**Mauritania**

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| **Programme Title:**  | Heritage, tradition and creativity for sustainable development in Mauritania |
| **Programme number & MDTF ref:** | MDGF-1804-G-MRT Heritage tradi (67184) |
| **Window:** | Culture & Development |
| **Approved Budget by NSC (US$):** | 7.5 million |
| **Participating Organizations:** | UNFPA, UNDP, UNESCO |
| **First Tranche transferred on:** | 30-Jan-2009 |

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| **ACTIVITIES Reported:** |
| **Main Substantive Activities:** |
| Site study completed. A diagnosis of the cultural, artisan production and tourism sub-sectors completed. Study on the positive effects of traditions in the economic integration of women completed. Training programme designed and in execution. A mechanism to manage the Living Human Treasures system was designed. The identification of the gamut of artisanal products was completed and assistance provided in the areas of training in manufacturing and marketing. Training needs were identified. A credit line for income generating activities was established. A web site is currently under construction. |
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| **Problems and lessons learned:** |
| External to the JP (constant counterpart staff changes in government institutions).  * The innovative nature of the joint programme in the Mauritanian context
* Political instability and high turnover within the Mauritanian Public Service
* The volatile security situation in the country
* The challenge of working jointly with different UN agencies and diverse government institutions
* The lack of human resources and capacities
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| **The programme reports relevant linkage to the UNDAF:** Yes |
| **The programme has communications strategy in place:** Not reported |

CHARTS & FIGURES

As of 31 December 2010

