

Mauritania Mixed Migration Dynamics Study (3MDS)

About the Project

The Atlantic migration route through Mauritania has seen a significant increase in activity, driven by stricter controls along traditional Mediterranean routes through Libya, Tunisia, and Morocco. Despite this intensification of migration flows, available data on migrants in Mauritania remains scarce and fragmented.

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 Technical Assistance project aims to address this gap by generating new, high-quality data that can support evidence-based policymaking and programme development.

Specifically, a quantitative study will be conducted on the profiles and experiences of international migrants, migration factors, decision-making, aspirations, risks and protection needs along the routes to and in Mauritania. The research will analyse mixed migration dynamics and trends along the Atlantic route with a focus on smuggling and base its findings upon the data collected and the local context.



Partners

This project is implemented by the Mixed Migration Centre (MMC) under the MPF Technical Assistance and Services Component.



Time frame

February 2025 – February 2026 (12 months)



Budget

EUR 85 000,00 (100% from AMIF)

Activities



Field Research

A total of 1,000 interviews will be conducted across selected locations, including Nouakchott and Nouadhibou. The survey will examine migrants' profiles, experiences, decision-making processes, protection needs, and questions related to smuggling of migrants.

Findings will be synthesised into a research publication offering an in-depth analysis of mixed migration dynamics and trends along the Atlantic route, with a focus on smuggling of migrants. This publication will provide insights to support policy development and migration governance efforts in Mauritania and beyond.



Targeted Engagement

Upon completion of the research, the project will facilitate dialogue sessions with relevant stakeholders. A meeting will bring together policymakers, practitioners, and relevant actors to discuss the implications of the findings for programming and policy responses. This discussion will provide a platform for targeted engagement, fostering a more coordinated approach to strengthening migration governance.

Implemented by:



The Migration Partnership Facility



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