

TABLE 2. Policy Approaches for Niger

Policy option	Rationale
Socioeconomic improvement	
Market solution ²³	Fertility rates are a reflection of couples' choice and no change in policy is needed.
Limited investment ²⁷	By focusing on improving overall health and socioeconomic status, fertility rates will decrease.
Fertility regulation	
Access to family planning ²⁸	Dedicated programming to improve access to contraception and safe abortion will decrease fertility rates and are one prerequisite for socioeconomic development in a high-fertility society.
Access to family planning plus raise the age of marriage ²⁸	In a polygamous society with a low age at marriage, policies to raise the age at marriage are needed to complement access to family planning.