

# The Impact of COVID-19 on Migrants, Migration and Development

## MOROCCO'S NATIONAL RESPONSE: good practices

### **Health:**

Morocco's Ministry of Health stresses that migrants and refugees are taken into account regarding the measures of emergency related to this Pandemic that threatens public health. For more information please visit the Ministry of Health's website (in French)

[https://sehati.gov.ma/article/refugies\\_migrants\\_et\\_le\\_covid\\_19\\_au\\_maroc](https://sehati.gov.ma/article/refugies_migrants_et_le_covid_19_au_maroc)

### **Creation of a special fund dedicated to the management of the Coronavirus pandemic:**

A Special Trust Account entitled "Special Fund for the Management of the Coronavirus Pandemic Covid-19 " has been created in Morocco. Starting with an endowment with 1 billion US\$, this fund is reserved to cover the costs of upgrading the medical device for the emergency and supporting the economy. With donations from the population, this fund has reached more than 3 billion US\$.

### **Setting up of an Economic Watch Committee:**

At the level of the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Administration Reform, an Economic Watch Committee (CVE) has been set up. This committee is responsible on monitoring the development of the economic situation and identifying appropriate measures in terms of support for the sectors impacted.

<https://www.finances.gov.ma/fr/Nos-metiers/Pages/news-dispositions-cve.aspx>

### **Measures for employees:**

In February 2020, all employees declared to the "Caisse Nationale de Sécurité Sociale CNSS", out of business, due to companies in difficulty, will benefit from a monthly flat-rate allowance of 2000 MAD net. <https://www.cnss.ma/fr/toute-l-actualit-s>

### **Measures for businesses, Small and medium enterprises:**

- Until June 30, 2020, suspension of the payment of social charges.
- Activation of an operating credit line granted by the banks, guaranteed by the Caisse centrale de garantie (CCG).
- **"DAMANE OXYGENE"**: The Ministry of Economy, Finance and Administration Reform set up on Thursday March 26, 2020, with the Caisse Centrale de Garantie (CCG), a new guarantee mechanism called "Damane Oxygene" ". This new guarantee product aims to mobilize financing resources for companies whose cash flow has deteriorated due to the decline in their activity. It covers 95% of the credit amount and thus allows banks to quickly set up exceptional overdrafts to finance the working capital needs of target companies. <https://www.ccg.ma/fr/espace-media/actualites/covid-19-la-ccg-lance-la-garantie-exceptionnelle-damane-oxygene-pour-venir>

### **Support measures for the informal sector:**

The "Régime d'Assistance Médicale (RAMED)" is the system based on the principles of social assistance and national solidarity for the benefit of the poor. In this regard, Ramedist households operating in the informal sector, can benefit from subsistence aid which will be served by the Coronavirus fund. For non-ramedists, operating in the informal sector, who have lost their income due to confinement, the same amounts of aid are granted to them as well.

### **Bank Al Maghrib:**

Bank Al-Maghrib, has adopted prudential policies to support access to bank credit for the benefit of households and businesses as well.

**His Majesty King Mohammed VI proposes a joint initiative for Africa:**

Morocco is proceeding in a holistic approach, according to His Majesty the King's guidance, not only in setting the ground for a global strategy to tackle the Pandemic and its effects on Morocco but also in a regional approach including other African countries.

The Sovereign proposed the launch of an initiative of African Heads of State aimed at establishing an operational framework to accompany African countries in the various phases of the management of the pandemic.