

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

### **Decentralisation and Productive Intermediate Cities Support Project (MOUDOUN)**

**DONOR(S)**

The World Bank

**PARTNER COUNTRY**

Mauritania

**CODE**

P169332

**AMOUNT**

USD 66 millions

**DURATION**

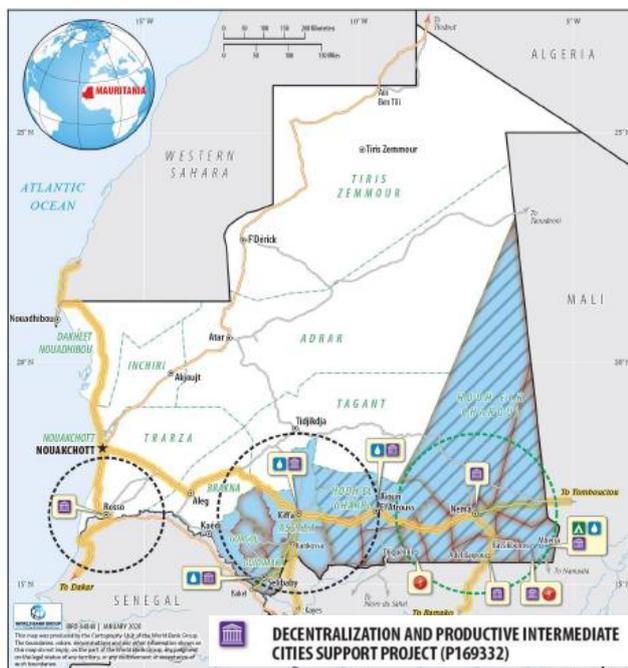
October 2020 – May 2025

**PHASE**

Implementation

**PARTNER MINISTRY**

Ministry of Economic Affairs and the  
Promotion of Productive Sectors



## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Decentralisation and Productive Intermediate Cities Support Project (“MOUDOUN”) is financed by the World Bank with a total amount of USD 66 million and a contribution from the Mauritanian government of USD 5 million. The development objectives of this operation are (i) to improve access to local services in selected localities; and (ii) to strengthen the capacities of local governments to plan and manage local public services.

The project is part of the **G5 Sahel Emergency Development Programme (PDU)** which is funded by the members of the Sahel Alliance and is in line with the priorities of the Sahel Alliance which were jointly developed with the G5 states. This joint effort aims at doubling access to electricity in the G5 countries by 2023, providing multi-sectoral infrastructure and services and strengthening decentralisation and local governance in order to consolidate stability in the Sahel region.

The "Urban and Rural Electrification" component (sub-component 1.2) will complement the efforts of the other members of the Sahel Alliance (the French Agency for Development and the European Union) to promote a private sector-led solution for rural electrification that guarantees beneficiary communities’ access to affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity.

The project focuses on the south and the east of Mauritania, particularly on the Hodhs region where poverty rates and the population’s vulnerability level are the highest. In Hodh ech Chargui specifically, the project seeks to create synergies with other World Bank projects that support refugees, particularly in the M'bera camp, as well as host communities in terms of access to basic services (health, social protection, water and sanitation).

The Decentralisation and Productive Intermediate Cities Support Project is structured around 4 components:

1. Improving access to infrastructure and services for economic development (\$55 million)
  - a. Sub-component 1.1: Resilient Urban Infrastructure and Services Supporting Economic Development in Selected Southern Intermediate Cities (\$36 million)
  - b. Sub-component 1.2: Urban and Rural Electrification (\$19 million)
2. Strengthening decentralisation and local government capacity (\$8 million)
  - a. Sub-component 2.1: Strengthening decentralisation systems (\$2.0 million)
  - b. Sub-component 2.2: Local Government Capacity Building (\$6.0 million)
3. Project Management (\$8 million)
4. Emergency Response Component which allows for a reallocation of funds in case of emergency (\$0.0 million)

## PROJECT PROGRESS

The project came into effect 5 October 2020. A project coordination unit (PCU) was set up within the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Promotion of Productive Sectors at the National Programme for Decentralisation, Local Development and Youth Employment (*Programme National Intégré pour la Décentralisation le Développement Local et l'Emploi des jeunes*, PNIDDLE). The PCU is responsible for coordinating and supervising all project implementation components as well as ensuring compliance with World Bank procedures.

Disbursement rate in  
Septembre 2021 :

**11 %**  
(7.3 millions USD)

Significant progress has been made in the implementation of Component 1 activities, namely the identification and validation of a first portfolio of 23 municipal investments by the project steering committee. In addition, significant progress has been made in planning the extension of the electricity network in Bassikounou and M'Bera, in line with the objectives of the last mission.

### 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