

# Niamey



## Transport and road safety

**“Our policy is to improve and digitalise the management of the City of Niamey. Residents will benefit from the project through improved access to city services, making them safer and identifying stakeholders.”**

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**Our project /** To achieve an optimised method of managing “artisanal” (non corporate) urban transport and to adapt governance to meet the needs of responsible urban mobility.

## Our proposed solutions

1. Create a **platform for smart data management of artisanal transport**, with a multi-disciplinary team and a geographical information system.
2. **Open a control centre** to observe artisanal transports flows and to regulate them with the use of traffic lights.
3. Develop an **information network shared between a range of partners**: the police, the road transport directorate, insurance companies and the Nigerien technical inspection company.
4. Create a **system of e-collection** of urban transport charges.
5. **Raise awareness of sustainable urban mobility among transport operators and residents**, then quantify the demand for mobility to plan for future transport routes operating at high service levels.



## Niamey in figures

Population:  
**1.8 million inhabitants**

Number of registered vehicles: **141,786**

Number of taxis: **7,500**

Number of road accidents per year: **8,010**  
**(of which 122 are fatal)**

Kilometres of fibre optic installed: **5,000**

## Niamey confronting urban traffic congestion and inadequate management of the sector




The municipality's current management of urban mobility features rudimentary management methods for ensuring the monetary integrity of the fleet, payment collection, fleet management and ticket security.

In the context of decentralisation, management of urban mobility needs to be done at the city level, not only the State level.

### The challenges to overcome

- The city is facing traffic congestion, struggling with growing traffic flows and a high population density. It is very difficult to move around the city during rush hours.
- There is an urgent need to preserve the attractiveness and quality of life of the city through convenient transportation.
- Urban mobility must be sustainable and fit the population's social need to move around.
- The municipal services lack data on the vehicle fleet, suffer from ineffective tax collection methods and have trouble tracking the real activity of transport stakeholders.
- Commuting between outlying areas which are particularly inaccessible during the rainy season, and the city centre where the business facilities and services are concentrated, aggravates traffic congestion at certain times.

### Our goals

-  Set up an urban mobility observatory with its own modern data processing centre to assist local authorities with decision-making.
-  Based on data analysis, improve road safety, transport service quality and tax collection for all users.
-  Benefit from this improvement to reconsider sustainable mobility, plan future transport routes with high service levels, and make it easier for the police to intervene on major roads.

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