



FACT SHEET

Favorable Opportunities to Reinforce Self-Advancement for Today's Youth



The program is expected to reduce school drop-out rates among targeted at-risk youth. (USAID)

CONTEXT

Youth, comprising more than half of Morocco's population, are disproportionately affected by socioeconomic challenges facing the country. Lack of access to quality education, high rates of unemployment, and political disenfranchisement contribute to high rates of youth marginalization. This phenomenon risks an increase in crime, irregular migration, and vulnerability to violent extremism, all of which imperil Morocco's peaceful reform agenda.

USAID RESPONSE

The Favorable Opportunities to Reinforce Self-Advancement for Today's Youth Project seeks to prevent youth delinquency and reduce recidivism among at-risk youth on probation. The project works in the following areas:

- **Social inclusion of marginalized youth:** utilizing a “positive youth development” approach, youth in selected neighborhoods will benefit from education, life skills, and other youth-friendly services with the goal of ensuring school success or employment placements.
- **Provide young offenders with supportive services:** through existing or strengthened referral network, training and support activities in health, education, and workforce preparation will be offered to young offenders detained in the child protection center of Tangier and to youth on probation.
- **Strengthen public and NGO youth-serving organizations:** to ensure the sustainability and quality of services, the project will improve the ability of youth-serving institutions to champion an assets-based approach to youth development.

QUICK FACTS

- **Project Name:** Favorable Opportunities to Reinforce Self-Advancement for Today's Youth
- **Project Duration:** October 2012-September 2014
- **Project Goal:** to advance Moroccan initiatives for peaceful reform
- **Project Objective:** to enhance the culture of civic participation for at-risk youth

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- School drop-out rates among targeted at-risk youth reduced;
- Recidivism rates among youth on probation decreased;
- Employment or self-employment among targeted youth increased;
- Organizational capacity of youth-serving institutions increased.