples of the many ways in which we have made a positive impact this year.



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Water Well project for rural communities:

We have worked with rural leaders in the regions of Zinder to build a water well for the communities to give them access to clean drinking water; reduced the daily journey for children and women who have to travel over 10 miles on foot a day to collect water and carry it on their heads then back to their villages. This has a negative impact on the education of children in the communities and increases the hardship in women's daily lives. Water wells play a crucial role in improving the lives of people in rural communities. They provide access to clean water, improve public health, stimulate economic development, empower women, and promote environmental sustainability. Investing in water wells is an investment in the future of rural communities.





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Financial Overview

The GLMB Foundation is committed to financial transparency and accountability. Our financial statements have been audited by an independent accounting firm.

- Total Donation received: £23,565.76
- Total Expenses: £3763.04
- Total Funded projects: £19802.72
- Balance: £0

We are proud to report that 99% of our expenses went directly to program activities, demonstrating our commitment to efficient and effective use of funds.

Donor Recognition

We are deeply grateful to our generous donors, whose contributions make our work possible. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to:

- Individual Donors: Thank you for your continued support.
- Corporate Sponsors: Your partnership is invaluable.
- Foundation Grants: Your investment in our mission is greatly appreciated.

Future Goals:

Looking ahead, the GLMB Foundation is committed to expanding our reach and impact. Our goals for the coming year include:

- Increasing the number of scholarships awarded
- Expanding our healthcare initiatives
- Expanding our rural communities support through building more water wells and awareness programs on financial literacy; social issues etc....
- Launching a new program for supporting financially Widows and Orphans impacted by terrorism and climate change linked weather disasters such as flooding etc....
- Build a regional center in Niamey and hire few employee

We are confident that with your continued support, we will achieve these goals and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your commitment to the GLMB Foundation. Together, we are building a brighter future.



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