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Descriere: The "Decentralised Solutions for Regional Development" (SoDeR) project was jointly formulated in February 2020. This project supports the implementation of the "Advanced Regionalisation" reform and offers technical assistance to a selection of three pilot regions: Marrakech-Safi, Souss-Massa and Guelmim-Oued-Noun. The activities to be carried out under this project are at central, regional and local level, with the aim of strengthening the planning conditions for the management of regional development projects geared to needs and implementation. Taking as its guidelines the provisions of the "New Development Model" and the Strategic Action Plan of the institutional partner, the "Direction Générale des Collectivités Territoriales"(DGCT)(Directorate-General for Local Authorities), the project is structured around four areas of intervention, with the aim of contributing to the achievement of the main objective. In designing the components and activities, the project takes account of the current context relating to the second term of office of the regional local authorities (RLAs), in particular the launch by the RLAs of processes to draw up strategic planning documents (PDR, SRAT, SDRFC). The project seeks to fit into the landscape of international cooperation around territorial development and to capitalise on results and good practice in order to promote sustainability. The SoDeR project is expected to have a positive medium-term impact on sustainable regional economic development through consultative approaches to good governance: by establishing efficient and transparent regional administrative structures, it enables the formulation of implementation- and demand-driven regional development projects. These development projects address the constraints on regional development and aim, among other things, to increase economic potential and generate employment effects also for the population in precarious situations (e.g. projects in the field of tourism promotion, technology promotion, agriculture, fisheries, etc.) or to improve the framework conditions for private sector investment. This project is financed by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), with institutional support from the DGCT of the Moroccan Ministry of the Interior. Overall project objective: "Planning conditions for the management and implementation of needs-based regional development projects are improved". It is proposed to achieve this objective through an integrated approach based on 4 complementary components. The concrete activities to be implemented by the project in each strand will be determined in a participatory planning process with the three pilot regions. The proposed activities and tools include exchange and networking between the Moroccan and German regions (study trips (virtual and real), exchange of knowledge between territories, peer-to-peer learning). Strand 1: Data on regional development Objective of Strand 1: "Access to data for regional planning is improved". Strand 2: Regional development projects Component 2 objective: "The capacity of regional agencies for implementation-oriented project development is strengthened. Strand 3: Participation in regional planning Objective of strand 3: "The participation and cooperation capacities of the regional administration and the regional council for needs-based regional planning that takes gender equality into account are improved". Strand 4: Planning framework Objective of Strand 4: "The DGCT has specific approaches for structured regional planning processes in the pilot regions".