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## STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF FIGHTING AGAINST THE IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND ORGANIZED CRIME IN MAURITANIA PHASE II

In the last decade, various efforts have improved the national capacity of the management of border and security in Mauritania. However, Mauritania's long and porous borders along traditional trade routes are still vulnerable and abused by traffickers to transport weapons, drugs and human beings. With the ongoing crisis in Mali, continued threats from Boko Haram to the south, and worsening economic conditions in the region, human traffickers and organized criminals are increasing efforts to take advantage of Mauritania's geography to convey their illicit cargo. Proceeds taken by criminal networks are often used to support violent activities throughout the region.

In partnership with the Government of Japan, IOM is addressing these issues by helping the Government of Mauritania and Mauritanian citizens become more aware of these security challenges. The project includes fostering increased engagement of local community members, especially youth and children, in the Hodh Ech Chergui region which hosts more than 50,000 Malian refugees, to the protection of "peace" based on their "peaceful coexistence" and facilitating better collection and analysis of security-related information with effective networks in Mauritania and in Sahel region.

### For Peace, Engaging Local Actors - Mauritanian and Malian Youth and Children!

- > In Sep. 2017, IOM organized, with a joint trainers' team from the Civil Protection and the Croissant Rouge Mauritania two sessions of 3-day First-Aid trainings to 30 Mauritanian Malian youth and 24 other actors (such as police officers, NGOs and etc.) in Bassikounou.
- > Starting in Nov. 2017, a series of awareness-raising caravans, workshops, and public forums are scheduled to bring together youth leaders from Mauritania and Mali to plan future youth-focused community events.



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### BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

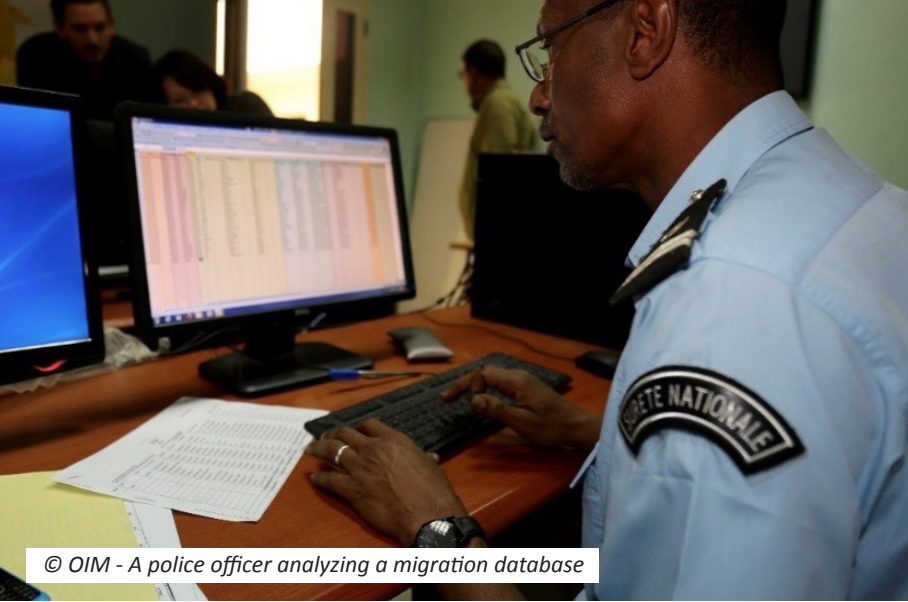
Funds : The Government of Japan

Duration : 31 March 2017 – 28 February 2018

Stakeholders : Gouvernement, Forces de Sécurité Intérieure

Budget : 525,000 \$

Target regions: Nouakchott, Hodh El Chargui



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## THE POLICE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT VIOLENT GROUPS FROM AFFECTING THEIR PEACE AND SECURITY IN MAURITANIA AND IN SAHEL

> Also in Nov. 2017, IOM, along with local experts, will host workshops with Mauritanian and Malian children and their parents to design educational materials to promote

### Capacity Building of the Police & Nation-wide Network & Collaboration in Sahel

> IOM established an office and designed a special training package to be started in Dec. 2017, to assist the National Police to address financing of violent groups. The office and the training will also facilitate collaboration among other relevant national intelligence analysis units.

> Between Dec. 2017 and Jan. 2018, two workshops are scheduled to empower the nationwide reporting network and increase collaboration in Sahel region.



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