



▶ Measurement, Awareness Raising, and Policy Engagement project (MAP16) in Mauritania

The MAP16 project contributes to the promotion of decent work in Mauritania by supporting the national action plan to eliminate child labour in Mauritania (PANETE-RIM).



National context

Since 2001, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania has been committed to combating child labour, in particular by ratifying respectively Conventions Nos. 138 and 182 on the minimum age for admission to employment and the worst forms of child labour. Several other measures have been taken, including legal and institutional measures:

- ▶ The development of a National Strategy for the Protection of Children (SNPE) in 2009;
- ▶ The development of the National Plan of Action for the Elimination of Child Labour in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (PANETE-RIM);
- ▶ Launching of the process of drawing up a list of hazardous work for children under 18 years of age;
- ▶ The development of the General Child Protection Code.

In Mauritania, child labour affects around 24,516 children aged between 5 and 17 years (37.6 per cent). Around 26.3 per cent work in dangerous conditions. The prevalence of child labour is higher in rural areas (45 per cent) than in urban areas (27 per cent). This child labour trend is on the rise between 2007 and 2015, where it rose from 21.1 per cent in 2007 to 23.4 per cent in 2011 and 37.6 per cent in 2015, respectively, according to the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS 2015).

Children aged 15 to 17 involved in economic activities for 43 hours or more represent : In Guidimakha 40.4 per cent (MAP16 project intervention zone), in Hodh Echargui 14.5 per cent, in Brakna 2.6 per cent, in Adrar

6.8 per cent, in Gorgol 8.9 per cent, in Nouakchott 4.9 per cent.

The typology of child labour can be summarized as follows: Child shepherds, child farmers, girl domestic workers, child beggars, child garage helpers, girl street vendors, child carters, and child fishermen.

The percentage of child workers is therefore very worrying, since the victims of child labour are generally from disadvantaged backgrounds. All the country's wilayas are affected by this phenomenon, and children in rural areas are more exposed to the various forms of child labour.



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Project activities in Mauritania include:

- Promote and disseminate PANETE-RIM at the national and regional level and create ownership of its implementation by stakeholders.
- Creation of an integrated intervention model for prevention and coordination with a view to eliminating the worst child labor companies in the value breeding chain in Guidimakha.
- Support training and awareness stakeholder particularly children to eliminate child labour.
- Organize pilot communication actions on child labor to raise awareness in communication with a view of behaviour change.
- Promote and disseminate national and global events to combat child labour.
- Support the development and popularization of the list of hazardous work in accordance with the provisions of Convention 182.
- Capitalize on experiences and models of support for the elimination of child labour and develop advocacy with policy makers for the promotion of governance instruments for pastoralism sensitive to child labour.

Partners Ministry of public service labour and administrative modernization, Ministry of Social Affairs for Children and Families, Ministry of Rural Development, Regional labour inspectorates, Trade unions of workers in the pastoralism sector, Federation of breeders (employers), Departmental education inspectorates, National Grouping of Pastoral Associations.

Target beneficiaries Shepherd children and breeder families.

Project value US\$ 250,000.

Timeline Activities in Mauritania run from August 2019 to August 2021.

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