DAY OF PRAYER

“Strength and courage in Christ”
1 Peter 5:10
Introduction

Every year, World Vision staff alongside with their families, communities and the donors who make our work possible gather worldwide for a day dedicated to celebrating the greatness and faithfulness of God, this day of prayer is a special occasion for the World Vision Partnership, observed annually on October 1st. It’s also an opportunity for staff members to come together and renew their commitment to improving the well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable.

In Niger, this year, due to the socio-political and security context following the coup on July 26, 2023, the leadership of WVN decided to organize this day in a unique way. The management deemed it appropriate for the day of prayer to be celebrated in small groups, each in their respective locations and in the utmost privacy. A total of 214 people participated in the FY24 DOP.

1 Peter 5:10

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast”.
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The DOP

As usual, activities conducted all clusters, during the DOP included the video projection of World Vision’s International President (IP) Mr. Andrew Morley

“You are changing the world, not many people can say that... We are called to restore...The Father strengths you and Jesus leads you and comes alongside you as you fulfil this ministry”.

Andrew Morley
President and CEO
World Vision International

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“My prayer for you brothers, sisters and friends is that the Joy of the Lord will be your strength in FY24! Let’s be positive and optimistic for a brighter future for the children of West Africa. Let us walk by faith and be filled with joy”.

Carla Denizard
West Africa Regional Leader
World Vision

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“As we approach this new fiscal year 2024, let us have faith, but also the realism necessary to face the challenges that present themselves. Difficult times require determined men and women, called men and women, Restorers, and our theme, “Strength and Courage in Christ,” reminds us that we are not alone in this Ministry.”

Clovis Tougma
Acting National Director
World Vision Niger

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These messages remind us of the suffering of the most vulnerable children and the efforts made by World Vision and its partners to alleviate their hardships. Their messages were particularly focused on this year’s theme: “Strength and courage in Christ” taken from 1 Peter 5:10: ” And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast”.

a video featuring the voices of children from all around the world. 
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In terms of teaching, guest speakers in each cluster delved into this passage during their presentations.

It’s worth noting that in each cluster, a time of intercession was dedicated to pray for the socio-political and economic challenges of our time. These solemn moments were marked by times of praise to glorify our God. The festivities as part of the celebration of the Day of Prayer, Edition 2024 were crowned by a time of communion through the sharing of a meal at the level of each cluster.

Conclusion

The festivities, were unique and very attractive. Nevertheless, they were moments of reunion, joy, sharing and above all prayer. Leadership encouraged staff to use incident reporting channels such as EthicsPoint. Staff members also took the opportunity to reaffirm their commitments and readiness to continue the “fight” for the well-being of vulnerable children, families and communities in our various areas of intervention in Niger.