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Message from the Chairman

Dear friends, donors and partners,

2025–2026 was the year the GMLB Foundation began to put down permanent roots in Niger. We started building our Niger headquarters, an estimated £130,000 project that is well under way and due for completion in summer 2027. For the first time, we also have a paid representative on the ground, managing the Foundation's administration in Niger.

Our direct support to people continued and broadened. We funded five orphaned students with strong academic records, helped single mothers launch small businesses, gave monthly support to elderly people with no other safety net, and paid emergency medical bills for 37 elderly people in critical health.

Our parents, Germain Hounon, Marie Louise Radji and Beatrice Radji, spent their lives helping those around them. This Foundation exists so that their work continues. Next year we want to go further: finish the headquarters, send more outstanding students to university, and open IT and AI labs that give young people in Niamey, especially girls, the digital skills that today's economy demands.

Thank you for standing with us.

Raymond Hounon
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Executive Summary

In 2025–2026 the GMLB Foundation shifted from project-by-project giving to building a permanent presence in Niger, while expanding direct support to orphans, single mothers and the elderly.

£130K	5	37	1st
Niger HQ budget, completion summer 2027	orphaned students on scholarships	elderly people helped with emergency medical bills	paid representative appointed in Niger

Area	2025–2026 result
Niger headquarters	Construction under way; estimated budget £130,000; completion expected summer 2027
Scholarships	5 orphaned, academically successful students funded
Single-mother households	Start-up funding for small local businesses
Elderly people	Monthly financial assistance for those without state or family support
Emergency medical support	Medical bills paid for 37 elderly people in critical health
Local capacity	First Niger representative appointed, at a fixed fee of 50,000 FCFA per month

For 2026–2027 the Foundation will complete the headquarters, fund more outstanding students through university, recruit additional staff, and pilot IT and AI labs in three schools in Niamey (about $20,000 per school, $60,000 in total).

Who We Are

The GMLB Foundation improves the living conditions of vulnerable women, children, elderly people, widows and orphans in West Africa, and in the Republic of Niger in particular.

It was created on 20 April 2020 in memory of our parents, to give their humanitarian work a formal framework that their children carry forward.

> **OUR VISION**
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> *A world where everyone can reach their full potential, and where every rural community in Niger has access to quality education, clean water and the resources it needs to thrive.*

Strategic priorities

1. **Support to rural communities and families —** financial support for income-generating activities, emergency assistance, financial literacy and stronger agricultural value chains.
2. **Education —** equitable access to quality education, scholarships for deserving students and, from 2026–2027, digital and AI skills for young people.
3. **Clean water —** water wells that cut the daily burden of water collection for women and children and reduce waterborne disease.
4. **Health and protection —** access to low-cost healthcare, emergency medical support for the destitute elderly, and awareness campaigns against child marriage.

Core values

Empowerment	Helping individuals, especially single mothers, take control of their financial futures.
Sustainability	Long-term solutions that build self-reliance and resilience.
Collaboration	Working with local communities, leaders, organisations and authorities.
Transparency	High standards of accountability in all our operations.
Impact	Measurable, positive change in the lives of rural Nigeriens.

Historical Overview: Building on Our Track Record

Before 2025–2026, the Foundation raised £23,565.76 in donations and directed £19,802.72 of it into funded projects in Niger, mainly in the Zinder region.

Area	What we delivered
Education	3 scholarships for students in higher education; a derelict classroom in Zinder renovated with a new roof and benches, where children had sat on the floor in heat above 45°C
Volunteering	The first trip by UK Year 11 students to Niger, teaching English at a girls-only school
Clean water	2 water wells built with rural leaders in the Zinder region, sparing women and children journeys of over 10 miles a day to fetch water
Healthcare	Funding towards a local children's clinic offering low-cost care to low-income families, single mothers and orphans; free health screening with partner clinics
Child protection	Awareness campaigns against child marriage in schools and rural communities, financed with ONG Berandi, a women-led organisation in Niamey, working with religious leaders
Livelihoods	Food donations to rural families, and start-up support for single mothers



Drilling a community water well with village leaders in the Zinder region

IMPACT STORY: HASSANA

Hassana, a mother of four with no formal education and no job, received training and funding to buy a refrigerator. Selling cold water and ice now lets her feed her children without begging.



Food donations distributed to widows and their families

These foundations — trusted local partners, relationships with rural leaders and a lean cost base — made the larger commitments of 2025–2026 possible.

Achievements in 2025–2026

This year the Foundation began building its permanent home in Niger and reached more students, families and elderly people than ever before.

1. Building the GMLB Niger headquarters

Our main effort this year was the construction of a permanent headquarters in Niger, with an estimated budget of £130,000. Building is well under way and completion is expected in summer 2027.

The headquarters fulfils the goal set in our previous report to establish a regional centre in Niger. It will give the Foundation:

- a base for coordinating programmes and meeting beneficiaries and partners;
- office space for local staff;
- a hub from which to run training, financial literacy sessions and, in future, digital skills activities.

"The Niger HQ in pictures", on the following pages, traces the building from design to its current stage.

2. Scholarships for orphaned students

We funded scholarships for **5 orphaned students** with strong academic records, up from 3 scholarships previously. For these young people, education is the surest route to a stable future. Each scholarship removes the financial barrier that would otherwise force them to leave their studies.

3. Start-up funding for single-mother households

We gave low-income families, mainly single-mother households, funding to start a small business in their own area. The aim is lasting independence: income that pays for their children's food, schooling and care, rather than one-off relief.

4. Monthly support for the elderly

We provided monthly financial assistance to elderly people who receive no government support and have no family to rely on. This allowance covers bare essentials such as food and basic needs.

5. Emergency medical support for destitute elderly people

When destitute elderly people face a medical emergency, the cost of treatment can decide whether they survive. This year we paid the medical bills of **37 elderly people in critical health**, helping to save lives that would otherwise have gone without care.

The Niger HQ in pictures: from design to construction

In a single year the headquarters has gone from architect's drawings to a multi-storey structure. The photos below follow it stage by stage.

Design	Foundations & ground floor	Upper floors	Roof & finishing	Opening
Completed	Completed	In progress	To come	Summer 2027

STAGE 1 · DESIGN

A modern, welcoming home for the Foundation

The architect's 3D renderings set out the vision: a contemporary multi-storey building with a cantilevered upper volume, shaded balconies, a roof terrace under a timber pergola, and a landscaped boundary wall with a gated entrance. It is designed to give the Foundation a professional, lasting presence in Niger.



Architect's rendering: front elevation and roof-terrace pergola



Architect's rendering: street view with gated entrance and planting

STAGE 2 · FIRST CONSTRUCTION STAGES

Foundations and ground-floor walls

Work on site began with the foundations and ground-floor structure. Local masons raised the concrete blockwork walls, with steel reinforcement cages set in place for the columns that will carry the upper floors. The project also provides work for local builders and craftsmen.



Ground-floor blockwork rising, with column reinforcement in place



Local builders at work on the ground-floor structure

STAGE 3 · CURRENT STATUS IN PROGRESS

The structure rises above ground floor



Current status: upper floors under construction

The building now stands well above ground level. The ground floor and first-floor slab are complete. The most recent upper slab is still supported by timber props while the concrete cures, and blockwork for the top level has begun.

Remaining work includes completing the structure and roof, then the finishing works: rendering, electrics, plumbing, windows and doors.

ESTIMATED BUDGET

£130,000

EXPECTED COMPLETION

Summer 2027

HELP US COMPLETE THE HQ

The structure is rising, and the roof and finishing works are still to come. Every donation towards the remaining work brings the opening of the GMLB Niger headquarters closer.

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Governance and Operations

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees in the United Kingdom, with programme coordination in Niger.

Name	Role
Raymond Hounon	Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Adele Claire Thomas	Board Member
Magali Moumouni	Board Member and Coordinator of Niger projects
Niger representative	Handles all administrative matters of the Foundation in Niger

First local appointment. This year we appointed our first representative in Niger, on a fixed fee of 50,000 FCFA per month (600,000 FCFA a year, roughly £790 at current exchange rates). The role covers all local administration, which frees trustees to focus on fundraising and oversight and strengthens follow-up with beneficiaries.

Keeping costs low. Apart from the Niger representative, the Foundation has no paid staff.

Financial Overview 2025–2026

The Foundation received £27,496.43 in donations in 2025–2026, more than the £23,565.76 raised in all previous years combined.

Direct support to students, single mothers and elderly people, including emergency medical bills, totalled about £7,959. A further £8,950 went to building the Niger headquarters, out of an estimated total budget of £130,000.

Programme spending. Direct support and headquarters construction together came to about £16,909, roughly 56% of total expenditure. The Chairman personally contributed about £2,564 to the HQ construction to cover the gap between donations and spending, so the year balances.

INCOME

Item	2025–2026 (£)	Notes
Donation income	27,496.43	Donors, sponsors and grants
Chairman's contribution to HQ construction	≈ 2,564.12	Covers the funding gap
Total income	≈ 30,060.55	

EXPENDITURE

Item	2025–2026 (£)	Notes
Single-mother business start-ups	2,232.06	Small-business grants
Scholarships (5 students)	1,899.87	Orphaned, high-achieving students
Monthly assistance to elderly people	1,264.48	Elderly with no other support
Emergency medical bills (37 elderly people)	≈ 2,563.00	Estimate
Niger headquarters construction	8,950.00	Of an estimated £130,000 budget
Niger representative fee	≈ 790	600,000 FCFA; sterling estimate
Administration and other costs	12,361.14	Excludes representative fee
Total expenditure	≈ 30,060.55	Equal to total income

Balance carried forward: £0.00.

Future Vision and Plans for 2026–2027

Next year the Foundation will finish its Niger headquarters and add a new programme in digital and AI skills, while growing its support for students.

Goal	Target	Timing
Complete the Niger headquarters	Building finished and operational	Summer 2027
University scholarships	More outstanding students funded to study at university	2026–2027 academic year
Strengthen the team in Niger	Hire additional staff alongside the current representative	As the headquarters opens
IT and AI labs pilot	Labs in 3 schools in Niamey, about $20,000 each ($60,000 in total, roughly £45,000)	By the end of 2027
Continue core programmes	Scholarships, single-mother businesses, elderly allowances and emergency medical support	Ongoing

IT and AI labs pilot in Niamey

Young people in Niger, and girls above all, have little access to the digital skills that today's jobs require. The pilot will equip IT labs in three schools in Niamey, the capital, and use them to teach computing and artificial intelligence skills.

3	$20K	$60K
pilot schools in Niamey	estimated cost per school	total pilot budget (≈ £45,000)

- **Who it serves:** students in the three Niamey schools, with a priority on young girls.
- **What students gain:** practical IT and AI skills, and the chance to earn AI and cloud certifications from companies such as Google, Microsoft, AWS and Alibaba Cloud International, improving their professional prospects in Niger and beyond.
- **Next steps:** select the three partner schools, secure funding and certification partnerships, then measure enrolment, girls' participation and certifications earned before scaling up.

Longer-term direction

The previous report's ambitions remain on our agenda: more water wells, financial literacy programmes, and a dedicated programme for widows and orphans affected by terrorism and climate-related disasters such as flooding. The new headquarters will be the base from which these programmes grow.

How You Can Help

Every contribution goes to work in Niger. You can support the Foundation by:

- **Donating** towards the completion of the Niger headquarters;
- **Sponsoring** a student's scholarship or university studies;
- **Funding or partnering** on an IT and AI lab in a Niamey school, including in-kind equipment or certification vouchers;
- **Volunteering** your time or skills, in the UK or in Niger.

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Donor Recognition

We are deeply grateful to everyone whose generosity made this year possible:

- **Individual donors —** thank you for your continued support.
- **Corporate sponsors —** your partnership is invaluable.
- **Foundations and grant-makers —** your investment in our mission is greatly appreciated.
- **Our partners in Niger —** community leaders, schools and partner organisations who make our work possible on the ground.

Thank you for your commitment to the GMLB Foundation. Together, we are building a brighter future.

Reviewers

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