Migration Partnership Facility

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Assistance to disembarked migrants - Projet d'Assistance aux REscapés en mer (PhARE)

About the Project

Strategically located between West Africa and the Maghreb, Mauritania plays a critical role in the region's migration dynamics. As a country of departure, transit and destination, it represents a key crossing point for migrants heading for Europe, mainly via the West African Atlantic Route. Departures via the sea route from Mauritania and neighbouring countries have surged significantly over the recent years, with a consequent sharp increase in the number of boats disembarking along the Mauritanian coasts after failing to cross the Atlantic.

Part of a larger intervention supporting the operationalisation of the *Joint Declaration establishing a Migration Partnership between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the European Union* - signed in March 2024 – this project specifically aims to strengthen emergency response efforts for disembarked migrants in Mauritania with a focus on immediate needs, specialised health and psychosocial support as well as capacity-building for humanitarian personnel.

Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the French Red Cross in Mauritania in collaboration with the Mauritanian Red Crescent.

Countries

Mauritania

Time frame

January 2025 – December 2026 (24 months)

Budget

EUR 1,030,208.19 (92.21% from AMIF)

Activities

Emergency and humanitarian assistance for disembarked migrants

Activities include the recruitment and training of volunteers and medical staff to ensure triage, provide first aid and psychological support. The distribution of food and hygiene kits will cater for most immediate needs, while medical referrals and follow-up for migrants requiring hospital care will be facilitated. The capacity of humanitarian service points in Nouadhibou and Nouakchott will be strengthened, offering health, psychosocial support, and facilitating restoration of family links.

Expansion of specialised health and psychosocial support

This component aims to enhance mental health care in Nouadhibou by establishing a psychosocial support unit and training medical teams to address migration-related traumas. Support will also be provided to the health centre in Chami, improving its capacity to handle health emergencies and ensuring mobile medical teams are available to meet migrants' needs.

Training and support for humanitarian personnel

Key activities under this component include training volunteers, civil society organisations and health care personnel on human rights and psychological first aid, as well as supporting the first aid training center in Nouadhibou. These trainings will help strengthen the capacity to provide both physical and psychosocial support during migration-related emergencies

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