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Quick Facts

Countries	Morocco
Specific Location	Beni Mellal-Khenifra, Draa-Tafilet and Guelmim- Oued Noun
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-12-16
Borrower	Government of Morocco
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 204.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the programme objective is to improve the living conditions of the poor and vulnerable segments of Morocco's population, particularly women in situations of vulnerability, children and disabled persons by facilitating inclusive access to social protection and improving social assistance governance. In this regard, the programme targets three main results areas: (i) reduce regional disparities in access to basic health care; (ii) improve governance of the main social assistance programmes; and (iii) ensure the sustainability of social assistance financing and investment efficiency.

The proposed operation is an AfDB loan of UA 150 million, equivalent to 204 million US dollars, to the Kingdom of Morocco to finance the Social Protection Improvement Support Programme (PAAPS). This programme is the second operation in Morocco using the results-based financing instrument in the social sector. The Bank's results-based financing intervention will help to address social protection priorities based on government guidelines as part of an integrated and inclusive approach for the development of social policies. The programme will place special emphasis on upgrading health-care and social protection supply in Morocco's three most disadvantaged regions, namely: Beni Mellal-Khenifra, DraaTafilalet, and Guelmim-Oued Noun. Thee three regions were selected because they have the country's highest poverty rates with respectively 14.6% for Draa Tafilalet, 9.3% for Beni Mellal Khenifra and 6.2% for Guelmim-Oued Noun. The rural areas of Beni Mellal-Khenifra and Draa-Tafilalet, remain the worst affected by poverty with respective rates of 20.6% and 17.7%. PAAPS will be implemented over four fiscal years (2020- 2023). By targeting the social coverage of vulnerable segments of the population, it will contribute to a reduction in social, geographic and gender disparities in access to social protection in general, poverty reduction and social exclusion, in particular. The exceptional focus on three regions (Beni Mellal-Khenifra, Draa-Tafilet and Guelmim- Oued Noun) will enhance the quality of human capital in these areas and increase the population's economic participation.

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