

Al-Assima, Morocco

Partner city

Status of the project: upcoming technical assistance



Basic Information

Urban area: 1,910 km²

Population: 2,134,533 (2014) | Growth rate: 1.6%

GDP per capita: USD 3,591

National GHG emissions per capita: 2.62 (tCO₂eq)

Exposure to climate change: HIGH

Country capital city

Context

Al-Assima has an existing mass transit system and master plan or similar document. The local counterparts, Etablissement de la Coopération Intercommunale Al-Assima ECIAA and Société du Tramway de Rabat-Salé (STRS), have the mandate and responsibility to finance mass public transport infrastructure. They have the authority, with the central government guarantee, to borrow from international finance sources. Systems and procedures are not in place to monitor, evaluate and report on urban.

Al-Assima plans to develop a SUMP, by mandating a consultant. The future mobility plan will replace the former mobility plan of Rabat and integrate the whole urban area, including the cities of Salé and Temara.

- Structuring the project (governance, feedback on terms of reference)
- Providing STRS with assistance for developing urban mobility diagnosis and vision-building modules
- Assistance for integrating a participatory approach
- Capacity-building (throughout the process)
- Providing technical expertise for the review of SUMP deliverables
- Delivering expertise programme for the definition and implementation of local MRV-GHG approach, in link with national level (Rabat is one of the 3 pilot cities of this specific programme)

The technical assistance contributes to institutional strengthening through capacity building for implementation and a large stakeholder engagement process.

Support from the Partnership

Technical Assistance: Support to pilot a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)

Funded by: CEREMA

Funding amount: EUR 500,000 (in kind)

Implemented by: CEREMA through the MobiliseYourCity Morocco

Local counterpart: Etablissement de la Coopération Intercommunale "Al-Assima" ECIAA, Société du Tramway de Rabat-Salé (STRS)

Supported activities:

Technical assistance to support STRS and the SUMP

- Deliverable reviews
- Support during the SUMP committees

Status of implementation

Project start: 2021 Q4

Expected project completion: 2022 Q4

Highlights in the past year

The procurement process for the SUMP study has been delayed for multiple reasons, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Uncertainties remain on the next steps to relaunch the procurement, as the crisis has endangered the overall economic sustainability of the tramway and bus network.