

EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (EDP)

Access to drinking water and sanitation in the 2 Hodhs region of Mauritania (G5-2H) Project


DONOR(S)

French Development Agency (AFD)


PARTNER COUNTRY

Mauritania


CODE

CMR1209


AMOUNT

12 000 000 €


DURATION

March 2019 – December 2024


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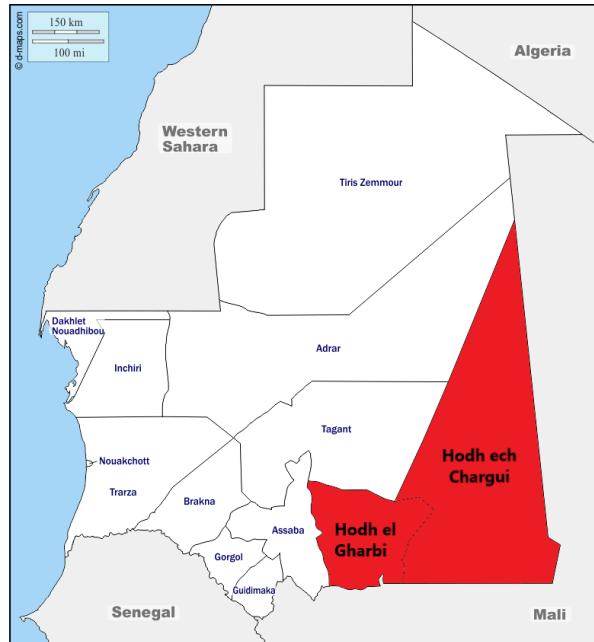
Implementation


IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY

Ministry of Water and Sanitation


EDP PILLAR

Pillar 1: Access to water and sanitation



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The G5-2H project constitutes a continuation of the AFD's and European Union's project "Drinking Water and Sanitation in 5 Wilayas in Mauritania" which was financed with a total amount of EUR 14.6 million (EUR 10.6 million financed by AFD and EUR 4 million delegated to AFD by the EU) and was completed in early 2020. This 5 Wilayas project provided more than 55 000 people in the region of Hodh el Gharbi and Hodh ech Chargui with access to drinking water.

To further pursue these efforts and in the margins of the Sahel Alliance's response to the G5 Sahel's **Emergency Development Programme (EDP)**, the AFD mobilised a total of EUR 11.85 million for the G5-2H project. This project uses the same operating modes as the 5 Wilayas project, relying on the same implementing agencies and targeting the same intervention area: the 2 Hodhs region. A contribution from the Mauritanian government brings the total project budget to EUR 13.05 million.

OBJECTIVES

The project aims to improve the living conditions of the population of the 2 Hodhs by significantly contributing to expanding their access to drinking water and basic sanitation services, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Poverty rates in these 2 chronically food-insecure regions are between 20% and 40%, making their population particularly vulnerable to shocks. The project's objective of providing a secure source of water contributes to increasing the population's resilience. In addition, the project aims to strengthen the role of the State in the region by consolidating its function as a public basic service provider. It furthermore facilitates the emergence of sustainable service sectors (water agencies, latrine maintenance) and construction.

TARGET RESULTS

1. Providing access to drinking water in 74 localities with more than 500 inhabitants (42 in Hodh ech Chargui and 32 in Hodh el Gharbi), benefitting 60,000 people.
2. Putting an end to open defecation in 400 localities by building 157 public latrine blocks in schools and health centres and by employing the Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach for sensitisation campaigns, benefitting 170,000 people.
3. Strengthening the institutional framework for semi-urban and rural water supply by supporting public service delegation (PSD) for drinking water supply services, and by strengthening the sector's capacities in general.

PROJECT PROGRESS

The project was launched on 30 October 2019 in Néma (Hodh ech Chargui) in the presence of the French Ambassador, the Minister of Water and Sanitation and the Executive Secretariat of the G5 Sahel. The ceremony was an opportunity to showcase the quick launch of an emergency development project and the rapid achievement of its first results with the support of the Sahel Alliance and in coordination with the G5 Executive Secretariat and the Ministry.

Between June and October 2020, the project's emergency component made it possible to rehabilitate 14 drinking water access systems for the benefit of 10,000 people (new pumping systems, network and connection repairs, water tower installation). The next stage involves validating the intervention sites for the main drinking water and wastewater components, with initial activities starting at the end of 2020.



By November 2020, a total of **EUR 1.3 million** was disbursed (disbursement rate of 10,8%).

What is the Emergency Development Programme?

In 2018, the Heads of State of the G5 Sahel asked the Executive Secretariat of the G5 Sahel (SEG5 Sahel) to launch quick-impact emergency projects. Consequently, the Emergency Development Programme (EDP) came into life in order to stabilise fragile border areas identified by the G5.

In response to the G5 Sahel's request to finance the PDU, the Sahel Alliance's members collectively mobilised EUR 266 million dedicated to 21 projects and programmes in total. These projects meet the following 3 criteria:

- I. The project is located in sensitive cross-border areas as identified by the G5
- II. The project responds to specific thematic or sectoral issues
- III. Actual achievements are visible by the end of 2018 / beginning of 2019