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UNICEF TO TACKLING CHILD MALNUTRITION TOGETHER WITH NIGER AND EU

FOUR OUT OF TEN CHILDREN ARE STUNTED

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USPA NEWS - Together with the government of Niger and the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department (ECHO), UNICEF is fighting child malnutrition. Malnutrition is a major threat to children's health and development in Niger. More than 4 out of 10 children under 5 are stunted, robbing them of their full potential. Global acute malnutrition is consistently above the 10 per cent "alert level" even during times and in places where no nutrition-related emergencies have been declared. Micronutrient deficiencies are rampant, and more than 70 percent of children under 5 are anemic. Despite recent efforts, severe acute malnutrition rates and burden remain extremely high. On average annually, 400,000 children under the age of five are admitted to nutritional programmes in Niger.

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