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Migrants attending a training on entrepreneurship and commercialization delivered under the projet FORAS.

FORAS II : Enhancing reintegration opportunities

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BACKGROUND

Morocco is a transit and destination country for migrants wishing to reach Europe. Most of these migrants living in Morocco originate from Western and Central African countries such as Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Mali, Senegal and Togo.

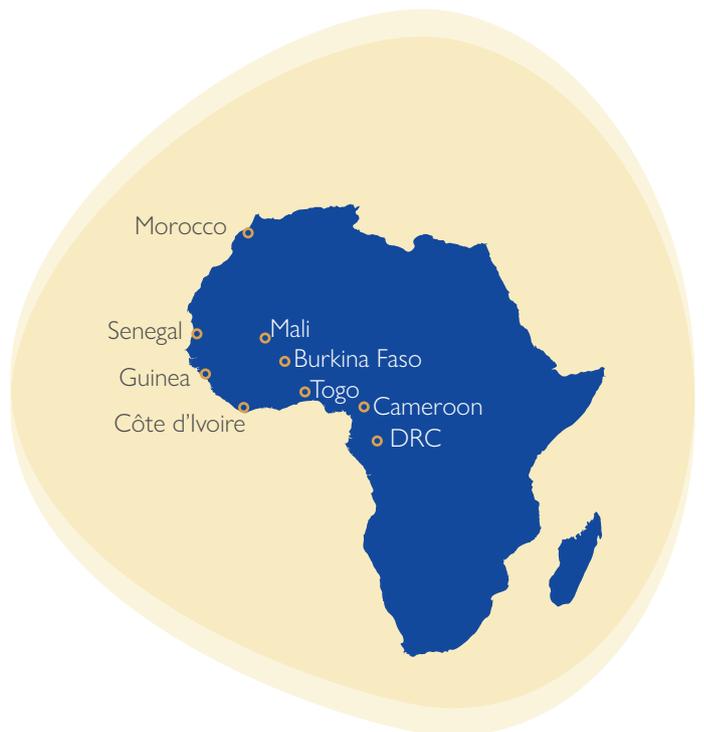
Since 2005 and in partnership with the Government of Morocco, IOM implements in Morocco an Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programme (AVRR). This programme assists every year in average **1,500 migrants** stranded and in vulnerable situation in Morocco who wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin but can't do so on their own. These migrants, if they freely express the wish, can receive administrative, logistical and financial assistance to return to their countries of origin in a safe and dignified manner. More than **11,300 migrants** have benefited from this programme since 2005 and among them 76% originate from the eight nationalities targeted under FORAS.

OVERALL GOAL

In continuation of its first phase, the project FORAS II will provide enhanced pre-return assistance in Morocco to pave the way for a sustainable economic, social and psychosocial reintegration of migrants registered in the AVRR programme in Morocco. FORAS II aims at strengthening the motivation, technical and personal capacities of these migrants through the provision of a **comprehensive pre-departure training package, counselling and orientation sessions**.

This second phase is part of a regional programme entitled **"Enhancing migrant community stabilisation and cohesion in Egypt, Morocco and Algeria and countries of return"**.

TARGET COUNTRIES



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MAIN ACTIVITIES



ORIENTATION AND COUNSELLING ON REINTEGRATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Virtual or in person information sessions on reintegration challenges and opportunities in countries of origin and available opportunities in Morocco.
- Available in three Migrants' Orientation Points in Rabat, Casablanca and Oujda.
- Distribution of a set of communication and awareness raising tools (country info-sheets, information videos, website www.foras.ma, etc).
- Organization of virtual counselling sessions with IOM reintegration teams in pilot countries of origin.



PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION TRAININGS

Aiming at strengthening beneficiaries' technical and motivational skills to help them succeed in their personal and professional lives upon their return.



Life and soft skills

A ten-day module allowing beneficiaries to regain confidence, self-esteem and to make the most out of the support of their family, friends and community. It will also increase their employability by teaching potential returnees resume writing techniques and how to identify and effectively communicate their capacities and skills for the labour market.



Entrepreneurship and commercialization

A ten-day module allowing beneficiaries to learn the basics of the design and implementation of small/medium enterprises and/or income-generating projects, carrying out a market study, as well as the basics of accounting, customer management and other good practices.



STRENGTHEN COORDINATION MECHANISMS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Establishment of specific monitoring and referral mechanisms between IOM and partners in Morocco and the eight countries of origin in order to ensure continuity between pre-departure assistance in Morocco and post arrival reintegration in the countries of origin.
- Organization of exchange visits, seminars and trainings involving representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations from Morocco and eight countries of origin to strengthen South-South cooperation and exchange of best practices.

FORAS II CONTRIBUTES TO:

Sustainable Development Goals SDGs:



Specific Goals (SG) of the National Strategy for Immigration and Asylum:

- SG 10: Ensuring migrants have access to vocational training.
- SG 15: Control immigration flows according to a humanistic and respectful approach of human rights.
- SG 17: Developing International cooperation on the basis of shared responsibility.
- SG 26: Strengthening the capacities of actors in charge of Immigration, Asylum and Human Trafficking.
- SG 27: Informing and raising awareness on immigration and asylum issues.

The Global Compact Goals for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration:

