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Country sheet

Morocco

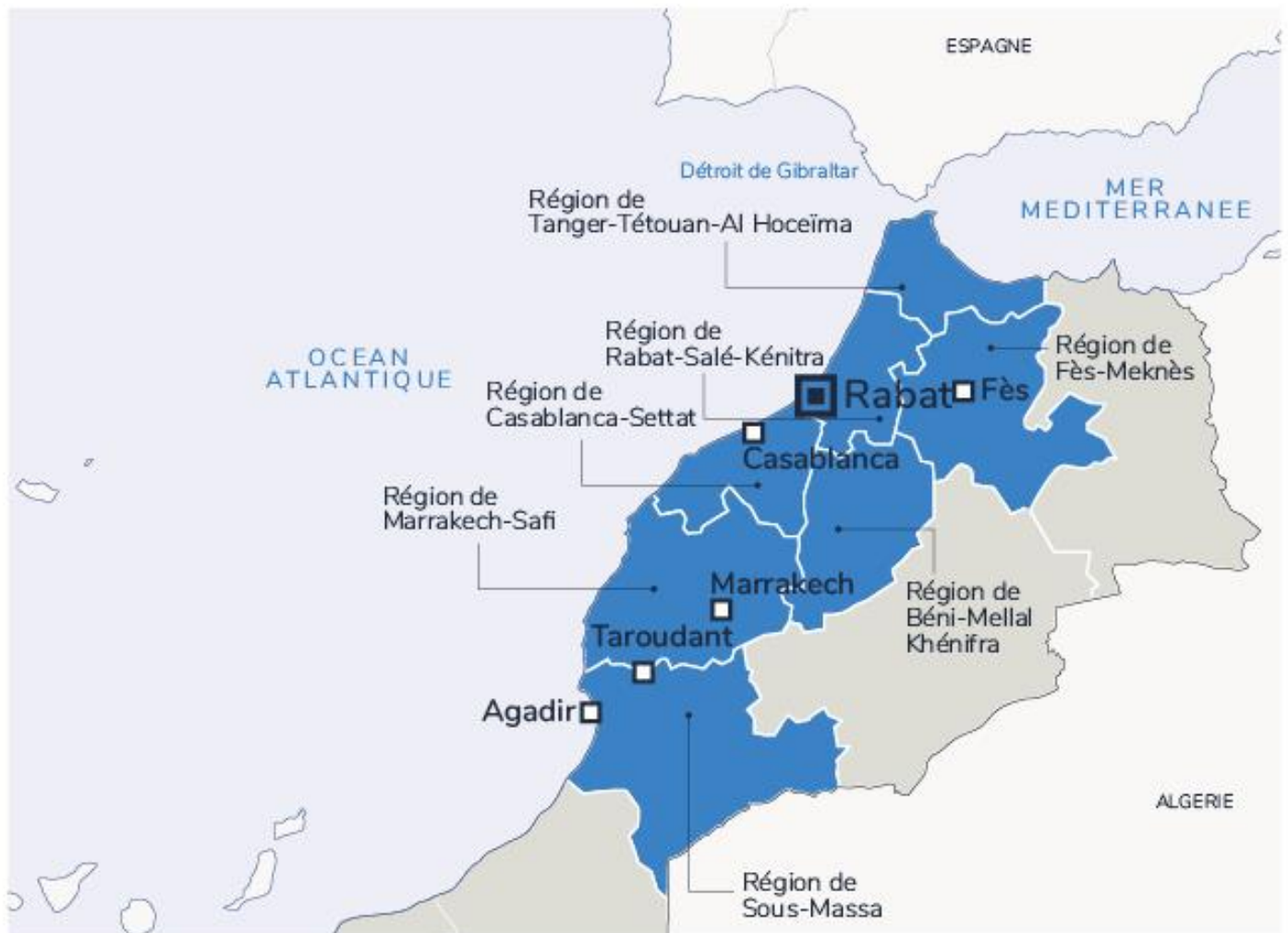




HI's team and areas of intervention

There are 22 people on HI's team in Morocco

Maroc



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Les frontières et noms des pays représentés sur cette carte, en conformité avec la nomenclature des nations Unies, n'impliquent pas une appréciation de Handicap International sur le statut des territoires.

■ Zones d'intervention
□ Villes



General Country Data

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Country	Morocco	Tunisia	France
Population	36 828 330	12 458 223	68 170 228
IHDI	0.70	0.573	0.82
SIGI score	49.3	46.5	10.1
Maternal mortality	72	37	8
Gini index	39.5	33.7	31.5
Population under UNHCR mandate	176 983	18 324	762 378
INFORM index	3.7	3.2	2.9
Fragile states index	68.8	67.2	28.3
Public social protection		50.20	100%
Official Development Assistance received	1 414.8	1212.3	

Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratification 08/04/2009
Mine Ban Treaty	Not signed
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Not signed

Geopolitical analysis

Social, cultural and demographic context

Morocco is a unitary parliamentary constitutional monarchy with a regionalised structure. Rabat is the Kingdom's capital. The Moroccan population consists mainly of Berbers, Arabs, Moriscos and Haratins from the south. The official languages are Arabic and Amazigh and the working languages are Darija Arabic, Amazigh (the language of the Berbers) and French throughout the country and Spanish in the northern regions. According to figures from the General Population and Housing Census carried out in September 2024, Morocco has a population of 36,828,330 (including 36,680,178 Moroccans and 148,152 foreigners). In 2017, 43% of the



population was under the age of 25.

Contexte politique

At the international level, Morocco continues to position itself as a bridge between Europe and Africa, developing its economic, commercial, security and diplomatic relations with the European Union while being particularly active on the African continent with, in particular, its re-entry into the African Union in 2016 and its application for membership of ECOWAS (the community of West African States) in 2017. In 2021, it developed closer links with the United States and the State of Israel.

Economic situation

Following growth of 3.4% in 2023, GDP slowed to 2.4% in the first half of 2024, mainly due to a contraction in the agricultural sector, with cereal production falling by 43% due to drought. Non-agricultural growth held steady at 3.3%. Domestic demand showed signs of acceleration, with private consumption and gross capital formation rising by 3.1% and 6.7% respectively in the first half of 2024, supported by a sharp drop in annual inflation from 10.1% at the start of 2023 to 1.7% in August 2024.

The predominant agricultural sector (15% of GDP) remains highly dependent on the vagaries of the weather, especially drought, despite the launch in 2008 of the Green Morocco Plan to develop agriculture and its added value. The country has few mineral resources, with the exception of phosphate (72.4% of the world's phosphate reserves).

The region's proximity to Europe has led to the development of an industrial sector based mainly on the automotive, textile and agro-food industries. The tertiary sector benefits principally from the expansion of tourism-related activities (despite being severely impacted by COVID-19), trade and telecommunications and customer relations services. In terms of economic growth, Morocco has made significant progress in several areas over the last two decades.

Three regions produce more than half of the country's national wealth and are among the most important in terms of generating added value in the primary sector (Rabat Salé Kenitra region), secondary sector (Casablanca Settat, Rabat Salé Kenitra and Tangier Tetouan Al Hoceima regions) and tertiary sector (the same regions). These are also the regions with the greatest recruitment needs.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought national growth to a temporary halt, resulting in major job losses and putting severe pressure on the labour market in a country with one of the lowest labour force participation rates in the world. The Ukrainian crisis, coupled with cereal production issues caused by drought have led to high inflation driven by rising fuel prices, despite an ongoing policy of subsidising basic necessities.

Summary of HI's work in the country

Present in Morocco since 1993, HI is one of the few INGOs to have signed a Headquarters Agreement with the Moroccan Ministry of Cooperation and Foreign



Affairs (1999). Our organisation's historical roots are reflected in our strong network of partnerships with Organisations of People with Disabilities (OPD), supported for over 20 years to develop their capacity for self-representation and action.

Since 2011, in a context of reforms, HI Morocco has been working closely with the authorities to foster the development and implementation of inclusive public policies. The programme has also progressively extended its collaboration to include the private sector by helping companies to include people with disabilities in the workplace, particularly young people, as well as to new civil society organisations to help meet the needs of other vulnerable groups, such as women who have been victims of discrimination and migrant people.

After the earthquake in September 2023, HI broadened its response to include emergency needs in the fields of physical and functional rehabilitation and mental health.



Overview of current projects

Sectors in which HI is running projects, with a focus on the beneficiaries and partners

Main sectors of intervention	Main activities:	Beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Project start and end date	Donors funding the project
Vocational inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strengthening the capacity of Civil Society Organisations to participate in consultation forums on employment and improve their advocacy for access to employment for people with disabilities- Strengthening the capacity of an Organisation of People with Disabilities to mobilise young people with disabilities in order to develop job sourcing- Awareness-raising and introduction of community relays- Supporting private sector companies in developing diversity in recruitment and supporting the recruitment of young people with disabilities- Co-development of employability enhancement	<p>In Morocco: 10 Civil Society Organisations and Organisations of people with disabilities</p> <p>200 young people supported, 100 of whom have found employment</p> <p>8 companies mobilised</p>	Local Information and Guidance Centre (CLIO) and Heure Joyeuse	Morocco Rabat-Salé and Kenitra regions), Tunisia, Senegal, Benin	July 2021 – November 2024	<p>Agence Française de Développement</p> <p>CBR – Brussels-Capital Region</p>



	<p>activities in liaison with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), public employment actors and companies, and implementation of complementary financial support schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definition of a strategy for the sustainability of support measures for young people with disabilities to help them find employment 					
Inclusive employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobilising companies and supporting them in adopting an inclusive approach to the recruitment and induction of employees with disabilities 	Agencies and regional offices of the National Agency for the Promotion of Employment and Skills (ANAPEC)	Subcontracted by Expertise France as part of a programme to employ vulnerable young people implemented in collaboration with Pôle Emploi and Initiative France.	Souss Massa, Béni Mellal Khénifra, Fès Meknès regions	November 2023 - December 2024	Expertise France
Protection Basic Needs Migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for vulnerable migrants (reception, identification, facilitating access to appropriate services with material and psychosocial support, mental health care) - Mobilising community actors to identify and refer vulnerable migrants 	<p>Civil society organisations – local CSOs</p> <p>Platform of migrant associations</p> <p>Local public actors</p>		Casablanca	February 2024 - February 2025	International Organisation for Migration (IOM)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobilising and coordinating with local health actors 					
Inclusive governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organisational and structural strengthening - Capacity building in the fields of advocacy and public policy analysis - Innovative approach to financing the sector and to the generational renewal of non-profits 	20 CSOs in 4 areas: disability, child protection, access to justice and women's rights	ASF Amane	National	March 2023 - February 2027	European Union AFD
Emergency response to the earthquake in Morocco - MHPSS and Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthening the technical capacity of physical and functional rehabilitation professionals and of community relays to case-manage people with complex injuries - Providing rehabilitation services in the most inaccessible areas using caravans - Building the capacity of psychosocial workers, local psychologists and community relays in emergency mental health response and psychosocial support. - Running group psychosocial support services 	<p>People affected by the earthquake</p> <p>Community relays Health professionals (mental health and rehabilitation)</p>	<p>Migrations & Développement,</p> <p>Community-based rehabilitation network</p>	Marrakech-Safi region and Sous Massa region	Oct. 2023 - April 2025	<p>Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS)</p> <p>Aktion Deutschland Hilft</p> <p>CDC - Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations</p> <p>MRIF - Ministry of International Relations and Francophonie</p> <p>Agence Française de Développement (AFD)</p>



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