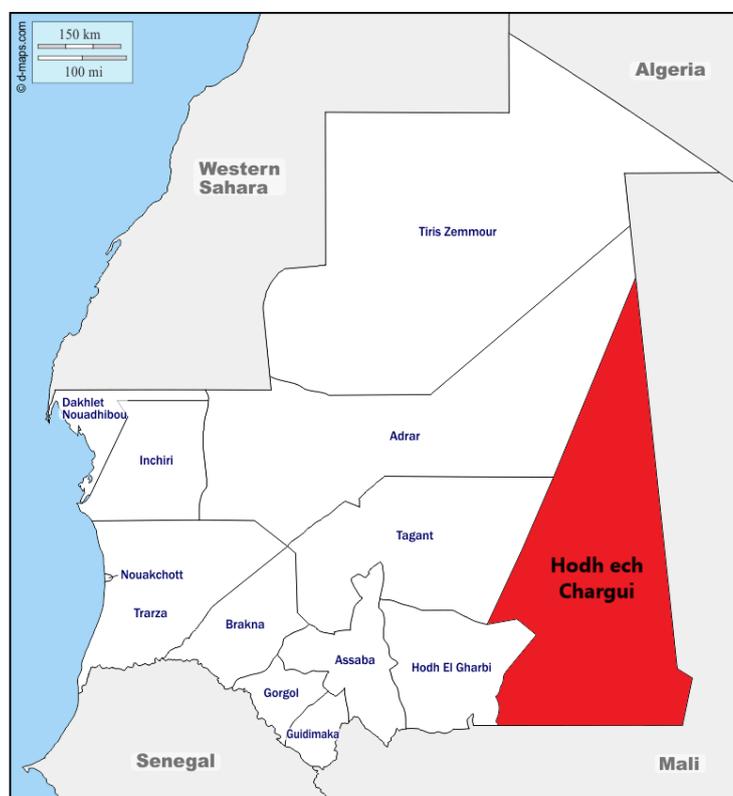


## **EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (EDP)**

### **Mauritania Health System Support Project**

       	<p><b>DONOR(S)</b> The World Bank</p> <p><b>PARTNER COUNTRY</b> Mauritania</p> <p><b>CODE</b> P170585 (Parent project: P156165)</p> <p><b>AMOUNT</b> USD 23 Million</p> <p><b>DURATION</b> July 2020 – April 2023 (Parent project: 2017 - 2021)</p> <p><b>PHASE</b> Implementation</p> <p><b>IMPLEMENTING AGENCY</b> Ministry of Health</p> <p><b>EDP PILLAR</b> Pillar III : Strengthening the local socio-economic tissue</p>
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### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project constitutes a top-up of USD 23 million by the World Bank to its current "Health System Support" project (INAYA) which kicked off in 2017 with an initial project budget of USD 17 million. The additional resources of the second phase, which came into effect on 10 July 2020, aim to extend the geographical scope of the intervention to the Hodh ech Chargui and aim to improve the provision of basic social services and infrastructure for refugees and host communities in the targeted areas. Moreover, the second phase also contributes to strengthening the institutional capacity of the Mauritanian social services.

The new funding targets refugees in the M'béra camp as beneficiaries. To this end, close coordination is maintained with the UNHCR. Since January 2020, UNHCR support to health services in the camp has been gradually reduced with the Mauritanian government gradually taking over the responsibility of health service provision in the M'béra camp and in Bassikounou. Another project component is dedicated to capacity-building in order to strengthen the government's ability to provide health services to the host and refugee populations.

The project is part of the G5 Sahel's **Emergency Development Programme (PDU)** which is financed by the members of the Sahel Alliance. The project is in line with the priorities of the Sahel Alliance and the G5 states and supports the roll-out of Pillar 3 of the PDU: *Supporting communities and institutions in the prevention of conflicts and strengthening the local socio-economic fabric.*

## INTERVENTION LOGIC

This new project aims at the geographical extension of the INAYA parent project to the wilaya of Hodh ech Chargui with specific support to meet the health needs of refugees and to strengthen the health facilities of the M'bera camp where the majority of the refugee population lives. The objective of improving health services and strengthening the state's institutional capacity in this area is being achieved through the National Strategy for Results-Based Financing in the Health Sector (2015), designed by the Mauritanian government and piloted in the INAYA parent project. The lessons learned during the piloting of the Results-Based Financing (RBF) approach in the INAYA project will be used to scale up the RBF in the next National Health Development Plan (NHDP) and to learn how to implement the government's refugee strategy in the health sector.

Particular attention will be paid to improving the use and quality of reproductive, maternal, new-born and child health (RMNCH) services. The new phase also provides social assistance through conditional cash transfers to poor households to promote vaccination, birth registration and the use of nutrition services through the national social safety net programme.

## PROJECT PROGRESS

In order to ensure a smooth and coordinated transition from the initial INAYA project to the second phase, a roadmap was developed with commitments from key actors involved in this process, specifically the UNHCR, the Ministry of Health, and the World Bank.

To date, the first project activities have been funded through the parent project.

### 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