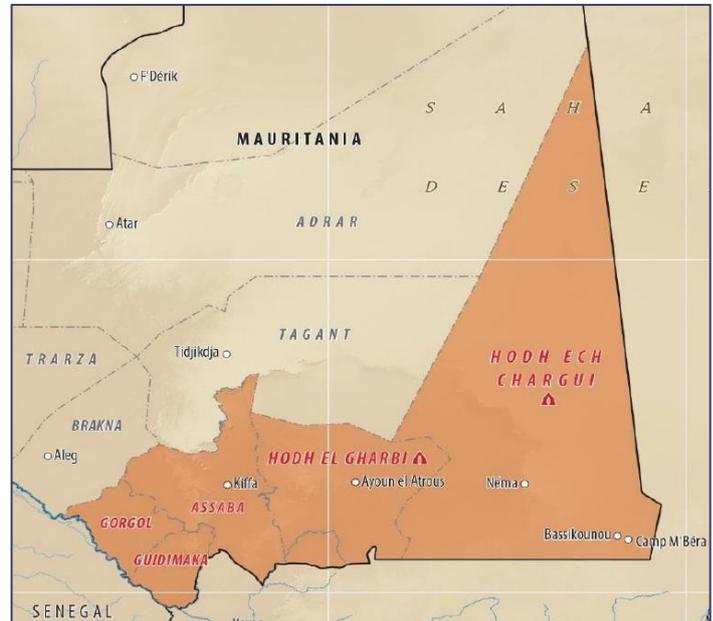


EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (PDU)

Social Safety Net System Project II

	DONOR(S) The World Bank The German government
	COUNTRY Mauritania
	CODE P171125
	AMOUNT 72.000.000 USD
	DATES March 2020 – September 2025
	PHASE Start-up phase
	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY General Delegation TAAZOUR Food Security Office



DESCRIPTION

This World Bank project aims to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the national adaptive social safety net system and its coverage of poor and vulnerable households through targeted social transfers, particularly in refugee and host communities.

The project is financed by a USD 45 million grant from the World Bank and a USD 7 million grant from the Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Programme (SASPP), co-financed by the German government. The Mauritanian government is providing a contribution of USD 20 million.

The project is part of the G5 Sahel's **Emergency Development Programme (PDU)** which is funded by the members of the Sahel Alliance and is one of the flagship programmes of the Alliance. The project is in line with the Sahel Alliance's spatial approach which aims at concentrating and complement its members' efforts¹ in the south of Mauritania where the poverty rate and the level of vulnerability are the highest, specifically in the "Triangle of Hope" (Gorgol, Assaba, Guidimakha) and in the Hodhs region.

The project is structured around 4 components:

- **Component 1:** will aim to improve the efficiency of the Government's social programmes by updating and enhancing the Social Registry and promoting its usage. This component will be implemented by the Taazour General Delegation, which oversees the Social Registry.
- **Component 2:** will focus on enhancing the socio-economic inclusion of poor households by strengthening and extending the Social Transfer Programme, *Tekavoul*, supporting an adequate re-certification and exit strategy for former *Tekavoul* beneficiaries and facilitating their inclusion in the Civil Registry. This component will also be implemented by the *Taazour* General Delegation.

¹ The European Union is supporting an agricultural and pastoral project in the region. From 2020 onwards, the AFD is also planning to support priority infrastructure investments (Declic II project). The AfDB will intervene in these two regions through a project to support the promotion of micro and small enterprises as well as youth employment (PAMPEJ).

- **Component 3:** will strengthen the shock-responsive system for households vulnerable to climate shocks by further developing the early warning system (EWS), the Elmaouna programme and the shock response financing strategy as well as providing a Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC). This component will be implemented by the Food Security Office (Commissariat à la Sécurité Alimentaire) and Taazour.
- **Component 4:** will support the coordination and management of the project and will be implemented by the Taazour General Delegation.

PROJECT PROGRESS

The project is in its start-up phase and builds on [previous World Bank efforts](#).

Figure 1 Planned disbursements of the World Bank's USD 45 million contribution



What is the Emergency Development Programme?

In 2018, the Heads of State of the G5 Sahel asked the Permanent Secretariat of the G5 Sahel (SPG5 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