



## COOPI PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

In 2019, COOPI began operations in Mauritania in the Hodh El Gharbi region-in the southeastern part of the country-where the **Mbera refugee camp** is located. This is an area characterized by very high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition, high vulnerability to climatic shocks, and significant isolation caused by the lack of infrastructure and basic services that affect the entire population.

The instability that has characterized the northern part of Mali for years has meant that refugees who have fled from that country have been staying in Mauritania for a longer period of time, with a significant impact on the environment and living conditions of the area's inhabitants. In the **Bassikounou area**, COOPI has been working with the aim of strengthening the economic autonomy of the refugee and host populations by offering competitive goods and services, creating sustainable jobs, and improving the technical capacity of producers through intervention at the various levels of the supply chain.

Over the years, COOPI has strengthened its presence in Mauritania, with programs in the four regions of Nouakchott, Hod El Chargui, Guidimakha, and Assaba. These regions are characterized by high youth unemployment, therefore COOPI implements its programs in two main areas: economic development and rural infrastructure development/rehabilitation.

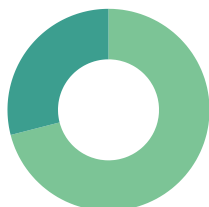
Economic development programs aim to support the growth of the economy in the country by valuing youth and creating jobs. COOPI does this through a community-based and participatory approach, with a focus on gender protection and inclusion dynamics.

Rural infrastructure development/rehabilitation programs aim to improve the living conditions of rural people by facilitating access to essential services and economic development opportunities. COOPI does this through a sustainable approach that takes into account the needs of local communities.

### FROM 2019 TO 2023:

**7**  
PROJECTS

**29%**  
DEVELOPMENT



**71%**  
EMERGENCY

**31,426**  
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

### AREAS IN WHICH COOPI HAS WORKED IN THE COUNTRY



## COOPI IN MAURITANIA TODAY

COOPI operates in Mauritania with the aim of supporting local economic and productive development, and in parallel promoting conflict prevention and strengthening community resilience.

In the Hodh el Chargui region, COOPI intervenes in the following areas:

- **Economic Development:** COOPI supports local communities in improving the production and marketing of their agricultural and pastoral products.
- **Infrastructure Upgrading and Disaster Risk Reduction:** COOPI supports local communities in preparing for and responding to natural disasters and in maintaining and constructing small works for water and soil conservation.
- **Conflict prevention and participatory community approach:** COOPI promotes dialogue and collaboration among different communities to prevent conflict and improve natural resource management.

COOPI's development programs primarily target farmers and pastoralists, small entrepreneurs, and rural communities in general, with a focus on the inclusion of women and vulnerable people.

COOPI's programs are implemented in synergy with local actors, such as **institutions**, **field organizations**, and **communities**. This approach, defined as **community-based** and **participatory**, makes it possible to ensure a coordinated response to the growing needs related to the population's context of vulnerability, and to ensure the sustainability and ownership of interventions.

**2**  
**PROJECTS**

**100%**  
DEVELOPMENT



**60,306**  
**DIRECT BENEFICIARIES**

INTERNATIONAL  
**6**  
PEOPLE

LOCAL STAFF  
**15**  
PEOPLE

**STAFF**

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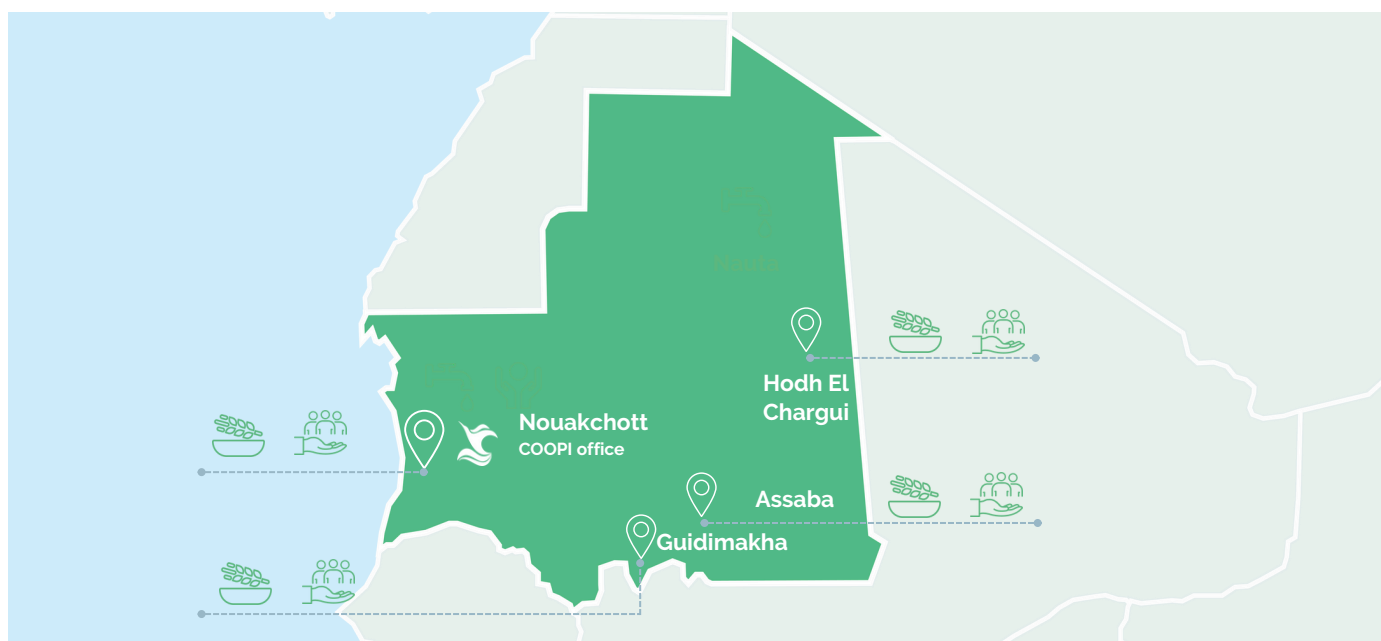


FOOD SECURITY AND  
LIVELIHOODS



ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

COOPI is currently present in Mauritania in the regions of Hodh El Chargui and Nouakchott. In the city of Nouakchott COOPI has its office. Until November 2023 COOPI was also present in the regions of Assaba and Guidimakha.



## MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COOPI in Mauritania stimulates the transformation of the country's economy and promotes its growth, with the aim of creating new jobs and income opportunities.

In these terms, COOPI strengthens the resilience of communities of farmers, pastoralists, artisans, and small entrepreneurs, as well as refugees, especially involving women and youth. COOPI's main interventions to strengthen the economic and social fabric in the regions where it operates are:

- SUPPORT TO SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS FOR MODERNIZATION AND REVITALIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES;
- DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING CHAINS;
- INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION WITH COMMUNITY-BASED INCLUSIVE APPROACHES SUCH AS HIMO (HAUTE INTENSITÉ DE MAIN D'OEUVRE);
- TRAINING ON BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND USE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES;
- PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO CREDIT;
- ADVOCACY WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO ADAPT SERVICES TO THE NEEDS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES;
- IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIAL COHESION AND CONFLICT PREVENTION, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS;
- TRAINING IN LIFE SKILLS, ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES.

2024:  
**1**  
 PROJECTS  
**32,396**  
 BENEFICIARIES





## MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION



### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

In the area of Food Security and Livelihoods COOPI mainly carries out activities of:

- INITIATION AND REVITALIZATION OF AGROPASTORAL ACTIVITIES;
- PROMOTION OF SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE DOMESTIC MARKET AND ABROAD;
- IMPROVEMENT OF STORAGE CAPACITIES FOR AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS;
- SUPPORT FOR SMALL ENTREPRENEURS, RETURN MIGRANTS AND YOUTH AT RISK OF MIGRATION;
- BUSINESS INTEGRATION OF COOPERATIVES/ENTERPRISES;
- STRENGTHENING PRODUCTION CHAINS OF RUBBER ARABIC, LEATHER AND POULTRY;
- SUPPORT FOR TOOLS AND SERVICES NEEDED TO START EIG (ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPING) ACTIVITIES.

2024:  
**1**  
 PROJECTS  
**27,910**  
 BENEFICIARIES

COOPI ADOPTS AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO PROMOTE FOOD SECURITY.  
 READ MORE HERE:

**FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS POLICY**  
[WWW.COOPI.ORG/FOODSEC-POLICY](http://WWW.COOPI.ORG/FOODSEC-POLICY)



## NETWORK IN MAURITANIA

### INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH COOPI COLLABORATES

Regional Department for the Environment and Sustainable Development of Assaba and Guidimaka (DREDD) -  
Mauritanian Federation of Agriculture (FMA) - Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development -  
Ministry of Livestock

### COOPI NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS

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### COOPI DONORS

#### COOPI ACTIVITIES IN MAURITANIA ARE CURRENTLY FUNDED BY:



## COOPI DEVELOPMENT LINES IN MAURITANIA

COOPI's areas of focus in the country, such as Economic Development, Food Security, and promotion of income-generating activities remain at the center of COOPI's programming. These are accompanied by an increase in programs aimed at participatory planning for land development and environmental risk reduction, along with training activities and interventions for disaster risk prevention and reduction and conflict prevention activities always following a community and participatory approach in order to ensure the sustainability of the actions undertaken.

In addition, COOPI will intensify economic development and the prevention of socioeconomic inequalities through the development of supply chains and job creation, strengthening enterprises run by youth and women.



LEARN MORE ABOUT COOPI'S PROJECTS IN MAURITANIA

[HTTPS://WWW.COOPI.ORG/EN/COUNTRY/MAURITANIA.HTML](https://www.coopi.org/en/country/mauritania.html)



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