

## Regional Development and Protection Programme for North Africa (RDPP NA) in

# MAURITANIA

supports seven projects, implemented by IOM ▲ UNHCR ▲ UNICEF.

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### Areas of Intervention

#### Child protection



- ◆ **psychological support**
- ◆ **recreational activities** for migrant children
- ◆ **assistance** to young migrants through vocational training courses and **support for entrepreneurial opportunities**

#### Capacity building



- ◆ **training for various actors** operating in Mauritania in the field of risk prevention related to migration and institutional and community support for vulnerable children, in particular migrant and refugee children
- ◆ **strengthening of systems to identify** vulnerable children

### Main results achieved in phase 4 until November 2020

**15** **trainers from police and national guards** were trained on the prevention of COVID-19, child rights legal frameworks, and the specific needs of vulnerable children.

**4** **centres** for the protection and social integration of children were inaugurated, fully equipped and staffed.

**1** **standard operating procedure** for generic case management for three regions in Nouakchott has been drafted.

**844** **children at risk or on the move** had received protective services, including psychosocial support and health care.

### Final beneficiaries



Migrants



Refugee children

### Duration and budget of the project

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

PHASE 4

**Duration:**  
**18 months**  
from June 2020 to November 2021

**Budget:**  
**EUR 1,917,000**  
(together with projects in Niger and Chad)

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## Areas of Intervention

### Registration, documentation and Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

### Capacity building

- ◆ **strengthening the national capacities** and awareness on international protection law and principles
- ◆ **profiling of asylum-seekers and refugees** in the framework of the mixed migration routes
- ◆ **supporting resilience programmes** for urban refugees
- ◆ **promotion of socio-economic inclusion** of asylum seekers and refugees

### Direct assistance

- ◆ **medical assistance** for asylum-seekers and refugees

## Final beneficiaries



Refugees



Asylum-seekers

## Duration and budget of the project

### PHASE 1

**Duration:**

**6 months**

from December 2018 to May 2019

**Budget:**

**EUR 170,000**

### PHASE 2

### PHASE 3

### PHASE 4

**Duration:**

**24 months**

from January 2020 to December 2021

**Budget:**

**EUR 600,000**

### PHASE 5

**Duration:**

**24 months**

starting January 2022

**Budget:**

**EUR 650,000**

## Main results achieved in phase 1 until May 2019

**178** **decisions** on refugee status determination finalized

**324** **governmental actors, judges and police officers** trained on international protection

**1** **study** on the mixed migratory movements completed

**1** **training programme** on mental health and psychological support delivered

**1** **socioeconomic study** on integration and resilience strategies for refugees and hosting communities completed

**Agreements signed with public health structures** to subsidize medical care for asylum-seekers and refugees

**Support to urban communities** through family visits and referral to social services

## Main results achieved in phase 4 until December 2020

**2,348** **refugees and asylum seekers** were newly registered by UNHCR operation in 2020

**1,957** **RSD cases**, including 941 first instance decisions, were adjudicated.

**100%** **individuals** registered on individual basis

**5,735** **individuals** registered with UNHCR who have their registration information updated in 24 months.

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### Protection of migrants and child protection



- 1. Prevent abuse or exploitation of unaccompanied migrant children in the Koranic schools (mahadras) by improving their live-conditions and boosting adapted protection measures**
  - ◆ **Direct assistance** in the shape of food assistance (distribution of 3 meals per day) and non-food assistance (hygienic products and clothes)
  - ◆ **Medical assistance and hygienic awareness**, focusing on the inclusion of the migrant children in the national medical system
  - ◆ **Implementation of recreational activities**, both cultural and sportive
  - ◆ **Literacy courses** on French, Arabic and mathematics for the children in the mahadras that are not enrolled in formal education
  - ◆ **Vocational and micro-business trainings** for the children above 16 residing in the mahadras, with an approach based on self-reliance
  - ◆ **Improvement of the toilettes and dormitories** at the mahadras
  - ◆ **Trainings on child protection** for the religious leaders and Koranic teachers in charge of the mahadras
  - ◆ **Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)** for those vulnerable children wishing to return to their countries of origin

- 2. Prevent abuse or exploitation of migrants, with a focus on unaccompanied migrant children, promoting a human rights approach-based provision of adequate protection**

### Capacity building and technical support to the stakeholders of the protection system



- ◆ **Specialized trainings** to increase local stakeholders' capacity to protect and assist migrants, on counter-human trafficking and assisting victims of trafficking, communicating about migration, etc.
- ◆ **Trainings on child protection**, with a special focus on Best Interest Evaluation (BIA) and Determination process (BID)

### Awareness raising and reinforcement of the coordination and referral system



- ◆ **Publication of a practical guide** for migrants in Mauritania, including information on available services (psychosocial, health, legal, accommodation, education, vocational trainings, AVRR)
- ◆ **Publication of awareness material** on the prevention and treatment of HIV in Mauritania

## Final beneficiaries



Vulnerable  
migrants



Migrant  
children



Mauritanian and  
migrant students  
at the mahadras

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## Main results achieved in phase 1 until May 2019

- 10** **mahadras** rehabilitated and provided with basic equipment
  - 1,189** **migrants and Mauritanian students** received direct assistance (nutritional support, NFIs and clothing kits)
  - 51** **migrants** assisted through Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme
  - 386** **migrants and Mauritanian children** participated in recreational activities
  - 542** **children** benefitted from medical check-ups
  - 3** **awareness-raising initiatives** organized among the sheikhs and religious leaders on children' rights and protection
  - 690** **stakeholders** such as Governmental authorities, media associations and Civil Society received and **27 religious leaders** trainings (33) on child protection
  - 13** **coordinational initiatives** among key actors involved in assisting regular migrants
  - 52** **equipment items** donated to MASEF to improve the coordination/referral mechanism
- SOPs** for the establishment of a Best Interest Determination panel produced

## Main results achieved in phase 3 until January 2020

- 1,189** **students** were assisted with NFIs in the 10 mahadras.
- 1,189** **students** were assisted with regular access to food.
- 4** **child protection trainings** on Best Interest Determination procedures were conducted reaching 64 key staff of relevant insitutions
- 9** **best interest determination panels** were organized by IOM with the participation of the MASEF, the consulate and protection actors
- 530** **Non-food items** distributed directly by IOM to the mahadras of Bassiknou and Sélibaby after the completion of the rehabilitation works.
- 64** **NGO social workers and government stakeholders** trained on Best Interest Determination procedures
- 912** **vulnerable children** residing in the mahadras of Sélibaby received humanitarian assistance though the project right after the flooding of August 2019

## Duration and budget of the project

### PHASE 1

**Duration:**  
**30 months**  
from August 2016 to July 2018 and from December 2018 to May 2019

**Budget:**  
**EUR 1,500,000**

### PHASE 2

### PHASE 3

**Duration:**  
**12 months**  
from February 2019 to January 2020

**Budget:**  
**EUR 700,000**

### PHASE 4

### PHASE 5

**Duration:**  
**24 months**  
starting January 2021

**Budget:**  
**EUR 750,000**