**Mauritania**

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| **Programme Title:** | Mainstreaming Local Environmental Management in Planning |
| **Programme number & MDTF ref:** | MDGF-1724-E-MRT Mainstreaming (67163) |
| **Window:** | Environment & Climate Change |
| **Approved Budget by NSC (US$):** | 5 million |
| **Participating Organizations:** | FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, WFP, WHO |
| **First Tranche transferred on:** | 14-Aug-2008 |
| **Second Tranche transferred on:** | 2-May-2010 |

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| **ACTIVITIES Reported:** |
| **Main Substantive Activities:** |
| Rainfall monitored in 125 sites. Populations in 125 sites take part in environmental regeneration that led to 4,693 hectares of degraded land being restored. 600 he of gum trees regenerated. Protection of 235 he of sylvo pastoral land. Management of 3 classified forests 65 schools, 14 health centres, 460 stores, 60 markets and 260 water fountains repaired 5800 he of land protected from desertification. 4600 latrines were built thanks to community initiative. 110 villages stopped defecation in the open.3000 people have access to safe and clean drinking water. Regional structures are equipped with 6 biomedical waste incinerators as well as mini labs for water quality analysis. 2100 schoolchildren, teachers and traders were sensitized on hygiene in schools. Environmental studies for water, health, and agriculture completed. Public and private sector staff have been trained in environmental public policy. 3 Agenda 21 were finalised. |
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| **Problems and lessons learned:** |
| * UN Agency coordination. Managerial. External to the JP (political instability).
* Environment is taken into account in the last country PRSP.
* A government initiated programme named “The Solidarity Programme 2011” has expanded the Joint Programme component 1 activities to the entire country.
* Meanwhile, rural populations are fully involved in environment regeneration when the economic interest is immediate.
* Regional structures of the Environment Ministry are poorly equipped and therefore cannot easily perform their duties.
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| **The programme reports relevant linkage to the UNDAF:** Yes |
| **The programme has communications strategy in place:** Yes |

CHARTS& FIGURES

As of 31 December 2010

