

MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MOROCCO

2014-2023

Morocco is a country of destination, transit and departure and the migratory flows are internal, cross-border and cross-regional. An estimated 5 million Moroccans¹ live abroad, creating a significant opportunity for the country to engage with the diaspora and leverage the skills and competencies of returning migrants to facilitate national development and prosperity.

As part of the **M4SD Programme**, IOM and UNDP have been committed to support the Moroccan government to enhance migration governance mechanisms at the national and local levels, in particular in

the regions of Oriental, Souss-Massa and Tangier-Tétouan-AI Hoceïma. Morocco has established regional coordination mechanisms and integrated migration into national and regional development and health strategies which has led to concrete actions in 11 priority areas. To put these policies into practice, M4SD has had a direct impact on improving the well-being of migrants, their families, and communities in two regions through employment and small business support in Tanger-Tétouan-AI Hoceïma and strengthened psychosocial health services especially for women survivors of violence in Oriental.

¹ Oxford Business Group, 2023

POLICY COHERENCE

National

National Immigration and Asylum Strategy (SNIA) (2013)

Technical support provided to monitor and localise this strategy

New Model for Development (2022-2035)

Technical support provided to improve the lives of people in vulnerable situations, including migrants

National Strategic Plan for Health and Migration (2021-2025)

Technical support provided to localise this plan and 17 ministries, and 11 institutions trained on collection, analysis, and dissemination of migration data

SDGs impacted

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
Indicator 10.7.2
Countries with migration policies to facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
Target 17.14
Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development

Local

Oriental, Souss-Massa, Tanger-Tétouan-AI Hoceïma

Technical support provided to mainstream migration into regional and local policies and programmes and to establish coordination mechanisms at local level. This support focused on Regional Development Plan (PDR), Migration and Development Action Plan as well as Regional Strategic Migration and Development Roadmap

Oriental

Regional Action Plan on Health and Migration 2022

COORDINATION MECHANISMS

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
Target 16.7
Ensure responsive, inclusive and representative decision-making

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
Target 17.H
Encourage effective partnerships

SDGs impacted



PUTTING POLICIES INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WELLBEING

National

SDGs impacted



2 videos and **1 workshop** promoted diversity and migrants' labour market inclusion

2 workshops organised to a) develop a national capacity-building plan for 2023-2024 with IOM implementing partners and b) to work towards an inclusive strategy for professional integration

7 trainings with **392 representatives** organised on the international and national legal framework on migration; on migration governance; on migration data management; on the identification and protection of children and young people, refugees, and migrants; on the referral of women and children's victims of violence; and on the employability of migrants

2 international symposiums with **+120 participants** organised to strengthen collaboration with universities

Local

Oriental – Oujda and Berkane cities

2 counselling units established to provide psychosocial services and to help migrants and survivors of violence access local services

Referral tool developed based on two workshops to support migrants to access health services and strengthen local coordination

663 people (incl. women, men, children, migrants and Moroccans) accessed psycho-social services"

Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceïma

Business Incubation Desk (HUB) in local CSO enhanced for career counselling services

3 Employment and Social Entrepreneurship Fairs connect local communities and migrants to business opportunities

Private sector mapping and follow-up study

4 workshops organised to build capacities of 8 companies on hiring young migrants

1,855 entrepreneurs received career counselling

599 businesses received start-up support

28 beneficiaries opened businesses

20 internships

66 job interviews

530 people registered as "self-entrepreneurs"

50+ participants to the workshops



Target 3.8

Achieve universal health coverage



Target 5.2

End all violence against and exploitation of women and girls



Target 8.3

Promote policies to support job creation and growing enterprises

SDGs impacted



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

MAKING A REAL AND MEASURABLE IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES OF MOROCCO

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