

## **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

### **PHASE**

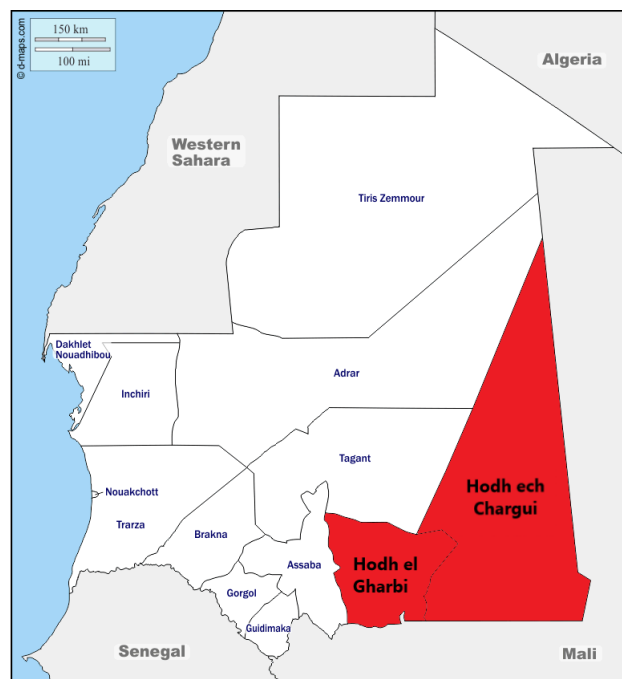
Implementation

### **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 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 areas: 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). The project's objective of providing a secure source of water contributes to increasing the predominantly poor 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.

## RESULTS ACHIEVED BY 30 JUNE 2021

- Between June and November 2020, **14** localities benefited from a rehabilitation of their drinking water supply system for the benefit of **10 500** beneficiaries, thanks to the emergency component of the project implemented by the Mauritanian Ministry of Hydraulics and Sanitation;
- Completion of latrines in schools and health centres in **9** locations;
- Launch of hygiene awareness activities (training of committees, masons, action plan) in **106** locations.

Disbursement rate in  
September 2021:

**22,44 %** (equal to  
EUR 2.7 million)

## OBJECTIVES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

- Completion of **25** pumping tests and studies for the installation of new boreholes with the aim of creating new drinking water infrastructures;
- Completion of latrines in schools and health centres in **20** locations;
- Launch and monitoring of hygiene awareness activities (training of committees, masons, action plan) in **200** locations.

## OBJECTIVES FOR DECEMBER 2021

- Launch of rehabilitation work on drinking water supplies for **28** localities, benefitting **23 000** inhabitants (completion anticipated for Q3 2022);
- Completion of latrines in schools and health centres in **40** locations;
- Eradication of open defecation and introduction of hygiene measures in **100** localities.

### 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 22 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