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What's New





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Morocco is a society in transition, impacting young people in particular...this country's future, but Moroccan adults are affected as well. NEF's educational work is covering all the bases, evident in a number of recent activities.

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Delegations from the Moroccan government participated, including the office in charge of Moroccan youth affairs and the Ministry of National Education office in Ouarzazate as well as administrators from Ouarzazate's Mansour Azahabi Primary School where the workshop took place.

"We had a number of objectives," explained Abdelkhalk Aandam, NEF's Moroccan project manager, "We wanted to develop the knowledge and creativity of young people; their networking and communication skills; and also give them opportunities to express their potential. In short, we're setting the stage for a more democratic, productive and open Morocco," he summed up.

FOR ADULTS

citizenship, culture as well as just plain School principals, primary school teachers, and men and women members of fun--formally labeled "entertainment and Parent Teacher Associations--all part of the planning/action teams of schools participating in NEF's education reform--attended two training workshops.

> The first workshop was designed to be theoretical and the other experimental. Both revolved around three main themes: 1) educational reform within the national plan; 2) priorities for school projects; and 3) improved collaboration among students, parents and tutors, and professional educators.

FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN

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