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Peace Corps Niger Looks Back at 2010



Students at Amadou Hampaté Bâ School, which, thanks to Friends of Niger members' generosity and timely contributions, earned a permanent place on the Global Giving web site.

Peace Corps Niger and Friends of Niger Once Again Make Powerful Partners for Change at the Local Level

Once again in 2010, the partnership of Peace Corps volunteers and staff, Friends of Niger, and RPCVs has contributed to development by supporting many small projects and schools with low overhead, high impact, and sustainability. This issue of the Camel Express gives a glimpse into several of those projects. The longstanding Young Girls' Scholarship Program (YGSP), which has the most PCV involvement, and which provides Nigerien adolescents with the academic and financial support to continue their education, has a new PCV coordinator, Emily

Bird. She provided the following summary of this year's YGSP progress:

Young Girls' Scholarship Program Update, Peace Corps/Niger - 2010-2011 School Year

Peace Corps Niger has already begun sponsoring young girl scholars as part of the Young Girls' Scholarship Program for the 2010-2011 school year. So far, 7 young women have been provided school supplies, books, school uniforms, money for tutoring and a family contribution to be used at the young girl's discretion. Peace Corps volunteers and school officials and teachers will work closely with the young girl scholars to ensure that they have the most successful and advantageous school year possible. Volunteers regularly meet with school staff, families, and scholars to monitor the young girls' progress. They will be asked to present the progress of their scholars before each subsequent funding period (December and March) and the YGSP coordinator will be collecting photos and personal statements and stories from each girl to compile at the end of the school year.

The past year was a difficult one for YGSP and PC Niger as a whole. Due to security issues, volunteers were pulled from a number of posts, mainly in the Tahoua region and this affected five scholarship recipients. Their disbursements were paid out for the school year but as there are no longer volunteers in these villages, we were unable to continue them. Fortunately, three young women were able to continue their scholarships this year and one scholar has completed her fourth year of middle school (CEG) and will be going on to high school this fall. Due to an abrupt decrease in PC Niger's volunteer numbers, fewer PCVs applied for YGSP funding. However, the next year will bring two new groups of volunteers to Niger, and there is a lot of interest in the YGSP program. YGSP will be focusing intensely on these seven scholars to ensure their continued success and working with volunteers to recruit new scholars to the program and build our numbers back up.



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Letter from the President

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Dear friends,

At the end of another year of fund raising and sharing the good news from Niger, I want to thank you for your partnership and support of Friends of Niger. Our FON membership remains steady as does our budget and financial support of Peace Corps Niger programs and national Nigerien NGO projects. While the majority of our operating funds continues to come from you, our members, we have received, upon recommendations of our members, significant donations from organizations including The Pittsburgh Foundation, KOKARI, and the Manhattan TheatreSource. We have assisted with individual member fundraising activities for well construction, micro-credit and education projects. Also our FON website and newsletter have enabled several organizations and projects in Niger to promote their activities. For example, in our last issue of the Camel Express, we highlighted former Boston University study abroad students Jonathan Rempel and Laura Parker and their efforts to raise funds for emergency food relief in Niger; since then, they have raised over \$12,000 to support the hunger relief work of the Nomad Foundation NGO in Niger. Chapeau!

We are encouraged to hear that many of you continue to travel to Niger, some on a regular basis; we want your stories, pictures and videos for the Camel Express and the FON website. Some social media sites have excellent materials about Niger, but we want more direct and personal stories from you. A recent example of a new look for Niger is captured on a video we were pleased to discover on YouTube and have since linked to the FON home webpages. The video was filmed as through the eyes of a PCV traveling at break-neck speed through Niger; at first the images pass by too quickly, but looking back on our own personal experiences, we can remember that even though some days seemed like we were stuck in a Ground Hog Day-like scenario, it all ended too soon. Be one of the first to see this montage of PCV video clips edited by the talented Marisa Wong (Niger, 08' - 10') and set to the music of the Strokes, "It's hard to explain." The music and images will grab you and take you back to those days and places that still, after several years ... we find hard to explain.

On behalf of the Friends of Niger Board of Directors, I want to thank you again for remembering our friends in Niger this past year and to wish you a Happy and Peace filled New Year!

-John

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Peace Corps Mourns the Loss of Volunteer Stephanie Chance

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 8, 2010 – Peace Corps Director Aaron S. Williams is saddened to announce the death of Peace Corps volunteer Stephanie Chance in Niger. Stephanie was discovered in her home in Zinder. The exact cause of death remains unknown, but it appears at this time that it may have been from natural causes.

"This is a loss for our community. Peace Corps volunteers represent the best America has to offer – compassion, generosity of spirit and an enthusiasm for what is possible through cooperation. Stephanie's sudden passing is terribly painful for the entire Peace Corps family," said Peace Corps Director Aaron S. Williams. "Our thoughts are with her family and friends."



Stephanie, 26, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., arrived in Niger for training in July 2010 and was sworn-in as a municipal development volunteer on Sept. 23, 2010. She had recently arrived at her site in Zinder and was busy getting to know the community to help the local officials better coordinate local government services and collaborative planning.

"My aspirations for my community are to assist them in identifying their needs, and helping them imagine the changes they would most benefit from," Stephanie wrote in her July 2010 aspiration statement about her work with Peace Corps.

Before serving with Peace Corps, Stephanie was an experienced certified public accountant. Through Peace Corps service, Stephanie hoped to gain a more global perspective and a better understanding of other cultures. She held a B.S. in business administration and an M.A. in accounting from the University of Arizona.

In recent weeks, Stephanie had made significant progress in learning the local language of Hausa. In September, she completed nearly three months of intensive pre-service training in the village of Hamdallaye, Niger. She was fond of her host family and enjoyed talking with them in her newly acquired Hausa. Stephanie was an active leader among her training group. She organized basketball games and coached local youth in the sport. She was known by Peace Corps training staff for her smile and willingness to help others. She cared about the people of Niger and found ways to contribute, including participating in the annual tree planting to celebrate Nigerien Independence Day and promote conservation.



UPDATE ON SECOND-CHANCE SCHOOLS
by Pamela Britton White

These children truly are “left behind” – the many children of Niger who receive no formal education whatsoever. Consider this: In 2000, 34% of Nigerien children were receiving schooling; of those, only 40% were girls. Think about it: of 100 children, 34 attended school, 13 of them girls; the other 66 went un-schooled (per the 2009-10 annual report of the Nigerien Organization of Innovative Educators [ONEN].) Even among those who enroll, drop-out rates in many of the poorest districts are high, and success rates on end-of-year exams are less than 50%. In these poor districts, parental distrust of the educational system is rampant – why invest in costly school fees when the outcomes are so dismal?

Enter ONEN – a group of veteran Nigerien teachers who conceived the idea of “Second-Chance Schools” – and AAWEL (the Alliance for African Women’s Education and Leadership)* who partnered with them to bring the concept alive. Second-Chance Schools are primary schools with a curriculum tailored especially for older-entering students – ages 9-14. The curriculum is four years, versus the usual six in traditional primary schools. And in addition to academics, the Second-Chance curriculum provides solid training in vocational skills – life skills – to enable these children to thrive as productive Nigerien citizens, whether or not they pursue further formal education beyond the primary level. In 2005, after studying the conditions, the first Second-Chance School program was instituted in three outlying districts of Niamey where school enrollment was particularly low; the first cohort of 250 children (50% boys, 50% girls) were enrolled in the 4-year Second-Chance curriculum. Following their completion of the program, the second cohort was enrolled in 2009: 219 children (47% boys, 53% girls).

The program has experienced great success. Of the first cohort, almost 60% completed the 4-year curriculum in 2008. One hundred percent (100%) of those taking the end-of-primary exams passed, many (including girls) scoring at or near the top of their testing groups. After 4 years in the Second-Chance program, these students had caught-up or surpassed their peers in the 6-year traditional program! Seventy-six (76) are now enrolled in CEG’s (secondary schools) – an opportunity they almost missed! Many others – no longer age-eligible for entry into CEG – received a certificate of primary-school completion – itself a valuable resource in Niger – and valuable academic, life/vocational and leadership skills. For all, truly, a second chance on life.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE SECOND-CHANCE SCHOOLS?

The Second-Chance School program was founded so that children normally un-served by Niger’s educational system would have a shot at education – children for whom it would normally have been “too late.” With its focus on academic empowerment (language and math literacy) and the integration of vocational/life skills and leadership skills, the program seeks to prepare children for a productive life. Initially the program lacked sufficient means to make great strides, but when AAWEL joined the team (with financial support from FON), the program gained considerable traction. ONEN and AAWEL have lofty goals: to promote effective quality education for Niger’s children by developing new teaching approaches adapted to Niger’s socio-economic realities, to develop school partnerships with community involvement, and to mobilize parent participation.

Some of the keys to success: AAWEL has initiated extensive and on-going teacher training and curriculum development, essential to the success of the program. The summer-school program is key to reinforcing academic learning. The full integration of the vocational training component into the curriculum is an essential ingredient, often applying academic learning such as math to real-life skills. With AAWEL’s donation of additional sewing machines, as well as fabric rollers and other tailoring accessories, all students in the second cohort of 219 children

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Here begun training in tailoring skills. And in 2009, the vocational component was expanded to include gardening (with a focus on environmentally-friendly methods).

The ONEN/AAWEL partnership now works in five Second-Chance Schools. In addition, AAWEL now applies the curriculum to their work in Niamey's Deaf School (originally founded by a PC volunteer), in coordination with the neighborhood's women's association and the Association of the Deaf.

"One of our goals" says Hassana Alidou, founder of AAWEL, "is to make the program sustainable. To help schools and families recognize and harness resources within the community, and to promote an understanding that we have access locally to resources for a better education. It isn't always necessary to have major NGO funding to accomplish goals – we can do a lot with a little." Participatory decision-making has also been a welcome innovation – involving students and families in decisions about the future of the program, the types of vocational offerings, etc. As academic and vocational programs flourish and prepare children for a better future, parent trust and confidence in the educational system has risen. Praise from the Ministry of Education for the extraordinary success of Second-Chance students on end-of-primary exams has also shone a welcome spotlight on the program's successes. "At AAWEL We believe that all children, girls and boys have the potential to be productive human beings. Therefore we believe in empowering every child by helping them develop life skills and literacy in both their mother tongues and French. We believe children are tomorrow's leaders. Investing today in quality education help us to prepare a brighter future for these children and the society."

THE FUTURE

As the Second-Chance Schools program continues to grow and to deepen its effectiveness, there is much to be done as funding allows. On the academic side, teacher training and curriculum development are on-going ventures which continue to enhance teacher capacity; a train-the-trainer model will lay the groundwork for future replication and sustainability. The summer-school programs have proved invaluable for students' academic success – well worth the continuing expenditure of summer teacher salaries and related expenses. And on the vocational side, maintaining and expanding the vocational/life skills component is a major goal: continually replenishing supplies for the tailoring and gardening programs – fabric, needles, seeds, etc.; building fences, wells and irrigation for a more effective gardening program; expanding vocational offerings to include, perhaps, carpentry, or poultry farming, or motor-bike mechanics, depending upon expanding resources and student interest.

Friends of Niger's support of AAWEL has been invaluable to the success of the Second-Chance Schools program. As Ms. Alidou says, "we can do a lot with a little." – AAWEL looks forward to a continued partnership with FON in this venture. Contributions are welcome! – checks payable to FON should note "AAWEL" on the memo line.

 * AAWEL is a small NGO based in Niger and the US, which works on several fronts to better the lives of women and girls in Niger. It has partnered with FON on this Second-Chance Schools project, and has expanded the project into Niamey's Deaf School as well.

 Pamela Britton White (RPCV 1969-70) works closely with several of AAWEL's projects in Niger. She worked in school-based projects with both AAWEL and ONEN during visits to Niger in 2006 and 2008.



Letter from Peace Corps Niger Director Valerie Staats

Happy to report that on Friday, October 22nd, we welcomed a new group of Trainees (health and agriculture), who now number 41 in all and who are already well installed with their host families. In fact, they've already completed their "demystification" weekends at sites along with a two-week language immersion in the field. There is no better balm for our post at this time than receiving a wonderful new group of enthusiastic Trainees.

We need balm right now due to the October 7th death and loss of a new PCV, Stephanie Chance (see her bio elsewhere in *Camel Express*). We think about Stephanie and her family every day. No cause of death is yet identified, but it appears to have been of natural causes. My time in Phoenix, Arizona with Stephanie's family was very well spent. It was heartwarming to see Stephanie's friends and colleagues from grade school, high school, college, and Ernst & Young turn out. Peace Corps held a small private ceremony with Stephanie's immediate family in which Chief of Staff Stacy Rhodes and I presented them with U.S. and Peace Corps flags, in beautiful wooden cases, with brass plaques memorializing Stephanie, and I gave her brother the flag that draped Stephanie's coffin throughout the trip back to Phoenix. The new U.S. Ambassador to Niger, Ms. Bisa Williams, attended the public service and made remarks, as did I and several others from Peace Corps. There were 6 Peace Corps staffers there in all, including RPCV Niger Daryn Williams, who COSed in 2009 and some of you know. I hand-carried to the family many handwritten letters from Stephanie's stage mates and site mates in Zinder.

Camels don't stop for red lights. Now that I am driving in Niamey, I mingle among the many types of traffic: cars, bicycles, bicycles with precarious loads, motorcycles, pedestrians, small taxis, bush taxis, buses, hand-carts, trucks, goats, cattle, sheep, and camels – all sharing the public thoroughfares in one giant, collective act of trust. For it is only that trust, as far as I can tell, that propels the stately camel and his cargo slowly and methodically through bustling intersections and red lights. Gently do these camels pass among us, lifting their feet one by one, looking straight ahead, moving forward no matter what is going on around them. Perhaps we can take a lesson (or two) from the camels: put one foot in front of the other, trusting that though the journey may seem slow and even contain some dangers, we will somehow, eventually, get where we need to be. Isn't that what it's like to be a Peace Corps Volunteer?

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Letter from Peace Corps Niger Director Valerie Staats (cont'd)

Speaking of journeys, I traveled a bit in Niger during November, including a 2-day road trip in the Dosso region, visiting 8 Niger PCVs along the Gaya and laterite roads, and 2 Benin PCVs over the border into Malanville. I loved visiting our intrepid Volunteers in their villages, ranging from newly installed folks to one about to COS in a few weeks. As many of our Volunteers have discovered, if there was a Volunteer at their site in the past – whether one year or 25 years ago – the entire village remembers that person and what s/he was like!

Speaking of old-timers (myself included), I spent Thanksgiving with our Trainees at Hamdallaye, our beautiful training site. We laughed, sang, danced, and stargazed – and feasted on a mighty meal of roast chicken, mashed potatoes, squash, and more. We had some special guests: Eliot and Marcia Christian (Marcia was a Niger PCV in the 1970s in Dogondoutchie, and she and Eliot were married there); Nelson Cronyn and Judith Keller, both Niger PCVs in the 1980s, now living in Niamey for the school year; and finally, Miki, a new JICA Volunteer who was just installed in Hamdallaye town. As a Trainee and I took turns saying brief blessings, we could look around the circle of more than 70 Trainees, staff, and guests and truly feel part of a special family on Thanksgiving. For as all Friends of Niger know, once you become a Peace Corps Volunteer, you join a big, welcoming family that lasts the rest of your life.

Valerie Staats, Country Director,
RPCV Morocco

UPDATE ON THE JANE HUSER MAXWELL MEMORIAL FUND

Jane Huser Maxwell (1944-2009) was a PCV in Filingue 1967-69. She loved Niger and her people, and returned to Niger twice in recent years. Her ties with volunteers from the early era were strong, and she is deeply missed by many RPCV friends. The Sahara Sisterhood – a group of seven women – old and new friends – all former Niger volunteers – established the Memorial Fund in her honor, and many friends have made contributions, as have others interesting in the Fund's mission.

The intent of the Fund is to support Nigerien-led initiatives at the grassroots level. During Jane's lifetime, she supported several such initiatives, including village-based women's micro-credit groups, girls' education projects, and work with handicapped children. The support of such initiatives will generally require hand-carrying funds to the groups in question, since they often lack both literacy and bank accounts. When that is not an option, we will also periodically provide financial support to small NGO's doing work at the grassroots level. To date, donations to the JHM Fund have totaled \$4,330.

Disbursements have been made as follows:

- \$500 to the Nomad Foundation (www.nomadfoundation.org) for their famine-relief work in Niger's north during the recent hunger crisis.
- \$1,000 donor-directed to Doctors Without Borders (www.DoctorsWithoutBorders.org), for their famine-relief work during the hunger crisis.
- \$400 to RAIN for the Sahel and Sahara (www.rain4sahara.org), for their work with Niger's nomadic people. RAIN builds schools, digs wells, creates gardens and libraries, works in adult literacy, etc.
- \$800 to AAWEL (www.aawel.org) for their Second-Chance Schools program
- \$800 to AAWEL (www.aawel.org) for their work with rural women's associations.

If you are interested in donating to this Fund, make checks payable to FON, with "Jane Huser Maxwell Memorial Fund" on the memo line.

GALMI HOSPITAL UPDATE

At Galmi Hospital we are encouraged during this time of millet harvest with a respite from the food shortage crisis. However, the generous rains have also brought a severe malaria season here and in much of Niger. Our beds are full with sometimes 2 to 3 children per mattress. Patients are often referred to us from neighboring government clinics and from MSF for blood transfusions for severe anemia. We're thankful for Friends of Niger for the Children's Chewable vitamins, which have been put to good use.

Our surgeons have also been busy treating the many injuries that come in the door. We are now using equipment donated by SIGN to repair femur fractures. This technique allows patients to be up walking the day after surgery. The challenge is to educate the population to bring such fractures in early, while they are still treatable. Although we often see complications resulting from traditional treatment of fractures, we want to partner with and not compete with the traditional bone setters to provide the best outcome possible for each fracture victim.

We had a welcome visit this month from Dr. Aaron Scott, an ER physician from Spokane, who returned to Galmi to provide our midwives and OR staff with a review of neonatal resuscitation. Many babies who are born not breathing can be successfully revived if the proper steps are taken that Dr. Scott reviewed with us all.

Blessings to you! Christopher & Nancy Zoolkoski

Dr. Joe Starke repairing a deep hand laceration



LEFT: Nurses caring for a malaria patient.

RIGHT: Dr. Aaron Scott teaching neonatal resuscitation to our OR staff.



Les amis de Hampaté Bâ School Has A Permanent Place on GlobalGiving!

Thanks to FON's generous support and massive mobilization, not only did Les amis de Hampaté Bâ earn a permanent spot on GG, but the non-profit also won **the bonus prize for the largest number of donors!**

Les amis de Hampaté Bâ note that this challenge has provoked a great interest for the cause of Nigerien students internationally. AHB students will now have a chance to better themselves and the world through innovative programs that will be implemented at the school. **Extra time, extra help, smaller classes and better trained teachers are already making a difference!** Since October 2010, the first phase of the remediation project has started for secondary students. Eighty students (45 girls and 35 boys) were subdivided into tutoring groups of 15 for their French classes. Textbooks have been ordered in France and will soon be sent to the school in Niamey. This will allow students to follow a rigorous language program and thus improve their limited French proficiency.

"Before, our teachers paid attention to the good students only. Now they spend more time with the ones who are behind level!" Student from 6th grade. *"Sometimes you have to go slow in order to go fast. Spending more time on the basics, particularly French, represents a pathway to higher achievement in all subjects",* says Djamilou, the newly hired and trained French teacher.

As a start, 9 teachers have attended 4 professional development sessions and these training workshops are beginning to alter instructional behavior in a way that benefits students' learning. Through analysis of student data, the sharing of student work, continual dialogue among the staff, 90-minute learning blocks, and homework sessions in the morning and evening, teachers hope to address the significant academic and French language skill gaps of entering students, and thus reduce the dropout rate.



Les amis de Hampaté Bâ are extremely grateful for FON's on-going support and cannot wait to share with the members the progress students at Amadou Hampaté Bâ are making with this new program as the school year goes on. You can visit the project's permanent site on GlobalGiving, follow its progress, and support it by going to:
<http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/provide-low-fee-quality-education-for-students-in-niger/>

BOSTON UNIVERSITY NIGER STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS RAISE THOUSANDS FOR NIGER

BU graduates and Study Abroad Alumni Jonathan Remple, Max McCarthy, and Laura Parker established Niger Food Relief to raise money for starving communities affected by the famine in Niger. The group raised \$12,000 within 3 months from alumni and affiliates, and working with Leslie Clark of the Nomad Foundation, they provided a month's worth of food to 3,600 Nigeriens.

Pat Alio, Board Member and Niger Liaison, has resigned. FON thanks Pat for her service and contributions. There were no new nominees and it was agreed by acclamation that the current board would remain.

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps

The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) will be sponsoring a 50th anniversary celebration of the Peace Corps September 21 through September 25, 2011 in Washington, DC. The events include an advocacy day on the 22nd which will include Congressional meetings, a rally and a reception at the end of the day. There will be preparatory meetings the night before. Friday, September 23rd is a day of service which begins with a rally and includes working with charitable organizations. Both activities require pre-registration. Go to the website: peacecorpsconnect.org for further information and registration. On Saturday there will be an NPCA Board of Directors meeting, the annual general meeting and a group leaders' forum. This will be followed by an interactive forum on development issues. The day will culminate with a formal gala from 5 to 7 pm. Sunday morning there will be a program at Arlington Cemetery, a wreath laying at the John F. Kennedy grave site, and a march across Memorial Bridge to the National Mall.

Friends of Niger is planning to organize a dinner either Friday or Saturday evening as well as programs related to Niger, most likely Saturday afternoon. We would appreciate information on who may be coming and interested in joining us for dinner and other programs and if there is a preferred night for the dinner. We would be happy to have your help in planning the event. Please respond to Penni St. Hilaire at tommyt@erols.com or 202 966 4087.

The 50th anniversary of Peace Corps will also be a focus of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall in Washington, DC., June 30 through July 11.

NOTEWORTHY

ATTENTION NIGER RPCVS— OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO NIGER!

There are 4 six-month openings for Peace Corps Response Positions in Niger starting in March 2011. They are RECORDS MANAGEMENT TRAINER, NATIONAL MUSEUM/ZOO ASSISTANT, IT SPECIALIST, AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. For details and to apply for these positions, go to www.peacecorps.gov and click on Peace Corps Response on the lower left. This is your chance to return to Niger for a short period of time and Reconnect in a productive, worthwhile way.

UW-Madison is hosting Peace Corps and Africa, an event to honor Wisconsin's 50-year involvement in Peace Corps, from March 24 to 26, 2011. Hosted by the African Studies Program, the gathering will bring musicians, artists, story-tellers and thinkers to campus to celebrate, reflect and debate on the legacy of Peace Corps in Africa. Both former volunteers from all over the country and a wide spectrum of participants with ties to Africa are planning to attend. Events will include panels, discussions, StoryCorps interviews, art exhibits, dance and a keynote speech by current PC director Aaron Williams. Participants can register at <http://africa.wisc.edu/peacecorps/registration.html>

Les amis de Hampaté Bâ is one of the 200 GlobalGiving organizations the Ford Motor Company has selected to be eligible for a \$10,000 grant as part of the launch of their new Ford Focus! Ford will select 50 individuals to test drive the car and, for their time and trouble, the 50 winning applicants will be given \$10,000 to donate to the charity of their choice out of that list. Applications are being accepted now on the **Ford Focus Facebook page**. The 50 will be chosen on a number of criteria, but the size of one's sphere of influence and the NUMBER OF "LOVE IT" our video gets will be a big factor. So can you please help us spread the word? Can you and your friends who are on Facebook help us get those "Love it" for our video. Our video is called **"Solar Powered Distance Learning in Africa"** and the page to go to is <http://apps.facebook.com/globaltestdrive/showentry?entryurl=%2Fcontests%2Fshowentry%2F679017%2Fnull%2F4>

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