



Algeria-Niger Cross border Fact Sheet

ABOUT

The UNDP ABC is a new flagship programme focused on empowering borderland communities and promoting socio-economic development and peace across Africa's borderlands.

METHODOLOGY

This factsheet is compiled by the UNDP ABC using open-source verifiable data and information. Triangulation of data and information was done by way of cross-referencing with at-least three authoritative sources and hyperlinks included to ensure validity and accuracy. The process is iterative in nature and continuous updating of the data and information will be done to ensure that it is current.

DEFINITION OF TERMS



Border length

Distance in Kilometers of the border between two countries.



Borderland area

This is the area in Square Kilometers covered by the borderland Municipalities/ Districts.



Borderland municipality

Administrative Districts or Counties close to the border rather than very large provinces.



Population

All inhabitants of a particular place.



Year

Date when the border was originally established.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES



1909

Year border establishedⁱ.



681,022 Km Sq

Total area covered by two(2) border municipalities.ⁱⁱ



498,822

Estimated total population of the two(2) bordering municipalities.^{iii,iv}



951 Kms

Shared border length between the two countries.^v



4

Total estimated number of hospitals.^{vi}



16

Total estimated number of schools.^{vi}



2

Number of universities.^{vi}



1

1 refugee/ IDP camp hosting an estimated 30,000 persons.^{vii}



117,542

Estimated total population of municipal capitals.^{viii,ix}



2

Number of border towns

Three (3) municipalities border the countries as summarized in the table below:



Country

Municipality/
District

Population

Municipal Capital

Population

Border towns

✓ Algeria

✓ Guezzam

✓ 11,202

✓ Guezzam

✓ 7,045

✓ Guezzam

✓ Niger

✓ Agadez

✓ 48 7,620

✓ Agadez

✓ 110,497

✓ Assamakka



Major Economic Activities

A

Formal



Agricultural activities include subsistence farming, commercial farming, pastoralism, and livestock keeping.



Mining of Gold, Uranium and salt is present in the region.



Oil & Gas extraction is a key industry.

B

Informal



Key informal activities include artisanal gold mining and small-scale trading in gold and commodities.



Border Closures since 2010

Yes/ No

Yes

Reason/s

Terrorism (Jihadism)

Reason/s

Covid-19

Opportunities for Development Assistance & Partnerships



Promote informal Support safe and labour-friendly artisanal mining practices across the border.



Support farming and pastoralism value and supply chain development.



Strengthen local capacity for disaster risk reduction and climate-related security risks.



Strengthen inclusive economic growth for refugees and internally displaced persons.

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