



SITUATION OVERVIEW

The progression of the COVID-19 pandemic in Morocco (4047 cases confirmed on 26-04-2020, www.covidmaroc.ma for more information) has led to the declaration of a state of health emergency by the public authorities as an unavoidable measure to limit the spread of the virus. A series of preventive directives have been put in place to guarantee the application of the state of emergency which began on March 20 and was extended to May 20. These include the closing of borders, schools, mosques, hammams, restaurants, cafes and shops (except commercial activities and vital services), the restriction of movements and prohibition of gatherings to ensure social distancing, including a daily curfew at 6 p.m. and wearing a mandatory mask since April 7.

As a result, many vulnerable migrants and communities on the move living on a daily basis find themselves facing socio-economic difficulties affecting their well-being.

As part of the United Nations effort to address the health, social and economic consequences of the current crisis, IOM is responding in line with the global strategic preparedness and response plan to combat COVID-19 .

For more information, please consult the IOM COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan by scanning the following QR code:



IOM MOROCCO RESPONSE TO COVID-19

IOM Morocco supports the efforts of the government of Morocco in providing a rapid and inclusive response to vulnerable populations. IOM Morocco is also in line with the global strategic preparedness and response plan to fight COVID-19 and focuses its interventions around the following pillars: Coordination and partnerships; Risk Communication and Community Engagement (CREC); Surveillance; Case management and continuity of essential services; Infection prevention and control and Protection.

In addition, the protection pillar is fundamental in the fight against COVID-19 in Morocco. IOM is therefore focusing its efforts on the determinants of health, namely, shelter, food and psychosocial support. IOM coordinates its actions with national and local authorities and relies on partners from civil society to provide effective direct assistance in regions with large migrant populations.

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IOM MOROCCO RESULTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

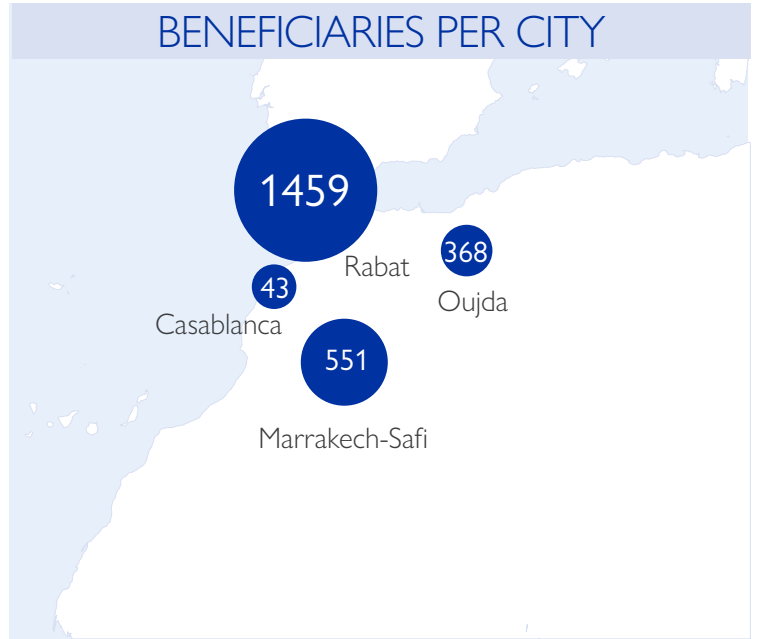
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ASSISTED BENEFICIARIES

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Men

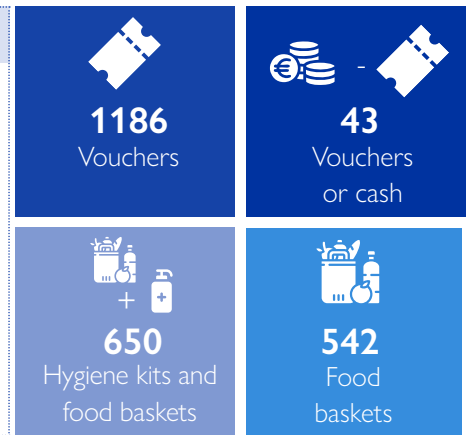
773
Women

441
Children
including 74 unaccompanied and separated children

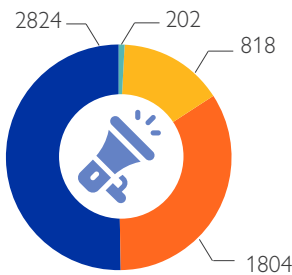


2421 Basic direct assistances

Basic direct assistance consists of distributing food baskets, hygiene kits, vouchers or cash in order to provide vulnerable populations with food and material promoting the respect of mitigation measures to COVID19. The hygiene kits contain, among other things, soap to encourage regular hand washing as well as masks. These distributions are carried out in compliance with protective measures by partner associations and beneficiaries.

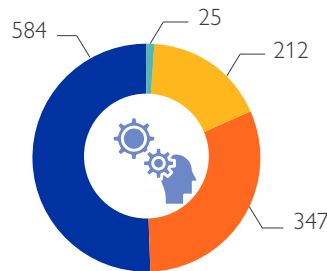


2824 Sensitizations



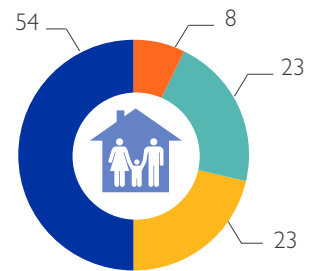
Beneficiaries were sensitized on COVID-19 prevention measures in compliance with confinement and other measures put in place by national authorities. Awareness was raised through the telephone, instant messaging applications and the distribution of flyers and leaflets.

584 psychosocial assistances



Psychosocial support is provided to the most vulnerable to relieve the stress caused by confinement and social distancing. The partner associations maintain regular contact with the beneficiaries, giving advice on stress management and procedures to obtain help both medically and socially, if necessary.

54 Accommodation aids



Several homeless beneficiaries benefited from emergency accommodation in order to recover, others received assistance to pay their rent so as not to lose their home.