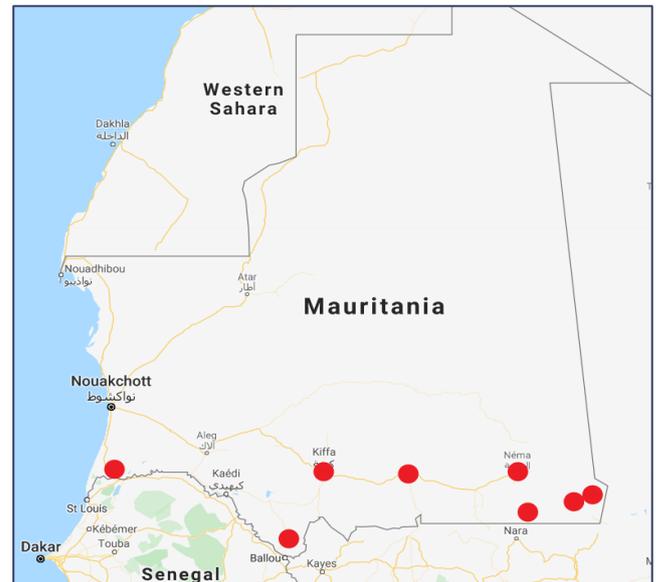


## EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (PDU)

### Decentralisation and Productive Intermediate Cities Support Project

	<b>DONOR(S)</b> The World Bank
	<b>COUNTRY</b> Mauritania
	<b>CODE</b> P169332
	<b>AMOUNT</b> USD 71 million
	<b>DATES</b> March 2020 – May 2025
	<b>PHASE</b> Start-up phase
	<b>IMPLEMENTING AGENCY</b> Ministry of Economy and Industry



## DESCRIPTION

The Decentralisation and Productive Intermediate Cities Support Project is financed by the World Bank with a grant of USD 66 million and a contribution of USD 5 million from the Mauritanian State. 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.

#### Sahel Alliance Sector



Decentralisation and Basic 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 other members of the Sahel Alliance are implementing projects and where poverty rates and vulnerability levels are the highest.

#### The project is structured around 4 components:

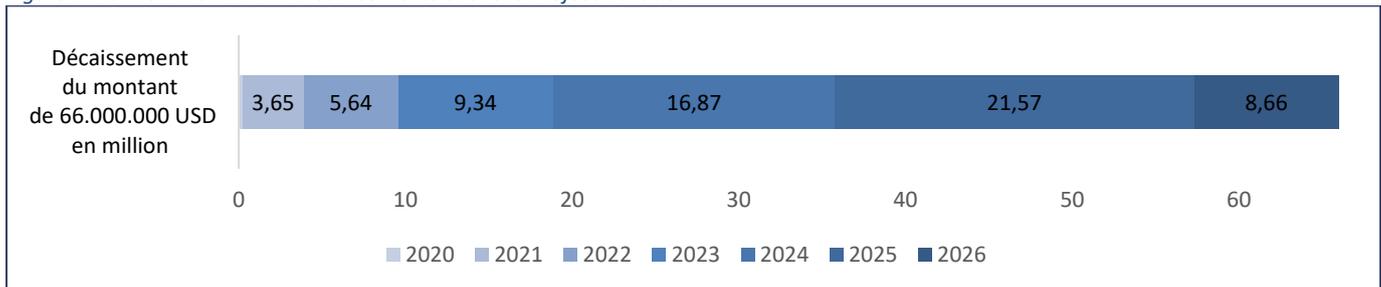
- **Component 1:** Improving access to infrastructure and services for economic development (\$55 million)
  - Sub-component 1.1: Resilient Urban Infrastructure and Services Supporting Economic Development in Selected Southern Intermediate Cities (\$36 million)
  - Sub-component 1.2: Urban and Rural Electrification (\$19 million)
- **Component 2:** Strengthening decentralisation and local government capacity (\$8 million)
  - Sub-component 2.1: Strengthening decentralisation systems (\$2.0 million)

- Sub-component 2.2: Local Government Capacity Building (\$6.0 million)
- **Component 3:** Project Management (\$8 million)
- **Component 4:** Emergency Response Component which allows for a reallocation of funds in case of emergency (\$0.0 million)

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The project is in its start-up phase. So far, there are no achievements to report.

Figure 1 Planned World Bank Disbursements over the Project Duration



### 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 (PDU) 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 226 million Euro 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