

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

Technical Assistance

Completed

Basic information

Urban area	→	1,910 km ²
Population	→	1,336,386 (2024)
Growth rate	→	1.6%
Country capital city		
GDP per capita	→	USD 3,217

Modal share

Formal public transport	→	5,6%
Walking	→	55,4%
Cycling	→	1,4%
Private cars	→	23,7%
Private motorbikes	→	3,2%
Taxis	→	7,6%
Other (Staff transport - School transport)	→	3,1%
National GHG emissions per capita	→	2.62 (tCO ₂ eq)
Exposure to climate change	→	HIGH



Context

Rabat is the capital of Morocco and the second-largest city in the country. It is both the administrative and business centre of the country. Rabat's agglomeration "Al Assima" includes the cities of Salé and Temara. Salé is the largest city 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, resulting in increased mobility.

Al-Assima has an existing mass transit system and a transport master plan. The local counterparts, Etablissement de la Coopération Intercommunale Al-Assima (ECIAA) and Rabat Région Mobilité (RRM), have the mandate and responsibility to finance mass public transport infrastructure. They have the authority, with the central government guarantee, to borrow from international financial sources. Currently, there are no systems and procedures 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 Rabat's former mobility plan and integrate the entire urban area, including the cities of Salé and Temara.

- Structuring the project (governance, feedback on terms of reference)
- Providing RRM 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 line with the national level (Rabat is one of the three 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)

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Local counterpart: Etablissement de la Coopération Intercommunale "Al-Assima" ECIAA, Rabat Région Mobilité (RRM)

Supported activities:

Technical assistance to support RRM and the SUMP

- Deliverable reviews
- Support during the SUMP committees

Status of implementation

Project start: 2021 Q4

Project completion: 2023 Q4

Completed outputs:

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

Highlights in the past year

The SUMP preparation study is ongoing following a delay due to the pandemic.

After the SUMP procurement was delayed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the study to elaborate on the SUMP began in September 2021. Completion was scheduled for December 2023. As of October 2023, the SUMP is in the action plan phase.

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