

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

### **Mauritania Sectoral Water and Sanitation Project (PSEA)**

**DONOR(S)**

The World Bank

**PARTNER COUNTRY**

Mauritania

**CODE**

P167328

**AMOUNT**

USD 44.000.000

**DURATION**

September 2020 – 2026

**PHASE**

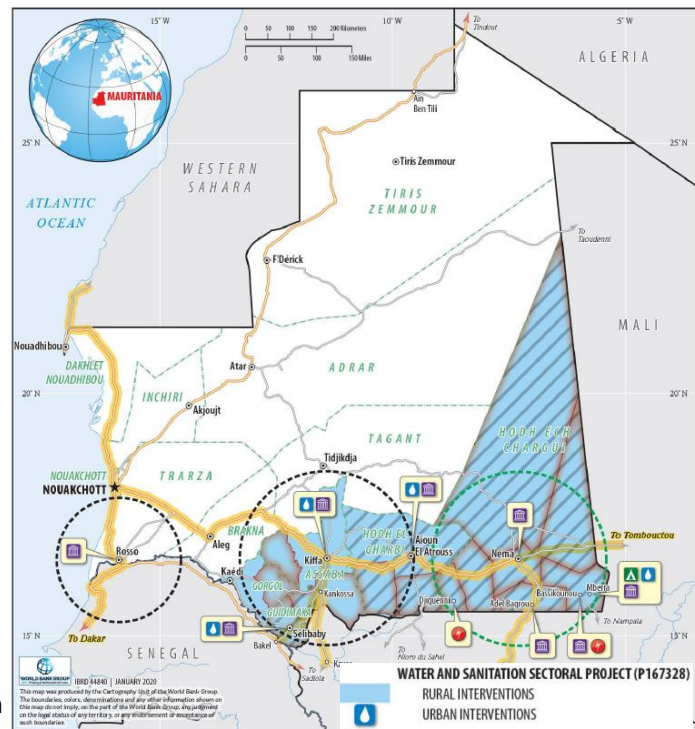
Implementation

**PARTNER MINISTRY**

Ministry of Water and Sanitation

**PILIER PDU**

Pillar 1: Access to water and sanitation



### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The World Bank's Sectoral Water and Sanitation Project in Mauritania aims to increase access to improved water supply and sanitation services in 5 wilayas of Mauritania: Gorgol, Assaba, Guidimakha, Hodh el Gharbi and Hodh ech Chargui. These mainly rural regions are among the most vulnerable areas of Mauritania. The project also aims to strengthen the operational and monitoring performance of water and sanitation sector institutions. The overall budget of the project amounts to USD 49 million, including the World Bank's contribution of USD 44 million and the Mauritanian government's own contribution of USD 5 million.

The project which came into force on 28 September 2020 is part of the G5 Sahel's **Emergency Development Programme (PDU)** and supports the operationalisation of Pillar I of the PDU: *Contributing to the improvement of the living conditions of the populations through better access to water and sanitation.*

### **PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

This project aims to construct and rehabilitate water supply networks, latrines and handwashing facilities in public centres in the implementation area. It complements these construction works with awareness-raising campaigns around water, sanitation and hygiene and will strengthen the capacity and performance of sector institutions. Approximately 473,000 people in rural areas, particularly in the M'bera refugee camp in Hodh el Chargui, are expected to benefit from this project.

Several World Bank projects kicked off in 2020 that operate in the same 5 wilayas and seek to build synergies, specifically at and around the M'bera camp to provide multi-sectoral support to refugees and the host population (health services, social safety nets, decentralisation).

## PROJECT COMPONENTS

The Sectoral Water and Sanitation Project is structured around 4 components:

- **Component 1:** Improving Access to Water and Sanitation in Gorgol, Guidimakha and Assaba (\$22.5 million)
- **Component 2:** Improving sustainable access to safe water and sanitation for refugees and host communities in Hodh Ech Chargui and Hodh El Gharbi (\$12.7 million)
- **Component 3:** Institutional Support, Capacity Building and Project Management (\$13.8 million)
- **Component 4:** Emergency Response Component (\$0 million but reallocation of funds possible)

## PROJECT PROGRESS

The project came into force on 28 September 2020. Since then, the project coordination unit has been set up and is fully operational. Counterpart funding of MRU 30 million has been allocated for the first year of the project.

Taux de décaissement  
en septembre 2021 :

**4.5 %** (soit 2 millions  
USD)

Progress has also been made in procuring a technical assistance company and a quality control company that will support the implementation of key project activities. In the meantime, the Coordination Unit and the sector institutions will carry out preparatory work on social and environmental safeguards, develop preliminary action plans for sector reforms and carry out field work for groundwater activities. It is expected that implementation progress will accelerate once the collaboration agreements are signed between the Ministry of Water and Sanitation (MHA) and the implementing agencies as well as when collaboration with the technical assistance company and a quality control company two companies mentioned above has been formalised.

### 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