



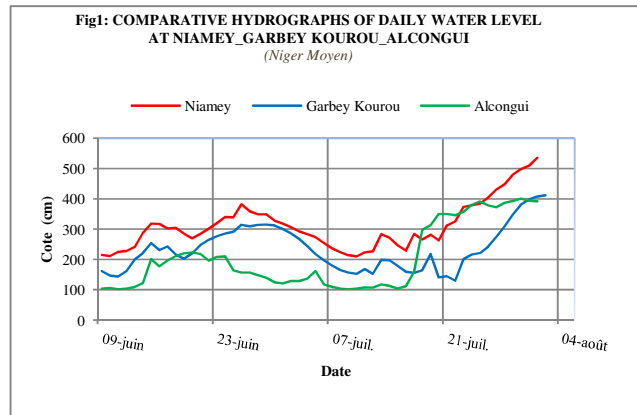
STATUS OF LOCAL FLOOD IN MIDDLE NIGER AS AT 2 AUGUST 2016

The local flood in Middle Niger began in June 2016. Since then, there has been heavy rainfall in the Middle Niger, especially in the Sirba and Gorououl sub-basins on the right bank.

In a week, from 25 July to 1 August 2016, a rise of 1.90 m was recorded in the Sirba station in Garbé Kourou.

In two weeks, from 16 to 30 July 2016, a rise of 2.90 m was recorded at the Gorououl station in Alcongui with a daily maximum water level of 406 cm on 30 July 2016. This maximum of 406 cm had never been recorded since the establishment of the station in 1957.

The rising waters continue to the Garbé Kourou station on the Sirba while a relative decrease began at the Alcongui station on Gorououl.



The rapid rise of the water level at the Niamey station since 31 July 2016 is the consequence of the rapid rise of the waters of the two tributaries of the right bank: the Sirba in Garbé Kourou and Gorououl in Alcongui. Till date, the situation of flows from the upper basin remains normal on the Niger River.

This rising waters recorded in Niamey will spread downstream to Malanville in Benin and the Jidere Bode station to empty itself into the Kainji Dam in Nigeria.

The yellow warning line of 530 cm is reached today, 2 August 2016 at the Niamey station. If the rising waters trend in the tributaries of the right bank continues, and if rainfall is recorded in the regions of Tillabéri and Niamey, flooding may arise.

At this stage of yellow alert, where the risk of flooding or rapidly rising waters are real, particular vigilance must be observed for seasonal activities and exposed areas.

Forecasts will be made according to the availability of data in the coming days.

