

 Early Warning System

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Mauritania - Strengthening Rural Resilience in Mauritania through Water Resource Management and Development for Domestic, Productive, and Ecological Purposes (3R-Water)



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Mauritania |
| Financial Institutions | African Development Bank (AFDB) |
| Status | Proposed |
| Bank Risk Rating | B |
| Voting Date | 2025-05-14 |
| Borrower | Government of Mauritania |
| Sectors | Water and Sanitation |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 17.58 million |
| Loan Amount (USD) | \$ 18.00 million |



Project Description

According to bank provided information, the Project "Strengthening Rural Resilience in Mauritania through Water Resource Management and Development for Domestic, Productive, and Ecological Purposes", hereinafter the Project or 3R-Water, is part of the Strategy for Accelerated Growth and Shared Prosperity (SCAPP2) 2016-2030, the framework for public action consultation and convergence in economic, social and environmental development. In particular, 3R-Water contributes to: its pillar (2), relating to human capital and access to quality basic social services, strengthening the resilience of the most vulnerable groups by promoting gender equality, drinking water supply and access to sanitation services; and to its pillar (3), relating to more comprehensive governance, particularly through sustainable peacebuilding and social cohesion, promoting women's civic participation and local development. The Project addresses several SDGs, including SDG #6 "clean water and sanitation"; SDG #5 "gender equality"; SDG #13 "climate action" and SDG #10 "reduced inequalities". It also aligns with the African Union's 2063 Agenda³ aspirations, particularly contributing to the objective of environmental sustainability and climate resilience of economies and communities; and high quality of life, good health and well-being of affected populations. At sector level, the Project addresses all four pillars of the National Strategy for Sustainable Access to Water and Sanitation by 2030 (SNADEA)⁴, namely: (i) understanding, monitoring and protecting water resources; (ii) providing widespread access to drinking water; (iii) improving access to wastewater management and hygiene and (iv) improving sector governance. The 3R-Water project is estimated at UA 15,066,025, comprising UA 13,256,025 (88.0% of total cost) through a Transition Support Facility (TSF) loan and UA 1,810,000 (12.0%) as in-kind contribution from the Government of Mauritania.

The 3R-Water project strengthens rural Mauritanian communities' resilience against water scarcity, addressing growing climate change and growing pressures on water resources, integrating a proactive and preventive approach. It supports infrastructure development and sustainable water and sanitation services across multiple uses in the Brakna, Adrar and Tagant regions. These objectives are grounded in proven institutional frameworks from similar successful initiatives. To ensure sustainability, the Project incorporates institutional capacity-building to address identified weaknesses, particularly in budgetary resources and data reliability.

The population in the intervention area totals 501,333 inhabitants, with a 1.89% growth rate. The population is predominantly young, with women comprising over half the population across the three wilayas (regions). Poverty rates are notably high, particularly in Brakna (64%) and Tagant (61%). In Adrar and Tagant, livestock farming is the main occupation (20% and 29% respectively), followed by agriculture and commerce. In Brakna, agriculture is the primary activity. Women represent 41% of the agricultural workforce compared to 6% in livestock farming.



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