



MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

Between:

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark**

and

UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund Country Office in Morocco

On the occasion of the visit of H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark to Rabat, Morocco, this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is recording the mutual interest of the Kingdom of Denmark and UNFPA Country Office in Morocco to contribute to the socio-economic and health response of the Moroccan government to the COVID-19 crisis, by supporting the continuity of sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence care services as well as women’s socio-economic empowerment, in order to improve the wellbeing and resilience of populations in vulnerable situation, particularly women and girls.

Within that context, both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and UNFPA Country Office in Morocco have agreed to work towards developing the project titled “*Autonomy and Choice in a crisis situation focused on Continuity of Essential Services and Socioeconomic empowerment of vulnerable women and girls*”, hereinafter referred to as “project ACCESS” aiming to be implemented between July 2021 and June 2024, at central level and in 4 regions: Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima, Fes-Meknes, Beni Mellal-Khenifra and Marrakesh-Safi, as agreed between the parties.

This project targets the most vulnerable population (especially pregnant women and in childbearing age, girls in rural areas, adolescents and youth, people with handicaps) by adopting the principle of Leaving No One behind (LNOB) and reaching those furthest behind first. The direct beneficiaries of this project are at least 35,400 people, including pregnant women, women of reproductive age, women and girls who are victims of violence, youth and adolescents, including those with disabilities, working women, and migrants, community development workers, as well as frontline workers. The indirect beneficiaries are estimated to be around 100,000 people. Indirect beneficiaries include current and future families and communities.

The key stakeholders of the project ACCESS are the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Solidarity, Social Development, Equality and Family, the National Union of Moroccan Women (UNFM) and the Union of Feminist Action (UAF), among others.

This MoU is concluded in the spirit of friendly cooperation. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and the UNFPA Country Office in Morocco shall agree on the action to be taken further for the implementation of this MoU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below.

<p>FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DENMARK:</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Title:</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>FOR THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND COUNTRY OFFICE IN MOROCCO:</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Title:</p> <p>Date:</p>
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