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Sannu! Fofu! Owyeeem! Wushiwushi!

"hello!" in Hausa, Zarma/Fulfulde, Tarmachek and Beri Beri, the languages of Niger.

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The Camel Express

Newsletter of the Friends of Niger
August 2005

Friends of Niger Respond to Niger's Famine

The food crisis in Niger has finally come to the world's attention over the last month. Posted below are links to [websites accepting donations](#) and some [excellent media resources](#).

Many Friends of Niger have sprung into action; here is just a sampling of the activities that we have been alerted to. Please send any additional news to [Bill Stein](#) for posting in the next edition of the Camel Express.

- Gabriella Maertens' article in the [July Camel Express](#) inspired many to make donations to aid agencies and/or write letters to newspapers and government officials about the need to address Niger's famine. Portions of the article were reprinted in the Buenos Aires Herald. It also led to [Asia Relief's](#) offer to ship a container of food, vitamins, and medical supplies to Niger.
- Friends of Niger donated group funds to CARE and World Vision. The board also wrote a [letter to USAID](#) urging an increase in food aid and received a [response from USAID](#) describing their efforts in Niger.
- Randy Brown organized a fundraiser in central Vermont that sent \$5500 directly to affected populations in Gueladio, Niger. He has also added depth to coverage of the famine in the [Barre Montpelier Times Argus](#).
- Several Portland-area RPCVs are organizing a benefit event for [Mercy Corps'](#) famine relief efforts in Niger. It will be held Tues, Sept 20 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at Ciao Vito, 2203 NE Alberta Street in Portland, Oregon. Contact [Shari Exo](#) for more information.

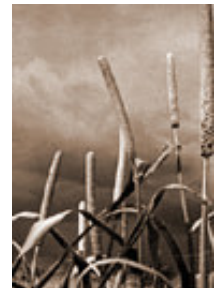
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- On Aug 8, John Risley devoted his monthly folk music show on Portland's KBOO community radio to the Niger food crisis. Between African songs he encouraged listeners to make donations on aid agency websites.

Visitor 

Please Donate What You Can

Friends of Niger encourages all to visit one or more of these websites to donate much-needed funds toward aid agencies working directly in Niger. Be sure to designate your donations for famine relief in Niger.

- [Action Against Hunger](#) (programs in Maradi, Dakoro, and Tahoua)
- [Africare](#) (35-year involvement in programs throughout Niger)
- [CARE](#) (programs in six of Niger's eight regions)
- [Catholic Relief Services](#) (programs in Dogon Douthi, Ouallam, Tanout, and Tillabéri)
- [Islamic Relief](#) (programs in Ouallam and Tillabéri)
- [Concern Worldwide](#) (programs in and around Tahoua)
- [Lutheran World Relief](#) (programs in Maradi, Tahoua, and Tillabéri)
- [Médecins Sans Frontières](#) (programs in Aguié, Dakoro, Keita, Maradi, Tahoua, and Zinder; but no longer soliciting donations for Niger)
- [Oxfam](#) (assisting nomadic people in Maradi, Tahoua, and Tillabéri)
- [Save the Children](#) (providing food and supplies to thousands of families in the most acutely affected areas of southern Niger)
- [United Nations World Food Programme](#) (coordinating all bulk food distributions in southern Niger)
- [World Vision](#) (programs in and around Zinder)

Coverage of Niger's 2005 Famine

- [Global Aid System Stalled as Niger's Crisis Deepened](#) (Washington Post 17 August 2005)
- [Good harvests for hungry West Africa](#) (BBC 17 August 2005)
- [Niger way of life 'under threat'](#) (BBC 16 August 2005)
- [Niger's leader - haunted by hunger](#) (BBC 15 August 2005)
- [Meanwhile, People Starve](#) (NYTimes Editorial 14 August 2005)
- [Bringing relief to Niger's hungry](#) (BBC 13 August 2005)
- [Don't blame the locusts](#) (Guardian 12 August 2005)
- [The Rise of a Market Mentality Means Many Go Hungry in Niger](#) (Washington Post 11 August 2005)

- [How many dying babies make a famine?](#) (BBC 10 August 2005)
- [Women's groups in Niger help stave off the worst of the food crisis](#) (CARE 10 August 2005)
- [Niger leader denies hunger claims](#) (BBC 9 August 2005)
- [Famine in Niger: A Look Behind the Headlines](#) (American Diplomacy 8 August 2005, by Jim Bullington, Peace Corps Niger Country Director)
- [A taste of salvation for Niger children deemed not ill enough for a hospital](#) (Guardian 8 August 2005)
- [This is not just another act of God - this is ingrained poverty](#) (Observer 7 August 2005)
- [Niger livestock face food crisis](#) (BBC 4 August 2005)
- [Meagre food for babies first and elderly last, as villages empty of life](#) (Guardian 4 August 2005)
- [Lucky few get food in starving Niger](#) (Reuters 4 August 2005)
- [Plenty of food - yet the poor are starving](#) (Guardian 1 August 2005)
- [Niger Faces Major Food Emergency](#) (Democracy Now 1 August 2005)
- [Food Aid Arrives in Niger, Belatedly](#) (NPR 31 July 2005)
- [A New Face of Hunger, Without the Old Excuses](#) (NYTimes 31 July 2005)
- [Niger's people living on the edge](#) (BBC 30 July 2005)
- [Behind the Famine Footage](#) (NYTimes Editorial 30 July 2005)
- [Feeling of helplessness in Niger camp](#) (CNN 29 July 2005)
- [The Problems of Preventing Famine](#) (NPR Talk of the Nation 26 July 2005)
- [USAID Announces Additional American Aid To Combat Hunger, Promote Food Security In Niger](#) (USAID 26 July 2005)
- [Learn more about the devastating famine in Niger](#) (ABC 26 July 2005)
- [Niger's 'silent hunger' \(includes video\)](#) (BBC 20 July 2005)
- [Niger children starving to death \(includes video\)](#) (BBC 19 July 2005)
- [200 tonnes of food aid for airlift to Niger](#) (PANA 18 July 2005)
- [WFP aims to feed one million in hungry Niger](#) (AFP 12 July 2005)
- [Too poor to live: poverty kills Niger's hungry](#) (Reuters 2 July 2005)
- [Letter from Jim Bullington](#) (Peace Corps Niger Country Director, June 2005)
- [Google search on "Niger Famine"](#)

