

# COOPI IN MAURITANIA



## EVOLUTION OF COOPI'S PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

In 2019, COOPI began its operations in Mauritania in the **Hodh El Chargui** region, characterized by very high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition, significant vulnerability to climate shocks, and considerable isolation. This region is home to the Mberra refugee camp, where COOPI worked to strengthen the economic autonomy of both the host population and refugees from neighboring Mali, providing competitive goods and services, creating sustainable jobs, and enhancing the technical capacities of producers through interventions at various levels of the value chain.

Over the years, COOPI has strengthened its presence in Mauritania, implementing programs in the four regions of **Nouakchott, Hodh El Chargui, Guidimakha, and Assaba**. COOPI has adopted a multisectoral approach, carrying out programs in economic development, food and nutrition security, and the development and rehabilitation of rural infrastructure. Economic development programs aim to support the country's economic growth by empowering youth and creating jobs, while the development and rehabilitation of rural infrastructure focus on improving community living conditions, facilitating access to essential services and livelihoods. COOPI's approach is **sustainable, community-based, and participatory**, with particular attention to environmental protection, safeguarding needs, social cohesion, and gender dynamics.

### FROM 2019 TO 2025:

**9**  
PROJECTS

**66%**  
DEVELOPMENT



**34%**  
EMERGENCY

**67,738**  
DIRECT  
BENEFICIARIES

### SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI HAS OPERATED IN THE COUNTRY



FOOD SECURITY AND  
LIVELIHOODS



PROTECTION

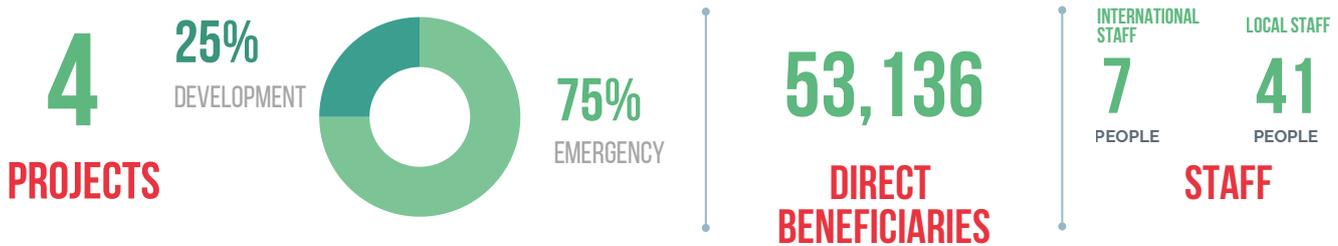


ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

## COOPI IN MAURITANIA TODAY

COOPI works in synergy with institutions, field-based organizations, and local communities, ensuring a coordinated response to the growing needs of the population while promoting the sustainability and ownership of interventions. The main areas of intervention include:

- **Food Security and Livelihoods:** support for the production and commercialization of agricultural and pastoral products.
- **Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Disaster Risk Reduction:** support for natural disaster preparedness and response; implementation of small-scale infrastructure for soil and water conservation.
- **Conflict Prevention and Participatory Community Approach:** promotion of dialogue and collaboration among different communities to prevent conflicts and improve the management of natural resources
- **Health and Nutrition:** prevention and response to maternal and child malnutrition; training of healthcare staff and support to local health centers.
- **Education:** promotion of parental education; prevention and reduction of school dropout.
- **Protection:** community-based psychosocial support for at-risk children, victims of trafficking, refugees, and marginalized families; prevention and response to gender-based violence and early marriage.



### SECTORS OF INTERVENTION TODAY



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS



NUTRITION

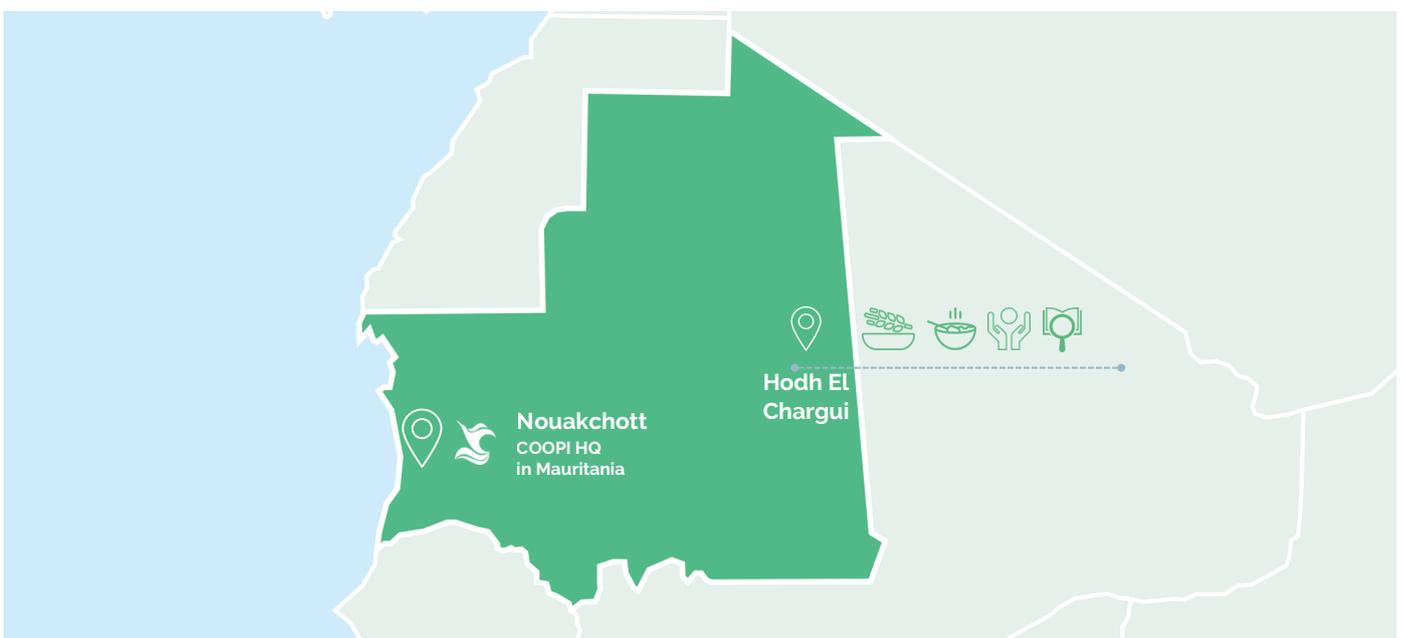


PROTECTION



EDUCATION

Currently, COOPI's projects are focused in the Hodh El Chargui region, with operational bases in the cities of Néma, Bassikounou, and Djiguenni. The Country Coordination office is based in the capital, Nouakchott.



## MAIN SECTORS OF INTERVENTION



### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

In the Food Security and Livelihoods sector in Mauritania, COOPI primarily carries out the following activities:

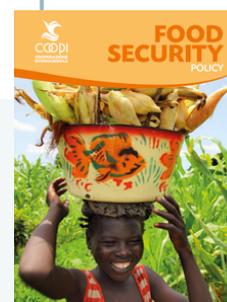
- IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED INVESTMENTS FOR THE CONSERVATION, RESTORATION, AND PROTECTION OF SOILS AND CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCES.
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN IDENTIFYING, PRIORITIZING, AND VALIDATING INVESTMENTS OF COLLECTIVE INTEREST
- SUPPORT FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF RURAL PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS
- IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO AND MANAGEMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- PROMOTION OF SOCIAL COHESION

2026:  
**2**  
PROJECTS  
**44,436**  
BENEFICIARIES

COOPI ADOPTS AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO PROMOTING FOOD SECURITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**FOOD SECURITY POLICY**

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## MAIN SECTORS OF INTERVENTION



### NUTRITION

In the Nutrition sector in Mauritania, COOPI primarily implements activities aimed at:

- PREVENTING ACUTE MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN AGED 6 TO 59 MONTHS, PREGNANT AND BREASTFEEDING WOMEN, AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS
- IMPROVING THE NUTRITIONAL STATUS AND FOOD SECURITY OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS, THEREBY ENHANCING THEIR WELL-BEING AND LEARNING CAPACITIES.
- PROMOTING GOOD DIETARY PRACTICES, NUTRITIONAL DIVERSIFICATION, AND THE USE OF LOCAL PRODUCTS FOR COMPLEMENTARY FEEDING.

2026:  
**2**  
PROJECTS  
**8,700**  
BENEFICIARIES

COOPI ADOPTS AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO PROMOTING NUTRITION SECURITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION :

**NUTRITION SECURITY POLICY**

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## COOPI'S NETWORK IN MAURITANIA

### COOPI'S INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

Ministry of Trade, Industry, Handicrafts and Tourism of Mauritania • Regional Delegation for Environment and Sustainable Development of Hodh El Chargui • Regional Delegation for Agriculture of Hodh El Chargui • Regional Delegation for Livestock of Hodh El Chargui

### COOPI'S NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS

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### COOPI'S INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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### COOPI'S DONORS

COOPI'S ACTIVITIES IN MAURITANIA ARE CURRENTLY FUNDED BY:



## COOPI'S DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES IN MAURITANIA

Interventions in the areas of food security and livelihoods, health and nutrition, and economic development continue to represent the core of COOPI's programming, which adopts a multisectoral and integrated approach. The organization's action is grounded in a community-based and participatory approach, combined with constant attention to gender dynamics and environmental risk mitigation, with the aim of ensuring the long-term sustainability of its interventions.

In the near future, COOPI in Mauritania will further strengthen its activities in **emergency response**, the **prevention and mitigation of malnutrition**, the **consolidation of local food systems**, and the improvement of **access to basic services**, particularly in the water and health sectors. These actions aim to promote the socio-economic inclusion of the most vulnerable groups, prevent conflicts, ensure sustainable management of natural resources, and strengthen community resilience.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COOPI'S PROJECTS IN MAURITANIA

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