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AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN ENPI COUNTRIES

THE CASE OF MOROCCO



Presentation

1. Historical evolution: from Protocols to ENPI
2. Sector evolution: from Agricultural Development to Rural Development
3. Current trends



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Historical evolution



1976-1995

- **First Cooperation agreement signed in 1976**
 - **Four Financial Protocols signed and annexed to the CP, for more than 1.09 billion € (EC Budget and EIB Loans)**
 - **Agriculture and rural development were key priority sectors (46 %)**



ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT EU/MOROCCO

- **Euro-Mediterranean Conference in Barcelona (november 1995) and agreement signed the 26th February 1996.**
- **The agreement has three main dimensions : the political and security dialogue, the economic and financial dimension and the social and cultural dialogue.**
- **The MEDA Programme becomes the financial instrument of this agreement.**



MEDA I (1996-1999)

- ❑ **Around 30 projects and programmes are financed in Morocco for an amount of 630 million €.**
- ❑ **Three main sectors of intervention :**
- ❑ **Support to the Economic Reform (19%)**
- ❑ **Support to the Economic Transition (29%)**
- ❑ **Reinforcement of the Socio-economic equilibrium (52%)**



MEDA II (2000-2006)

- ❑ **Priorities :**
- ❑ **Fight against poverty**
- ❑ **Reinforcement of Human Resources**
- ❑ **Support to Economic Reforms**

- ❑ **During the MEDA period, six main bilateral projects are financed by the EC in the area of Rural Development, for an amount of more than 225 Million €**



ENP and ACTION PLAN EU/MOROCCO (2005)

ENPI Instrument (2007-2013)

- **Objective n°15 of the Action Plan :**
 - « To ensure a coherent agriculture policy (including actions on sustainable rural development and quality of goods) with the objective to converge and create the better conditions for the enforcement of a free trade area between Morocco and the EU »
- **ENPI : Re-envigorated financial assistance : 650 Million € for the 2007-2010 period, plus a reinforced contribution from the EIB**



THE « STATUT AVANCE »

- **A reinforcement of the relationship with Europe in order to consolidate what has been already achieved and to give a renovated impulse to the process of economic and social modernisation as well as to the democratic transition process of Morocco**
- **There is a precise reference to the agriculture sector and an explicit demand for EU support to the moroccan efforts to modernise it**



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2. Sector evolution: from Agricultural Development to Rural Development



First Protocols (1976-1992)

- **During the First three Protocoles, the EC mainly financed in Morocco:**
 1. **Budget Support Programmes to the Agriculture Development Fund.**
 2. **Programmes to promote and perform the irrigation systems.**
 3. **Small projects on Technical Assistance (Veterinary Vaccination, Basic Technology).**

In total, the EC has financed around 12 programmes on those sectors during this period



Fourth Protocole (1990-1995) and MEDA Programme (1995-2006)

- **The Fourth Protocole introduces new concepts in our cooperation on those sectors:**
 - 1. The Concept of Integrated Rural Development.**
 - 2. The Concept of Protection of Natural Ressources.**
 - 3. The Concept of Participatory Development and Local Governance.**
 - 4. New dimensions are considered: Protection of the Environment, Forests, Water ressources, Gender Equality...**
 - 5. But old actions are not abandoned, liked the Budget Support to the FDA, etc...**

The EC has financed more than 15 projects on Rural and Agriculture development during this period



Institutional Characteristics of that Period

- **Project Based Approaches**
- **Decentralised Management, by Beneficiary Authorities**
- **Institutional Support through PMUs, short term TAs and studies**
- **Lengthy Implementation Periods (between 6 to 10 years) and duplication of Administrative Procedures**
- **Clear acceleration with the Deconcentration Process in 2002/2003 (and better appropriation of procedures by local authorities)**
- **Lots of Satisfactions for the EC at the end of the Implementation period (visibility, better knowledge of the field, etc...)**



Technical and Sector Characteristics in that period

- 1. Main Objectives: improve food security conditions, stabilise populations in rural areas, fight against deterioration of natural resources and ameliorate management of policies and local governance in rural areas.**
- 2. Main actions and investments:**
 - **Socio-economic equipments and infrastructures (irrigation, rural roads, high income fruit trees production, etc...);**
 - **Promotion of Income Generating Activities, new economic sources of activity, etc...;**
 - **Participatory Development, structuring rural communities;**
 - **Actions for fighting against soil erosion and preservation of natural resources;**
 - **Strengthening of Extension Services.**



CURRENT AND FUTURE TRENDS (ENPI)

- **NIP 2007-2010 has programmed, for Morocco, ambitious Budget Support Programmes in the area of Social Development, Rural Development and Agriculture**
- **BS Programme to the INDH: concentrates all efforts in the Rural Component of this initiative (60 M€, including a large TA)**
- **SWAP on Agriculture Sector (40 M€): to be financed by the end of 2010, focus on the 2nd pillar of the reform (to strengthen the small and medium producers, to stabilise incomes of the small agriculture, etc...)**
- **NIP 2011-2013 still not adopted: for Morocco, the dynamic will be reinforced, particular attention to Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development, particularly in the north of the country**



Technical and Sector Characteristics

- **SWAP and Budget Supports are the main approaches, but traditional projects are not excluded, especially for very specific interventions**
- **Reinforcement of the Political Dialogue around those policies**
- **Support to National Policies, identifying fundamental priorities and challenging them with specific indicators linked to disbursements**
- **Strong demand of national authorities, especially sector authorities, for Institutional Support: TA to central and deconcentrated authorities, institutional support to research institutes, specific targeted and highly qualified expertise...**
- **Targeting of some components of national policies is not excluded (sub-sectors or specific regions): innovative approaches**



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