

## Integrated Rural CO-development in the Moroccan Atlas

التنمية التضامنية القروية المندمجة بالأطلس المغربي

### Strengthen the capacities of self development of the territory

تقوية قدرات التنمية الذاتية للمجال

- Reinforce the House of Development (Maison du Développement)
- Support and training courses for the associations and local elected people
- Participation to Forums in partnership with different actors
- Establishment of pilot coordination projects from villagers' associations
- Training sessions for the teachers of Informal Schools

### Improve the quality and the quantity of products and services

أنشطة ومشاريع مدرة للدخل

- Support and strengthening of the cooperatives and economic groups
- Construction and equipment of Women's Houses
- Realization of additional constructions for the development of tourism
- Establishment of irrigated zones
- Realization of a feasibility study on new productions

### Improve the access for population to public services

تعزيز ولوج الساكنة إلى الخدمات العمومية

- Realization of projects for drinking water and drainage
- Campaigns and training sessions for the population concerning the use of water
- Improvement of the material for the transportation of sick people
- Support for training sessions for the medical employees
- Support to elder migrants for the organization of their retired documents

### Improve the management and the promotion of the environment

تحسين تدبير وتثمين البيئة والموارد الطبيعية

- Construction of retention dams
- Realization of a study concerning solid waste management
- Establishment of a pilot project to collect and eliminate solid waste
- Implementation of projects for reforestation
- Sensibilization of the population to environment

### Improve the coordination of the associations of Moroccan Living Abroad (MRE) and facilitate their implication in a solidarity based project

تحسين التنسيق بين جمعيات المهاجرين المغربية وتعزيز انخراطهم في نهج التضامن الدولي

- Coordination and training sessions for migrants' associations
- Support to migrants for the realization of projects of development
- Organization of youth exchange workshops, seminar and meetings

### Promotion, Diffusion, Strengthening of M&D capacities

تثمين ونشر تجربة الهجرة

- Sharing the experience of M&D with other actors for development
- Realization and publication of communication documents
- Organization of exchanges of experiences
- Establishment of an international seminar «Migrants and Codevelopment»

## Financing

**Publics partners** Agency for the environment and Energy Control (ADEME) - French Agency for Development (AFD) - Moroccan Agency for Social Development (ADS) - National Agency for Social Cohesion and Equal Opportunity (ACSE) - Grand Lyon Community - Moroccan rural communes - Souss Massa Regional Council - Moroccan Division for Population & Migrants - Food Agricultural Organization (FAO) - National Initiative for Human Development (INDH) - French Ministry of Immigration, Integration, National Identity and solidarity-based Development - Moroccan Ministry of National Education (MEN) - Moroccan Ministry of Work and Solidarity - Regional Agricultural Produce value Upgrade Office (ORMVA) - Concerted Action Program (PCM, Programme Concerté Maroc) - City of Lyon.

**Private partners** Migrants' Associations - Villagers' Associations - Members' cotisations - Caisse Centrale d'Activités Sociales du Personnel des Industries Electrique et Gazière (CCAS) - Donations - Véolia Funds - ADOMA Foundation - Fondation Caisse d'Epargne pour la Solidarité - Fondation Ensemble - M&D Contributions - Financial participation of users - Tourism For Development (TFD).

*In order to benefit from public subventions, each association should finance at least 15% of the project with private funds. In collaboration with M&D, villagers and migrants finance a part of the project but it is not enough. Donations are essential. That is why each person willing to support M&D's actions can address punctual or regular donations.*

## Contacts

Migrations & Développement is a transnational NGO with a Head Office in Marseille and two relay structures in Lyon and Paris. It also has an administrative office in the South (Taroudannt, Taliouine and Tiznit).

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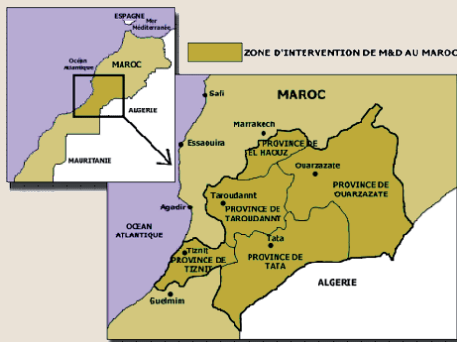
# Origins

Migrations & Développement is a non-profit organization created in 1986 by migrants working in the factory "Péchiney" (l'Argentière la Bessée). They started by collecting financial funds and invested them in the development of projects in their village (electrification, retention dams, irrigation, drinking water, schools, health centers...). Then, they gathered together in France different competences from: young, interns, volunteering retired people, (engineers, agronomists, economists, sociologists...).

Coming from the initiative of a group of migrants, the first actions of M&D started in a village in Taliouine (Province of Taroudannt). Nowadays, they are extended to 5 other Provinces (Tata, Tiznit, Chtouka Ait Baha, El Haouz of Marrakech, Ouarzazate).

Since then, the M&D approach starting from the development of small infrastructures has improved and now includes regional programs concerning integrated rural development. Nowadays, M&D supports actions realized in most extended areas and which come in addition to programs elaborated by the state.

Today, more than 400 local associations over 70 rural communes contribute to the creation of a network for integrated rural development with whom our association is working to realize projects in different fields. Working closely with people in both France and Morocco has enable us to define new areas of intervention to bring concrete responses to emerging needs that have become source of preoccupation for migrants and local populations.



# Objectives

**Support the most vulnerable areas** and bring together migrants in a dynamic for development.

**Contribute to the strengthening of the rural civil society** originating from the South of Morocco by paying a particular attention to the local elected representatives, the association leaders, the people in charge of economic groups, the actors of development and by taking advantage of the implication of migrants from Europe.

**Enable the socio-economic development** by commercializing local productions and rural tourism. The objective is to offer an alternative to emigration.

**Improve rural people's living conditions** via the creation of collective infrastructures and activities generating incomes.

# The Actors

## The migrants...

More than one thousand immigrants have financially contributed to various projects, and 300 of them were directly involved in the implementation of actions which locally benefited to more than 50,000 people. Immigrants strongly contributed to the constitution of an associative network in Europe and in their country of origin.

The involvement of migrants is not limited to their traditional function as «providers of wealth» and transferring skills, technologies and cultural values, they also have a role of driving technical progress, of which they must control the economic, political, social and cultural impact on their village. Today M&D tries to enlarge this process via the implication of migrants' wives in the supportive actions realized towards women living in the countryside.

## ... and the villagers

The organization of an association to manage and monitor the project is an essential pre-condition to initiate any operation. The village association is a democratic authority which enables to debate concerning the life of the village; it gathers together the youth and the elderly, migrants and village farmers, among whom women are playing an important role. It is a tool, which integrates at the same time traditional knowledge, "imported" techniques and ideas conveyed by the immigrants, and the dynamism of the youth.

Because of its statutory declaration with the authorities of the Province, the village association is acknowledged as a well-established structure with a legal and recognized existence. They can thereby address their requests to the local authorities in a more formal way, (in fact, before, only an influential village personality could be considered as a recognized authority). Nowadays, more than 400 local associations constitute a network for integrated rural development, and benefit from management training schemes organized by M&D for the elected and local actors.

# Actions

Within the framework of the CORIAM (Integrated Rural CO-development in the Moroccan Atlas, 2009-2011), Migrations & Développement's actions specifically target different fields:

