

MAURITANIA

INVESTMENT SUMMARY



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Overview: Current country program established in 2008. Focus is working with agricultural groups and women's collectives. USADF currently manages a portfolio of 25 investment projects. Total commitment is \$3.42 million



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Grants	Duration	Value	Summary
Boghé Herders Milk Production and Sale 1823-MAU photos	2008 -2013	\$250,000	Cooperative (Milk Products): Boghé Herders Milk Production and Sale is comprised of 700 herders (400 women) who produce cow and camel milk for processing. The milk is sold to the largest dairy factory in Mauritania. USADF funds will purchase feed and develop fodder plants for animals, procure veterinary care, construct a vaccination center, and provide technical assistance to the Association's Executive Committee for financial and management capacity.
Rosso Herders Milk Production and Sale 1824-MAU photos	2008 -2013	\$250,000	Cooperative (Milk Products): Rosso Herders Milk Production and Sale is a group of 447 herders (106 women) who produce cow and camel milk for processing. The milk is sold to the largest milk factory in Mauritania, in an effort to fill increasing demand for processed milk products. USADF assistance will purchase animal feed, develop fodder plants, procure veterinary care, and provide for technical assistance to the Association's Executive Committee for financial and management capacity.
ETACOP Production and Marketing of Organic Fertilizer 2033-MAU photos	2009-2012	\$196,301	Manufacturing (Organic Fertilizer): USADF funding is to assist ETACOP expand production and sale of organic fertilizer made from fish by-products. The project will create jobs, train 300 farmers in better agricultural practices, and improve access to safe and affordable fertilizer.
N'Tah Chengroun Town Fodder and Vegetable Cooperative 2039-MAU photos	2009-2011	\$81,384	Cooperative (Agriculture): N'Tah Chengroun is a cooperative of 36 women who produce fodder plants, cereals, and vegetables. USADF funding will strengthen the financial management and accounting skills of the women. The project will improve the current water supply system in order to scale-up production levels, and help the women expand their current income generating activities.
Union of Oases Associations in the Adrar (UNASOAD) 2052-MAU photos	2009-2011	\$95,019	Services (Marketing): UNASOAD represents 6,500 farmers operating over 800 farms in the Adrar Region. USADF funds help UNASOAD to strengthen administrative and financial management capacities and organize the production and marketing of vegetables by building a collection center for weighing and packaging products.
Cooperative for the Hope for Women Carpet Weavers of Kaédi (EFTK) 2055-MAU photos	2009-2011	\$83,633	Cooperative (Artisan): EFTK is a cooperative of 19 women carpet weavers using USADF assistance to become a self sustaining carpet manufacturer. The project will train members in financial management and marketing skills in order to provide higher incomes for poor women.
Cooperative of Women Weavers in the Guidimakha Region (CFTG) 2060-MAU photos	2009-2011	\$96,315	Cooperative (Artisan): CFTG helps 30 women carpet weavers procure supplies, improve their skills, and market their carpets. USADF funds will improve their accounting skills, managerial capacity, and technical knowledge. The project empowers women to employ traditional skills to earn incomes.

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Union of Women's Cooperatives in the Guidimakha Region (UCFG) 2061-MAU photos	2009-2011	\$97,242	Services (Marketing): UCFG is an umbrella organization of 76 cooperatives, representing 5,000 women. It provides extension services, marketing assistance, input sourcing, and administrative support. USADF funds will improve the organizational, administrative, financial, and marketing capabilities of the Union and its member organizations, strengthen the Union's ability to organize training sessions, negotiate prices, and provide services to its members.
El Vowz - M'Bout Women Carpet Weavers 2062-MAU photos	2009-2011	\$93,506	Cooperative (Artisan): EL VOWZ-M'BOUT is a cooperative of 15 women carpet weavers that helps members procure supplies, improve their skills, and market their carpets. Project funds will provide raw materials, technical assistance and training for members, and encourages new women to join. By helping poor women use their traditional skills to earn their income, the project provides both social and economic benefits.
El Vowz El Kébir Women Carpet Weavers 2136-MAU	2010-2012	\$90,533	Cooperative (Artisan): El Vowz El Kébir is a women's weaving and sewing cooperative with 21 members with the objective to empower its members in Zouerate, where the mining city offers little opportunity for women. ADF funds will be used to renovate the women's workshop, purchase production equipment, and build financial and administrative capacity.
Tewvigh Women Carpet Weavers 2137-MAU	2010-2012	\$84,895	Cooperative (Artisan): Tewvigh promotes the marketing and production of carpet weaving, sewing, and other income generating activities for the benefit of its 15 members in Zouerate to improve the standard of living for its members. ADF funds will provide training and technical assistance to improve production methods and build financial and administrative capacities to allow the women a better opportunity to earn incomes and provide for their families.
Pindi Pinal Women's Agricultural Cooperative 2139-MAU photos	2010-2012	\$97,915	Cooperative (Agriculture): Pindi Pinal is a women's gardening cooperative of 134 women members with the objective to promote organic vegetables produced by its members to contribute to income sources and create nutritional resources to improve the health of local populations. ADF funds will be used to build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to help members meet market demands.
Tessamouh Women's Wool Processing Cooperative 2150-MAU	2010-2012	\$93,125	Cooperative (Artisan): Tessa Mouh is a women's artisan cooperative representing 52 women with the objective to contribute to the improvement of members' living conditions and livelihoods by enhancing their capacity in organization, management, production techniques, and marketing. USADF funding will strengthen production and organizational capacities for members through implementation of training programs focusing on financial management, work distribution and organization, improved procurement and acquisition methods, marketing, and manufacturing techniques for wool yarn.
Action for Disabled People of Tiris Zemour (APHTZ) 2171-MAU	2010-2012	\$97,120	Cooperative (Artisan): APHTZ is a handicap association representing 500 disabled individuals that work to defend disabled people's interests, spread awareness regarding disabilities, integrate disabled persons into working life through education and research activities to generate income and provide opportunities in Zouerate. ADF funds will strengthen financial and management capacities, enabling them to improve members' income from production activities to maintain their dignity and take full advantage of market opportunities.
Boinguel Thillé Agropastoral Cooperative 2194-MAU	2010-2013	\$247,635	Services (Drinking Water): Boinguel Thillé is a cooperative with 252 members, organized to support recently returned refugees in the Brakna region of Mauritania. ADF funds will create more available water resources, which in turn will enable the cooperative to provide more support and improve living conditions for the refugees.
Agropastorale Cooperative of Houdallaye 2196-MAU photos	2010-2013	\$244,210	Services (Drinking Water): Houdallaye is a cooperative with 450 members, organized to support recently returned refugees in the Brakna region of Mauritania. ADF funds will create more available water resources, which in turn will enable the cooperative to provide more support and improve living conditions for the refugees.

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El Wifagh Cooperative for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry 2197-MAU photos	2010-2013	\$249,781	Services (Drinking Water): El Wifagh is a cooperative with 78 members that works with the Mauritanian mining organization, Société Nationale des Industries Minières de la Mauritanie (SNIM), to support pensioners and widows to improve livelihoods in the remote areas outside of Zouerate. The dam currently used by the Cooperative does not provide enough water to the community. USADF funds will be used to drill boreholes, construct a water tower, and install an irrigation system to improve its production system and living conditions.
Community Development Association (ADC) of Oudeycharack 2213-MAU photos	2010-2013	\$226,762	Services (Drinking Water): ADC is an association composed of seven villages that share use of a common basin with a dam in disrepair in the Gorgol Region of Mauritania. With USADF funds, the 226 members will create more available water resources by repairing the dam system, as well as build organizational, financial, and production capacities and improve technical capabilities for agricultural production.
Women's Cooperative of N'Doukougne 2369-MAU photos	2011-2013	\$97,147	Cooperative (Market Gardening): Ndoukougne is a gardening cooperative of 289 women members that aims to create income generating activities and promote nutrition among local populations. USADF funds will be used to build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to help members produce fruit and vegetables.
Gounasse Noforé Bamtare Agricultural Cooperative 2430-MAU	2011-2013	\$93,367	Cooperative (Market Gardening): Gounasse Noforé Bamtare is a gardening cooperative of 38 members who were repatriated to Mauritania after the events of 1989. USADF funding will be used to build capacity in financial and administrative management, improve technical skills, and develop water resources to help members meet market demands and improve income.
Saada Agricultural Cooperative 2441-MAU	2011-2013	\$95,644	Cooperative (Market Gardening): Saada is a women's gardening cooperative of 141 members promoting vegetables production and animal husbandry activities to create income and resources for its members. USADF funds will be used to build capacity in financial and administrative management, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to help members meet market demands.
Ganki Toro Women's Agricultural Cooperative 2472-MAU photos	2011-2013	\$95,163	Cooperative (Market Gardening): Ganki Toro is an agro-pastoral cooperative of 115 members with the objective to promote farming and animal husbandry activities as income sources. Members garden an area of seven hectares, but are limited by failing equipment and poor fences. USADF funds will be used to procure motor pumps, improve technical skills, and build organizational capacity in financial and administrative management.
Nejah Agropastoral Cooperative 2519-MAU photos	2011-2013	\$89,725	Cooperative (Market Gardening): Nejah is an agro-pastoral gardening cooperative of 21 women members who share resources to create economic opportunities in gardening and small income generating activities. USADF funds will be used to provide a well, a motor pump, and training and technical assistance, while also building organizational capacity in financial and administrative management.
El Jid Wel Mouthabara Agropastoral Cooperative 2528-MAU	2011-2013	\$81,830	Cooperative (Market Gardening): El Jid Wel Mouthabara is an agro-pastoral gardening cooperative of 50 members interested in promoting women's incomes and improving community nutrition. USADF funds will be used to purchase a motor pump and fencing for the garden, provide business training, improve technical knowledge, and develop resources to build capacity in financial and administrative management systems.
Zazou Economic Interest Group 2556-MAU	2011-2015	\$192,631	Manufacturing (Plastic Recycling): Zazou is a network of 105 cooperatives, representing more than 1,500 women. GIE Zazou members collect and recycle plastic waste into crushed plastics that can be aggregated and sold to companies that manufacture finished products. USADF funding will replace old machines and identify regional markets as well as investigate the potential for diversification into other handcrafted items.