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HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP - MOROCCO

Morocco needs to train 200,000 qualified teachers to ensure a sufficient supply of educators by 2030.

In 2017, the Moroccan Ministry of Education (MOE) launched the national strategy for training educational staff to ensure there will be a sufficient supply of well-qualified teachers by 2030.

The MOE is addressing this need by (1) designing and accrediting a bachelor's degree in education, (2) building on pre-service teacher training at universities and regional training centers, and (3) promoting educational research in universities and training centers.

However, an initial analysis on the status of teacher training and higher education indicates that the current pre-service teacher training programs have not been based on international best practices for effective teacher preparation.

USAID RESPONSE

In 2019, USAID began partnering with the MOE to launch the five-year Higher Education Partnership for Morocco (HEP-M) program. The HEP-M program aims to assist the MOE in the implementation of a then-newly adopted law designed to improve pre-service training.

USAID supports the Higher Education Partnership for Morocco by:

- Building expertise for higher education pre-service teacher training.

- Helping to develop a comprehensive undergraduate degree pathway to prepare teachers to teach in primary school.
- Enhancing institutional and human capacity at Moroccan universities to deliver the new bachelor's degree.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Create a sustainable Moroccan higher education pool of experts for primary teaching to enhance quality pre-service teacher training in Morocco.
- Improve content and delivery mechanisms for primary teacher preparation.
- Strengthen the capacity of key actors in universities and teacher training centers to deliver quality pre-service teacher training.
- Develop an enhanced learning and research agenda for teachers, universities, and Regional Teacher Training Centers.

FACTS & FIGURES

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:

- Arizona State University
- Creative Associates International

HOST-COUNTRY PARTNERS:

- Ministry of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education, and Scientific Research
- Moroccan universities, Regional Academies for Education and Training, Regional Teacher Training Centers

LOCATION: Countrywide

BUDGET: \$5 million

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