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Quick Facts

Countries	Mauritania
Specific Location	Nouakchott, Rosso, Kiffa, and Nema
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-09-26
Borrower	Ministry of Economy and Finance, Government of Mauritania
Sectors	Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 30.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 30.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the Project Objective is to promote the employability of vulnerable youth in selected areas. The project will consist of two core components:

1. **Economic inclusion program for vulnerable youth.** The objective of this component is to develop an economic inclusion program for vulnerable youth. This program will aim to improve their employability through an integrated package of employment services. Where feasible, the program will build on existing employment services and training interventions. In order to capitalize on the World Bank's geospatial approach to development in Mauritania, the project will focus on the four urban and peri-urban areas of Nouakchott, Rosso, Kiffa, and Nema. The aim will be to: (i) tailor the services to the specific needs of the target youth population; (ii) successfully integrate these services in order to achieve the maximum possible impact for youth, while ensuring the interventions are not too complex; (iii) minimize the unit costs, so that the program can benefit the maximum number of vulnerable youth; and (iv) link the skills training with employment
opportunities in the regions where it is being implemented. Given that Mauritanian youth have few opportunities for paid employment in either the formal or informal sectors, the project will also support innovative approaches to promoting self-employment.
2. **Strengthening Government Capacity for Implementing the Economic Inclusion Program and Project Management**
    i. Sub-component 2.1: Strengthening Government Capacity for Implementing the Economic Inclusion Program. This sub-component will aim to strengthen to capacity of the various government agencies that will be responsible for the implementation of the economic inclusion program.
    ii. Sub-component 2.2 : Project management. This sub-component will support activities related to project management and the fiduciary aspects of the program. It will ensure that the project implementation unit (PIU) is operational and that it successfully and efficiently implements the project in accordance with the financing agreement, the project appraisal document (PAD) and the manuals for project implementation (operational manual, as well as the administrative, financial management and procurement manuals).

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Bank Documents

- Concept Project Information Document (PID) - Mauritania Youth Employability Project - P162916 (Engli [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Mauritania Youth Employability Project - P162916 (E [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- WB-P181070 Mauritania Youth Employability Project Additional Financing