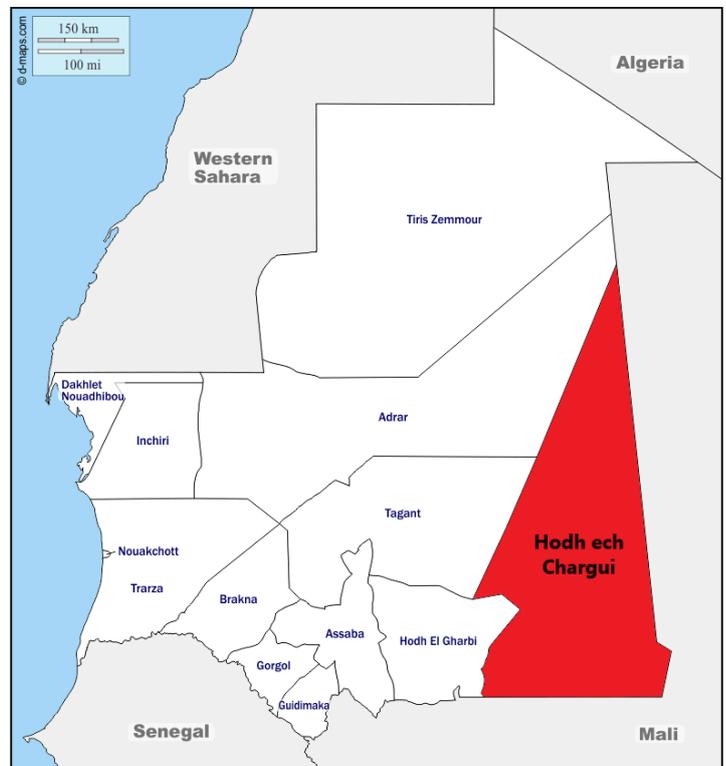


EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (PDU)

Mauritania Health System Support Project

	DONOR(S) The World Bank
	COUNTRY Mauritania
	CODE P170585 (Parent project: P156165)
	AMOUNT USD 23 million (Parent project: USD 17 million)
	DATES March 2020 – April 2023 (Parent project: 2017- 2021)
	PHASE Implementation
	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY Ministry of Health
	PDU PILLAR Pillar III : Strengthening the local socio-economic fabric



DESCRIPTION

This project constitutes a top-up of USD 23 million by the World Bank to its current "Health System Support" project (INAYA) which kicked off in 2017 with an initial project budget of USD 17 million. The additional resources aim to improve the provision of basic social services and infrastructure for refugees and host communities in the targeted areas, and to strengthen the institutional capacity of Mauritanian social services. Particular attention will be paid to improving the use and quality of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) services.

The project is part of the G5 Sahel's [Emergency Development Programme \(PDU\)](#) which is financed by the members of the Sahel Alliance. The project is in line with the priorities of the Sahel Alliance and the G5 states and supports the roll-out of Pillar 3 of the PDU: *Supporting communities and institutions in the prevention of conflicts and strengthening the local socio-economic fabric.*

INTERVENTION LOGIC

The additional funding is intended to extend the geographical scope of the parent project INAYA to the region (wilaya) of Hodh ech Chargui. The objective of improving health services and strengthening the state's institutional capacity in this area will be achieved through the results-based financing (RBF) approach piloted in the INAYA project. It is also planned to provide social assistance through conditional cash transfers to poor households to promote the use of vaccinations, birth registration and of nutrition services through the national social safety net programme.

PROJECT PROGRESS

The current parent project is in its second year of implementation. Approximately 29 percent of the parent project budget has been disbursed to date (USD 4.95 of USD 17 million).

As of January 2019, RBF payments have been made regularly. As a result, the use of RMNCH services, such as prenatal care, essential nutrition services and consultations for children, has increased in the first half of 2019. In addition, the quality of services in health facilities has already increased by 20% between the first and second quarters.

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