

Al-Assima (Rabat-Salé-Temara), Morocco

Partner city

Status of the project: Technical assistance



Basic Information

Urban area: 1,910 km²

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

Country capital city

GDP per capita: USD 3,217

National GHG emissions per capita: 2.62 (tCO₂eq)

Exposure to climate change: HIGH

Context

Rabat is the capital city of Morocco and the second largest region of the country. It is both the administrative and business center of the country. Rabat's agglomeration "Al Assima" includes the cities of Salé and Temara. Salé is the biggest cities among the three cities (982 163 inhabitants in 2014), followed by Rabat (577 827 inhabitants), and Temara (574 543 inhabitants). In 2024, the agglomeration's population is expected to reach 2 549 000 inhabitants, which will result in an increase of mobility.

Al-Assima has an existing mass transit system as well as a transport master plan. 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. Currently, there are no systems and procedures are in place to monitor, evaluate and report on urban mobility.

Al-Assima plans to develop a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (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 an expertise programme for the definition and implementation of a local measuring, reporting and verifying greenhouse gas emissions approach, in link with the 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 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: 2023 Q1

Completed outputs:

- Elaboration of SUMP ToRs
- Diagnosis report
- SUMP elaboration study

Highlights

SUMP preparation study ongoing after being delayed due to pandemics

After the procurement of the SUMP had been delayed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the study on the elaboration of the SUMP started in September 2021. It is planned for a duration of 18 month (until March 2023). As of February 2022, the SUMP is in the diagnosis phase.

Due to the limited availability of new or aggregated data, the factsheet has only marginally been updated in 2023.