Morocco is a country of destination, transit and departure and the migratory flows are internal, cross-border and cross-regional. An estimated 5 million Moroccans\(^1\) 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, Sous-Massa and Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima. 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 Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima and strengthened psychosocial health services especially for women survivors of violence in Oriental.

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\(^1\) Oxford Business Group, 2023
PUTTING POLICIES INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WELLBEING

**SDGs impacted**
- SDG 3: Target 3.8 - Achieve universal health coverage
- SDG 5: Target 5.2 - End all violence against women and girls
- SDG 8: Target 8.3 - Promote policies to support job creation and growing enterprises

**National**

- **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

**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 Hoceima**

- **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

**Local**

- **7 trainings with 392 representatives**
- **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

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**MAKING A REAL AND MEASURABLE IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES OF MOROCCO**

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