

Viewing Guide: *Healthy Girls, Healthy Villages*

Directions: As you watch the slide show, take notes in the table below. After the slide show, answer the questions on the back.

Introduction to Niger, by Peace Corps Volunteer Vivian Nguyen:

Niger is a landlocked country bordered by Algeria and Libya to the north, Chad to the east, Nigeria and Benin to the south, and Burkina Faso and Mali to the west. Its land area is approximately three times the size of California, and its only body of water is the Niger River, which flows through the capital city of Niamey. Niger is a Sahelian country bordering the Sahara Desert. This means that the country is mostly desert and one-fifth savanna in the sliver of its southern area, where most of Niger’s people live. Due to its location and circumstance, Niger is one of the hottest and poorest countries in the world.



Source: CIA World Factbook – Niger

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ng.html>

What surprised you about the story or the pictures?	What information did you learn about Niger?	What questions do you have?

Questions:

1. What are some of the chores or jobs done by women and girls in Niger?
2. How are these chores done similarly or differently than they are in your community?
3. How do these tasks interfere with health and hygiene practices?
4. What are some reasons why many girls don't go to school?
5. What were some the activities that took place during Camp GLOW? Why do you think these particular activities were chosen? In what ways would these activities help girls be successful?