

PROJECT TITLE:

Family Strengthening Project

PROJECT OWNER

The International Federation of SOS Children's Villages, presents in 136 countries and territories around the world, SOS Children's Villages helps children in danger and helps them build their future.

Member of this federation and active since 1985 in Morocco, SOS Children's Villages in Morocco is an independent association, recognized of public utility by decree N°2.90.478 of 19/06/1990 and placed under the Presidency of Honor of Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa.

SOS Children's Villages in Morocco accompanies daily children without parental care or at risk of losing it through three intervention programs: alternative care, which is a long-term protection (20 years on average) for those who have lost their family, prevention of abandonment among single-parent families in a situation of vulnerability, and the socio-professional integration of young beneficiaries.

PROJECT CONTEXT

Based on its experience with children deprived of family support, SOS Children's Villages in Morocco has become aware of the importance of working upstream with children at risk of losing their family support or falling into a situation of exclusion. These children usually come from single-parent families due to the absence of the father. Single mothers have to take care of their families and face many obstacles making their daily life even more difficult. They find themselves in a very precarious situation and are often rejected by their community, which can lead them to abandon their children. However, most of them feel a deep desire to be a dignified and exemplary mother.

Since 2004, the Association has set up several family strengthening programs at the national level: in Casablanca Sidi Moumen, Sidi Bernoussi, Hay Hassani, in Dar Bouazza, in El Jadida, in Imouzzar Kandar, in Imzouren-Al Hoceima, in Sale and another one in the city of Agadir.

Currently, the association is looking for expanding its activities in the south of Morocco with the implementation of new projects in the region of Laayoune-Sakia El Hamra.

The main objective of this family strengthening program is to improve the living conditions of mother-headed families who are in a very precarious situation and to strengthen the capacities of the mothers in order to give them the keys to autonomy and to allow them to keep their children.

Our action is as follows:

- To provide assistance, material and psychological support ~~to women and children~~ to ensure the essential needs of the children (nutrition, health and schooling) and to promote the respect of their fundamental rights.
- To strengthen the technical and emotional capacities of women in precarious situations
- To strengthen the family economically by training the mothers in a trade (weaving, sewing, candle making, cooking and baking, etc.) and professional integration (with emphasis on the creation of individual or collective IGAs within women's cooperatives).

The project is also part of a community development approach since its conceptualization emphasizes the involvement of local actors in the whole project process. In this sense, a partnership will be concluded with associations and development actors active in the target area. Capacity building workshops for these actors are planned to allow the sustainability of the projects initially carried out by SOS Children's Villages in Morocco for the benefit of the populations in precarious situations in the region of Laayoune-Sakia El Hamra.

PROJECT AREA:

Laayoune-Sakia El Hamra Region

A feasibility study will be conducted to identify the most vulnerable area of the region to have a positive impact on our target population.

PROBLEMATIC :

Problems of target populations	Current situation	Desired situation
<p>-Academic achievement and performance of the children in the target group is low. Most of the mothers are illiterate.</p> <p>-Children deprived of their basic rights.</p> <p>-Families in precarious situations lack the capacity to meet basic needs.</p> <p>-Low quality of the educational system in the region.</p>	<p>-Tutors are not attentive to their children's academic performance. As a result, the children face high dropout rates, learning difficulties, absenteeism.</p> <p>-Children at risk of exclusion, abuse and abandonment.</p> <p>-Very difficult living conditions for families.</p>	<p>-Improved school success rate for children</p> <p>-The basic rights of children (health) are assured</p> <p>-Women in precarious situations improve the quality of care for their children (schooling, health, etc.)</p> <p>- Children are prevented from dropping out of school and from being exploited in the labor market.</p>
<p>-The children and young people of the guardians are left to their own devices, lack of guidance, support and integration structures.</p> <p>- Problem of inactivity among the youth of the region</p>	<p>-Young people in search of support, guidance and integration.</p>	<p>Young people are equipped to continue their studies in order to learn a trade</p> <p>- The rate of integration of the young people and the beneficiary families increases and in the long run the income of the families is higher</p>
<p>-The majority of women are illiterate, they are not attentive to the aspects related to education and the care of their children in general.</p>	<p>-women lack the confidence to take charge of their families' future.</p> <p>-Many women are unable to provide for their children and children are at risk of being abandoned</p>	<p>-The knowledge and capacities of mothers to take care of their children are strengthened</p> <p>- Beneficiary children are no longer at risk of being abandoned and the quality of their care is improved. Their fundamental rights are better respected</p>
<p>Families lack support for personal and professional development.</p>	<p>Insufficient structures for the care of precarious families in terms of training and support for personal and professional development</p>	<p>The presence and active participation of the beneficiaries in the confidence-building processes of training is ensured</p>
<p>Lack of support for families in the field administrative, legal, ...</p>	<p>Difficulties to make certain administrative steps such as RAMED cards (medical assistance), inheritance, civil status,...</p>	<p>women are well equipped to obtain their administrative and legal documents</p>
<p>The meager income of precarious families leads some to abandon their children.</p> <p>Children's rights are violated.</p>	<p>Women work seasonally or as housekeepers, these activities generate little income and therefore do not allow families to meet their basic needs.</p>	<p>Women have the means to find stable employment or to work for themselves in an IGA. They can take care of their children and meet their basic needs</p>
<p>Local associations lack expertise in the field</p>		<p>Strengthen the capacities of local development actors to accompany the community.</p>

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

	Intervention logic	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources and means of verification	Impact
General objective	<i>Improving the living conditions of women in precarious situations and their children in the region of Laayoune - Sakya Lhamra</i>	Increased income for women to achieve self-sufficiency Improved education and protection of children and mothers	Training of women and integration into an individual or collective IGA (cooperative). The rate of socio-economic integration of beneficiaries The schooling rate of school-age children	Women are trained, sensitized and empowered and have a regular income Children benefit from their fundamental rights.
Specific objectives	The children of the beneficiaries are better taken care of and have access to their basic rights including education, identity, food and health	100% of children with school age are enrolled in school 100% of children have legal recognition 100% of mothers are aware of the rights of the child and in particular the rights to education and health of the child.	The rate of school-age children attending school The number of awareness sessions organized	The fundamental right of the child to remain with his or her mother is respected, as well as the rights to education and health, in order to break the vicious circle of poverty and exclusion.
	Women in precarious situations improve their living conditions through awareness, training and professional insertion, and manage to ensure a stable income that allows them to take care of their families.	100% of the beneficiary women are trained and/or inserted in an individual or collective IGA (cooperative). 100% of the women benefit from sensitization on health, education and children's rights, as well as parenting capacity building.	Rate of insertion and training of women. Awareness sessions organized.	Women can regain a place in society, have an income and support themselves, regain social status, access their rights (notably through legal support), and be autonomous. They become full-fledged actors in local economic life.
	The capacities of local partners, development actors, are strengthened	Partners are identified and partnership agreements with action plans are signed. Capacity building of partners to support the community.	Agreements signed and action plans established. Awareness and training sessions for partners based on community needs.	The social actors of the community are strengthened The partner associations continue the work started in the framework of this project

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- ✓ 40 women in a single-parent situation are accompanied towards social and professional autonomy.
- ✓ 100 children from these single-parent families are protected in terms of all their rights.

PARTNERS :

SOS Children's Villages Morocco coordinates this project by establishing partnerships with the following organizations:

The public authorities at the national level:

- The Ministry of Solidarity, Women, Family and Social Development
- The National Mutual Aid
- The Ministry of the Interior which manages the National Human Development Initiative
- The Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training which manages the OFPPT (The Office for Professional Training and Work Promotion)

The public authorities at the local level:

- The regional council of Laayoune-Sakia El Hamra
- The prefecture (Governor) and the district chiefs (Caïd, Pacha) via the division of social affairs which manages the INDH (the National Human Development Initiative)
- The Provincial Committee for Human Development (CPDH) of Laayoune
- The delegation of the Ministry of National Education to establish relations with schools and the OFPPT (The Office for Professional Training and Work Promotion)
- The health centers to ensure health monitoring of women and children
- ANAPEC (National Agency for the Promotion of Employment and Skills) to strengthen employability and promote entry into the labor market

Local associations:

Local active associations active to be identified in the field of social and professional integration of women and youth in vulnerable situations.

This partnership is part of a multi-actor governance approach that brings together the Moroccan public authorities and other civil society organizations active in the field of child protection.

DURATION OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION :

Projet duration	3 years
Expected start date	September 2023
Expected completion date	September 2026

SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ACTION:

The project is a continuous development process, and sustainability will be ensured through the income-generating activities programmed and which will be strengthened and accompanied until the beneficiaries can be autonomous. Thus, the women will be able to take charge of their children in a sustainable way and will be able to meet their children's needs such as nutrition, schooling, medical follow-up and extracurricular activities. SOS Children's Villages Morocco is committed to follow the mothers and their children until they are self-sufficient.

Also, SOS Children's Villages intends to share its expertise with the various social actors of the targeted area, by organizing awareness sessions and initiation to the setting up of IGAs and fundraising. In this way, our partners will be able to provide adequate responses to the population in a precarious situation.

BUDGET

Budget in Euros-Strengthening families in the region of Laayoune-Sakia El Hamra				
Rubric	Amount in euro	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
1. Activities				
1.1 Financial support to fight against poverty				
Food assistance	7.636	2.545	2.545	2.545
Rental assistance	2.727	909	909	909
Medical fees	6.873	2.291	2.291	2.291
Legal assistance	955	318	318	318
School support and remedial schooling for children	4.773	1.591	1.591	1.591
Tuition fees and school supplies	5.455	1.818	1.818	1.818
1.2. Literacy workshops for women				
Literacy activities	4.091	1.364	1.364	1.364
1.3. Parenting education and personal development workshops for women				
Workshops (18 sessions of 20 people over 6 months)	4.091	4.091		
1.4. Psychological support for women				
Psychologists	4.091	1.364	1.364	1.364
1.5. Atelier de formation professionnelle des femmes				
Trainings to income-generating activities for the mothers	7.273	7.273		
Purchase of source materials for the trainings	3.636	3.636		
1.6. Support for the professional integration of women				
Equipment for the launching of Income Generating Activity	7.273			7.273
Purchase of raw materials	1.818			1.818
1.7 Psychological support for children				
Psychologists	4.909	1.636	1.636	1.636
1.8. Extracurricular activities for children				
Educational activities (language courses, personal development)	8.182	2.727	2.727	2.727
Summer camp for 60 children	4.255	1.418	1.418	1.418
1.9. Professional insertion workshops for young people				
professional insertion workshops for young people	2.455	818	818	818
1.10. Transportation for children and women to participate to activities				
Transport	8.182	2.727	2.727	2.727
Subtotal Activities	88.673	36.527	21.527	30.618
2. Human resources				
1 project manager	22.909	7.636	7.636	7.636
1 school remediation facilitator	16.364	5.455	5.455	5.455
Subtotal Human Resources	39.273	13.091	13.091	13.091
3. Follow-up and general coordination				
3.1 Follow-up of the SOSVE Morocco national office				
2 meetings of the selection committee for indigent families				
AR Laayoune - Casablanca for 2 persons	583	583		
2 supervision meetings per year				
AR Laayoune - Casablanca for 2 persons	583		292	292
3.2 General coordination :				
5% of the salary of a Director of the SOS Children's Village	3.273	1.091	1.091	1.091
Feasibility study for the implementation of a FRP	900	900		
Final evaluation	1.716			1.716
Subtotal Follow-up and general coordination	7.055	2.574	1.383	3.098
Grand total	135.000	52.192	36.001	46.807
Average annual budget	45.000			

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