

EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (EDP)

Mauritania Health System Support Project

DONOR(S)

The World Bank

PARTNER COUNTRY

Mauritania

CODE

P170585

(Parent project: P156165)

AMOUNT

USD 23 Million

DURATION

July 2020 – April 2023

(Parent project: 2017 - 2021)

PHASE

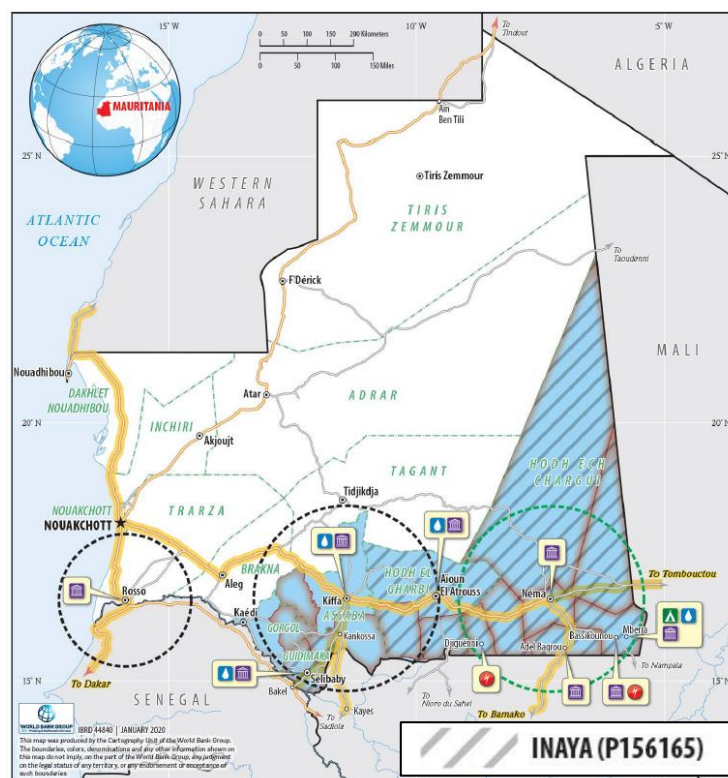
Implementation

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Ministry of Health

EDP PILLAR

Pillar III : Strengthening the local socio-economic tissue



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project, which is part of the G5 Sahel's **Emergency Development Programme (EDP)**, constitutes a top-up of USD 23 million to the World Bank's Mauritania Health Systems Support Project "INAYA". The INAYA project, with an initial budget of USD 17 million, is being implemented in Mauritania since 2017. The additional funds, which came into effect in July 2020, aim to extend the INAYA project geographically to the wilaya of Hodh ech Chargui wilaya and aim to improve the provision of basic social services and infrastructure for refugees and host communities in the targeted areas. Moreover, they intend to strengthen the institutional capacity of the public social services in the wilaya, with a particular focus on improving use and quality of reproductive, maternal, new-born and child health (RMNCH) services.

This project is in line with the National Strategy for Results-Based Financing in the Health Sector (2015), designed by the Mauritanian government and piloted in the parent project INAYA. The lessons learned during the pilot roll-out of this approach in the INAYA project are taken into account in the extension project to Hodh ech Chargui.

This project targets, among others, refugees in the Mbera camp as beneficiaries. Since January 2020, UNHCR support to health services in the camp has been gradually reduced with the Mauritanian government increasingly taking over the responsibility of health service provision in the camp and in its surroundings in Bassikounou.

RESULTS

- 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, including UNHCR, the Ministry of Health, and the World Bank.
- Since September 2020, thanks to the present project, all health facilities in the wilaya of Hodh ech Chargui are covered by Result Based Funding (RBF) payments put in place by the parent project: These regular FBR grant payments allow the health facilities to finance the activities included in the annual action plan and business plan. An increase in the quality of services provided has been observed.
- The component "Support to increase the demand for health services" was launched by the start of the payment of RBF grants to community health workers.
- All health facilities in the M'béra refugee camp, which were previously managed by humanitarian NGOs, have been integrated into the national health system.
- The provision of care has been strengthened through the rehabilitation of a central medicine purchasing facility. In order to contribute to the reduction of maternal morbidity and mortality, the health structures offer an assisted delivery service thanks to the project.

Disbursement rate in
Septembre 2021 :

39.9 %

(16 million USD)

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