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## INCREASE LOCAL RESPONSE CAPACITY IN MAURITANIA TO ASSIST STRANDED AND VULNERABLE MIGRANTS THROUGH HEALTH, LEGAL AND REINTEGRATION SUPPORT



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North Africa is characterized by complex migration-related scenarios, including movements to, from and within the region. This complexity is further accentuated by the so-called “mixed migratory flows”. There are irregular migrant’s flows mainly caused by economic factors both across North Africa and from Africa to reach Europe.

In any case, asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in an irregular administrative status may be exposed to a wide variety of risks, abuse and exploitation, thus increasing their vulnerability. Assuring their rights is therefore a major concern as forced movements and of mixed population flows pressures became a systematic phenomenon in this part of the world.

The necessity of Regional Development and Protection programs (RDPPs) in North Africa (NA) and Horn of Africa has been identified by the Task Force Mediterranean of the UE (TFM) to respond to the growing demands of protection of the current mixed migratory flows and to ensure a more consistent and coordinated approach with actions oriented towards development.

Mauritania is an important transit point between Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and Europe. Migrants and human trafficking victims are often blocked within the territory and left behind.

### Project Objectives:

To assist the Government of Mauritania and civil society to better address the needs of vulnerable and stranded migrants with special focus on unaccompanied migrant children.

### ACTIVITIES

- > Direct assistance to vulnerable migrant children/talibés in Mahadras (Koranic Schools)
- > Provide to the authorities tools to better identify and assist vulnerable migrants
- > Creation of a referral mechanism working closely with Government representatives and selected CSOs/NGOs
- > Ensure assistance voluntary return and reintegration of migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host countries and wish to return voluntarily to their country of origin

Geographical Coverage: Nouakchott\*

Beneficiaries: Migrants children, Vulnerable migrants, Government, Media.

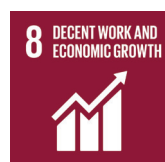
Duration: August 2016 – August 2018

Budget: 1.2 million Of Euros

Partner(s): Rabita, Ministry of Family and Social Affairs, Ministry of Islamic Affairs, *Association Femmes de Familles (AFCF)* and Civil Society.

*\*Trainings planned in other regions too.*

As the UN Migration Agency, the IOM acts jointly with its partners of the international community to support the respect for human dignity and well-being of migrants, to promote the economic and social development through migration and to contribute to concretely respond to the growing challenges created by the management of migration flows. Its main areas of activity in Mauritania include border management, conflict prevention, community stabilization, migration and development and the fight against human trafficking. The main purpose of the IOM is to develop and improve global, regional and national solutions to protect and assist migrants in need and to help the governments' capacity in the migration management.



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