

EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (EDP)

Mauritania Social Safety Net System Project II

DONOR(S)

The World Bank
Germany

PARTNER COUNTRY

Mauritania

CODE

P171125

AMOUNT

USD 52.000.000

DURATION

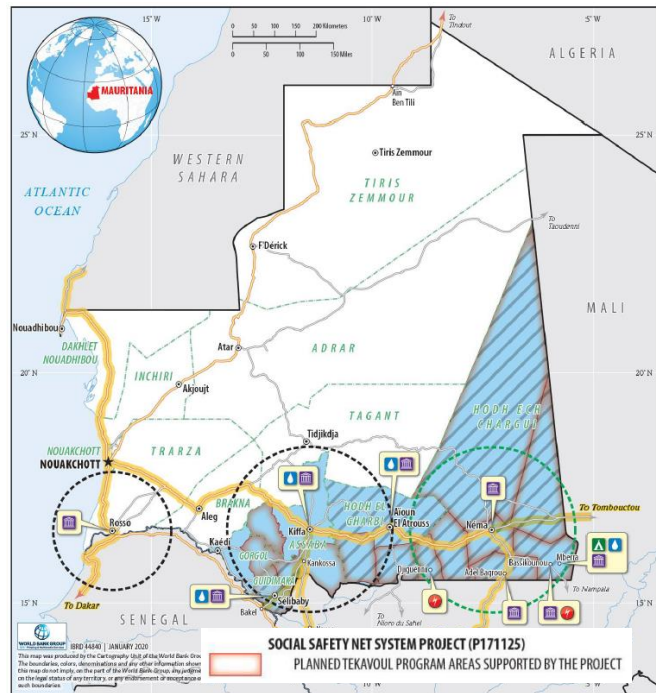
June 2020 – September 2025

PHASE

Implementation

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Délégation Générale TAAZOUR
Food Security Commission



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This World Bank project aims to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Mauritania's national adaptive social safety net system and its coverage of poor and vulnerable households through targeted social transfers, particularly in refugee and host communities. The project is financed through a USD 45 million grant from the World Bank and a USD 7 million grant from the Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Trust Fund (SASPP), co-financed by the German government. The Mauritanian government is providing a contribution of USD 20 million.

The project is part of the G5 Sahel's [Emergency Development Programme \(EDP\)](#) which is funded by the members of the Sahel Alliance and is one of the flagship programmes of the Alliance.

This project came into effect on 9 June 2020 and constitutes the continuation of the first phase of the project which ended on 31 October 2020. This second phase is considered a vertical and horizontal extension of the Social Transfer Programme *TEKAVOUL*. It furthermore focuses on the inclusion of poor and vulnerable households in refugee and host communities in the Hodh ech Chargui region into existing social protection systems, including the Social Register, the *TEKAVOUL* programme as well as the shock-responsive social safety net programme *ELMAOUNA*.

COVID-19 Response: In total, **210 000** poor households in **8 119** localities throughout Mauritania have benefited from the cash transfer intervention which was jointly financed by World Bank, the BMZ, the AFD and the Mauritanian Government, using the social protection tools supported by this project.

RESULTS

Component 1: Extend and update the Social Register (national coverage)

In September 2021, a total of **166 312** poor households have been registered in the Social Register. The extension of the Register to Nouadhibou and Nouakchott (in order to reach a national coverage of 200 000 households) is underway: the enrolment operation in Nouadhibou has been finalised; the operation in Nouakchott is currently being prepared.

Extension of the Registry to the refugee population: An identification mission of vulnerable and poor refugee households has been conducted May 2021 in close coordination with the UNHCR, the WFP and the World Bank, in order to enrol the most vulnerable households in the Social Registry to allow them to benefit from the Government's and partners' social safety programmes.

Component 2: Strengthen and expand the *TEKAVOUL* programme

The *TEKAVOUL* programme is currently covering **73 024** households (of which **25 866** are covered by Government funds) with a projected national coverage of 100 000 households by the end of December 2021.

Component 3: Strengthening the shock response system

Additional USD 13 million from the Adaptive Social Protection in the Sahel Trust Fund, thanks to a contribution from the German Cooperation (BMZ), was approved in February 2021, which made it possible to support **36 000** vulnerable households during the 2021 lean season through *ELMAOUNA* and the *TEKAVOUL* shock-response pilot:

In August 2021, the *TEKAVOUL* shock pilot (a temporary increase of the regular *TEKAVOUL* cash transfer amount) assisted **9 400** vulnerable households in 4 Moughataas and the *ELMAOUNA* programme assisted **26 331** households in 17 Moughataas with a double payment.

IDA (World Bank) disbursement rate in September 2021: **18.08%**

SASPP Trust Fund disbursement rate in September 2021: **66%**

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