

Mauritania - Strengthening urban resilience and disaster risk management in Nouakchott and secondary cities

Country

Mauritania

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Improve urban resilience in Central,
Eastern and Western African cities

Amount approved

€460,000 / \$500,000

Duration

07/2024 – 06/2026

Context and Objectives

Mauritania, with its rapidly urbanizing landscape and high exposure to floods, faces significant challenges in urban resilience and disaster risk management (DRM). Even though the government has begun addressing these issues in certain cities through the [MOUDOUN](#) program, Nouakchott and secondary cities, especially Nouadhibou, face ongoing and similar challenges.

The objective of the grant is to enhance urban resilience and DRM in Mauritania, specifically targeting the capital city of Nouakchott and several secondary cities such as Nouadhibou, Rosso, Kaedi, and Selibaby and to increase the capacity of key institutions on urban resilience and DRM.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Flood risk assessments for Nouakchott and Nouadhibou

This activity involves conducting flood risk assessments for Nouakchott and Nouadhibou, identifying investment needs for urban resilience, and providing training and technical assistance to key institutions involved in flood risk management.

Expected Result:

- Informed development of urban resilience investments in administrations of targeted cities, the Ministry of Urbanism and the Ministry of Interior.

Support to delivery of the Rapid Diagnostic under the Nouakchott Urban Platform

This activity supports the Nouakchott Urban Development Platform in developing a rapid diagnostic and prioritized investment plan, which will guide long-term urban resilience strategies.

Expected Result:

- Informed development of urban resilience investments in administrations of targeted cities, the Ministry of Urbanism and the Ministry of Interior.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements the project in close coordination with the Ministry of Urban Development and select communes in Nouakchott as well as in other secondary cities. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation to Mauritania.

The project supports the following World Bank-financed projects: [Decentralization and Productive Intermediate Cities Support Project](#) and the [Mauritania Fiscal Management and Resilience Development Policy Financing with a Catastrophe Deferred Drawdown Option](#).