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## COMMUNITY STABILISATION AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

*Humanitarian Assistance to Host Communities and Refugees*

Since 2013, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has completed numerous projects directly improving the lives of the 89,000 residents of Bassikounou in the region of Hodh Ech Chargui in southeastern Mauritania along the Mauritania - Mali border.

Thanks to funding from the U.S. government, IOM has provided the M'Béra refugees camp with a modern slaughterhouse that will help prevent the spread of diseases related to cattle farming and maintain a healthy farming environment. Furthermore, IOM has built, in coordination with the UNHCR and refugees host communities a vaccination park to ensure better survival of the herds. In partnership with the Regional Directorate of Livestock, IOM has also facilitated the deworming and vaccination of over 14,000 cattle in the region.



*The new vaccination park in the M'Béra refugees camp.*

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A slaughterhouse was built to encourage clean and healthy livestock farming.

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As the leading international organization for migration, IOM acts with its partners in the international community to uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants, to encourage social and economic development through migration and to assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management. Areas of work in Mauritania include border management, conflict prevention, community stabilisation, migration and development and counter trafficking. These activities take the form of direct assistance, capacity building and information sharing as well as awareness-raising. IOM's central objective is to improve and develop global, regional and country level responses to protect and assist migrants in need and to support governments to reinforce their migration management capacities.



## Humanitarian assistance to host communities and refugees

In the coming months, IOM Mauritania will implement an “integrated farm” concept in a targeted village in the Hodh Ech Chargui region in Southeast Mauritania to strengthen the communities’ resilience to poor climate conditions by diversifying and increasing the nutritional resources at their disposal. Furthermore, in order to ensure a peaceful coexistence between refugees and host communities, IOM will organize starting late January 2016 and in partnership with the OHCHR, mixed committees where representatives of each community will be invited to speak and present his community’s difficulties so as to find a consensual response.

**Implementation Period:** August 2015 - August 2016

**Budget:** 700.000 USD

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### OBJECTIVES

To fight food insecurity and increase the livelihoods of Malian refugees and their host communities in Hodh Ech-Chargui in Mauritania by

1. Safeguarding and increasing agricultural and livestock farming resources
2. Producing diverse and high quality food products
3. Strengthening community dialog

#### Activities

- A sensitization campaign on basic hygiene practices and the utilization of animal waste for composting was organized in 5 targeted communities;
- A water supply system was rehabilitated to facilitate access to water in the communities;
- A vaccination park has been built and 14,000 cattle heads have been vaccinated;
- A modern slaughterhouse has been built in the M’Béra refugee camp to foster clean livestock farming practices;
- 615 solar lanterns have been distributed
- 500 tree buds have been distributed in five targeted villages

#### Outcomes

- The beneficiaries understand the importance of clean and hygienic livestock farming and are equipped with better means to support their self-sufficiency so as to reduce conflicts related to migration in the region;
- Structures exist to promote community dialog between refugees and host communities;
- 100 refugees’ households (HHs) are assisted with nutritional supplements for their livestock.

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