Morocco Sustainable Oasis Ecosystems Management Project (P500402)

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA | Morocco | IBRD/IDA | Investment Project Financing (IPF) | FY 2024 | Seq No: 2 | Submitted | ISR03360

Implementing Agencies: Agence Nationale pour le Développement des Zones Oasiennes et de l'Arganier (ANDZOA)

## 1. OBJECTIVE

### 1.1 Development Objective

Original Development Objective (Approved as part of Approval package on 20-May-2024)

The project development objective (PDO) is to strengthen the sustainable oasis ecosystems management for climate resilience in Aoufouss and Akka Oasis and develop a national standard for integrated oasis management.

Has the Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

### 2. COMPONENTS

Name

Component 1: Institutional Strengthening and Sharing of Innovative Oasis Knowledge: (Cost 2,600,000.00)

Component 2: Restoration of Oasis Ecosystems and Livelihoods:(Cost 13,000,000.00)

Component 3: Project Management:(Cost 700,000.00)

## 3. OVERALL RATINGS

| Name                                 | Previous                       | Current                        |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Progress towards achievement of PDO  | <ul><li>Satisfactory</li></ul> | <ul><li>Satisfactory</li></ul> |
| Overall Implementation Progress (IP) | <ul><li>Satisfactory</li></ul> | <ul><li>Satisfactory</li></ul> |
| Overall Risk Rating                  | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul>  | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul>  |

### 4. KEY ISSUES & STATUS

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### 4.1 Implementation Status and Key Decisions

This is an interim ISR that will be revised based on the outcomes of the Implementation Support Mission (ISM) to be held between March 03 to 07.

the last ISM was held between October 21 and November 5, 2024, right after the grant agreement came into force. The mission allowed to support:

- the organization by ANDZOA of the project kickoff workshop, chaired by the Secretary General of the Department
  of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forest in Rabat on
  November 7, 2024. It helped to define the strategic orientations of the project, to emphasize the importance of
  inter-institutional cooperation and the integrated approach for the sustainable development of oases. It also
  highlighted the expected results, such as the diversification of economic activities and the preservation of local
  ecosystems, as well as the impact on the climate resilience of the targeted areas.
- The finalization the Annual Work Program and Budget (AWPB) 2024 and 2025 including studies, trainings as well as goods and services;
- The review of documents relating to dated covenants and terms of reference for activities.

Since the launching of the PROGEDOM, activities' implementation and disbursements have satisfactory progressed. Dated covenants were fulfilled as follows:

- The setting up of the following governance bodies including the PMU (decision on October 17, 2024), two provincial Technical Committee in Aoufous and Akka ((decision on October 17, 2024) and the Steering Committee (decision on December 6, 2024),
- The development of the project operational manual (MOP).

Moreover, support and technical assistance agreements (11) with partners were signed, procurements processes were launched to implement the AWPB. Raising awareness and information activities were provided to local beneficiaries. To reinforce the PIU capacities, procurement, E&S and financial trainings were organized with Bank support in November 2024 to deepen knowledge about ESF, GRM, procurement and financial management standards to comply with WB requirements.

Several activities, including sub-project have been launched, they will be assessed during the upcoming ISM.

| 5. SYSTEMATIC OPERATIONS RISK-RATING TOOL |   |  |                               |  |  |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Risk Category                             | Rating at Approval<br>Approval Package -<br>20 May 2024 | Last Approved Rating<br>ISR Seq. 01 - 27 Aug<br>2024 | Proposed Rating               |  |  |
| Political and Governance                  | <ul><li>Moderate</li></ul>                              | <ul><li>Moderate</li></ul>                           | <ul><li>Moderate</li></ul>    |  |  |
| Macroeconomic                             | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul>                           | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul>                        | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> |  |  |

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| Sector Strategies and Policies                               | <ul><li>Moderate</li></ul>    | Moderate                      | Moderate                      |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Technical Design of Project or Program                       | Moderate                      | Moderate                      | <ul><li>Moderate</li></ul>    |
| Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability | Substantial                   | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> |
| Fiduciary  | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> |
| Environment and Social                                       | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> |
| Stakeholders   | Moderate                      | <ul><li>Moderate</li></ul>    | <ul><li>Moderate</li></ul>    |
| Overall  | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> | <ul><li>Substantial</li></ul> |

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# 6. RESULTS

# **6.1 PDO Indicators by PDO Outcomes**

| Land area under sustainable Oasis landscape management practices (CRI), as a result of the project.   |                           |                               |  |                            |                        |             |                |            |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
|   | Baseli                    | ine                           | Actual (Previous)                              |                            | Actual (Curre          | nt)         | Closing Period |            |
| Indicator Name  | Value                     | Month/Year                    | Value  | Date                       | Value                  | Date        | Value          | Month/Year |
| Land area under sustainable   | 0                         | Feb/2024                      | 0  | 08-Aug-2024                | 1                      | 25-Feb-2025 | 4,000          | Dec/2026   |
| Oasis landscape management practices (CRI and PROGREEN Outcome indicator), as a result of the project. (Hectare(Ha))  National standard for integra | Comments of achieving tar | gets                          | Project didn't started veloped and shared with |                            | sis regional agencies. |             |                |            |
| Indianta  | w Nieuse                  |                               | Baseline                                       |                            | Actual (Current)       |             | Closing Period |            |
| indicato  | Indicator Name            |                               | Value  | Month/Year                 | Value                  | Date        | Value          | Month/Year |
| National standard for integrate   | ted oasis management is   |                               | 0  | Feb/2024                   | 0                      | 25-Feb-2025 | Yes            | Dec/2026   |
| developed and shared with all other oasis regional agencies. (Yes/No)   |                           | Comments on achieving targets |  | Project didn't started yet |                        |             |                |            |

# **6.2 Intermediate Results Indicators by Components**

| Component 1: Institutional Strengthening and Sharing of Innovative Oasis Knowledge |          |            |                   |             |                  |             |                |            |
|--|----------|------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| lo disaban Nama  | Baseline |            | Actual (Previous) |             | Actual (Current) |             | Closing Period |            |
| Indicator Name   | Value    | Month/Year | Value             | Date        | Value            | Date        | Value          | Month/Year |
|  | 0        | Feb/2024   | 0                 | 08-Aug-2024 | 1                | 25-Feb-2025 | 24             | Dec/2026   |

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| Integrated Landscape Development Plans in selected Project area developed and approved), PROGREEN Cross-pillar indicator (Number) | Comments on achieving targets |                | Project didn't started yet |                 |                  |             |           |            |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Participants involved in the  | 0                             | Feb/2024       |                            |                 | 1                | 25-Feb-2025 | 70        | Dec/2026   |
| ILDP preparation process who expressed satisfaction with the participatory aspects of the ILDP preparation (Percentage)           | Comments on achieving targe   | ets            | Project didn't s           | tarted yet Corp | oorate indicator |             |           |            |
| GIS-enabled knowledge   | 0                             | Feb/2024       | 0                          | 08-Aug-2024     | 1                | 25-Feb-2025 | 1         | Dec/2026   |
| hub/GIS portal operational<br>for Oases in Morocco<br>(Number)  | Comments on achieving targets |                | Project didn't started yet |                 |                  |             |           |            |
| Component 2: Restoration of C   | Dasis Ecosystems              | and Livelihood | s                          |                 |                  |             |           |            |
| Indicator Name  | Baseli                        | ne             | Actual (Previous)          |                 | Actual (Current) |             | Closing P | eriod      |
| indicator Name  | Value                         | Month/Year     | Value                      | Date            | Value            | Date        | Value     | Month/Year |
| Traditional Water   | 0                             | Feb/2024       | 0                          | 08-Aug-2024     | 1                | 25-Feb-2025 | 20        | Dec/2026   |
| Infrastructure build/rehabilitated (Kilometers)   | Comments on achieving targets |                | Project didn't started yet |                 |                  |             |           |            |
| Number of palm dates  | 0                             | Feb/2024       | 0                          |                 | 1                | 25-Feb-2025 | 72,000    | Dec/2026   |
| planted and nurtured in the targeted Oasis as a result of the project (Number)  | Comments on achieving targets |                | Project didn't started yet |                 |                  |             |           |            |
| Land usors adenting   | 0                             | Feb/2024       | 0                          | 08-Aug-2024     | 1                | 25-Feb-2025 | 2,000     | Dec/2026   |
| Land users adopting sustainable oasis land mgt.   | Comments on achieving targe   | ets            | Project didn't started yet |                 |                  |             |           |            |



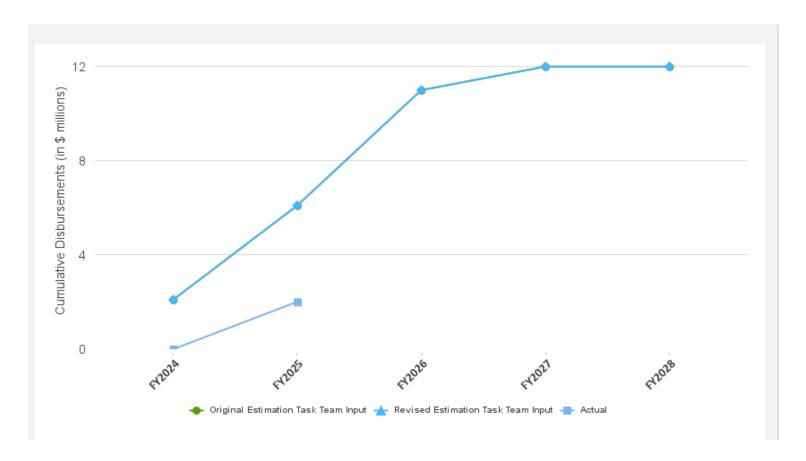
| practices as a result of the project (Number)   |                                   |          |                            |             |   |             |       |          |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------|----------|
| Participants involved in the  | 0                                 | Feb/2024 | 0                          |             | 1 | 25-Feb-2025 | 70    | Dec/2026 |
| ILDP preparation process who expressed satisfaction with the participatory aspects of the ILDP preparation (Percentage) | Comments on achieving targe       | ets      | Project didn't s           | tarted yet  |   |             |       |          |
| Farmers and non-farm  | 0                                 | Feb/2024 | 0                          | 08-Aug-2024 | 1 | 25-Feb-2025 | 2,000 | Dec/2026 |
| producers "adopting" climate resilient technologies and practices (Number)  | Comments on achieving targets     |          | Project didn't started yet |             |   |             |       |          |
| Women and youth engaged   | 0                                 | Feb/2024 | 0                          |             | 1 | 25-Feb-2025 | 1,000 | Dec/2026 |
| in new income-earning<br>enterprises as a result of the<br>project (Number)   | Comments on achieving targe       | ets      | Project didn't s           | tarted yet  |   |             |       |          |
| Terrestrial and aquatic areas   | 0                                 | Feb/2024 |                            |             | 1 | 25-Feb-2025 | 3,000 | Dec/2026 |
| under enhanced conservation and management (Hectare(Ha))  | onservation and achieving targets |          | Project didn't started yet |             |   |             |       |          |

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## 7. DATA ON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

## 7.1 Cumulative Disbursements



# 7.2 Disbursements (by loan)

| Loan/Credit/TF | Status    | Original | Revised | Cancelled | Disbursed | Undisbursed | % Disbursed |
|----------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| TF-C4927       | Effective | 12.00    | 12.00   | 0.00      | 2.01      | 9.99        | 16.75%      |

# 7.3 Key Dates (by loan)

| Loan/Credit/TF | Status    | Approval    | Signing     | Effectiveness | Orig. Closing | Rev. Closing |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| TF-C4927       | Effective | 19-Sep-2024 | 20-Sep-2024 | 20-Sep-2024   | 30-Jun-2026   | 30-Jun-2026  |

### 8. KEY DATES

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| Key Events                     | Planned     | Actual      |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Approval                       | 23-May-2024 | 20-May-2024 |
| Effectiveness                  | 20-Sep-2024 | 20-Sep-2024 |
| Mid-Term Review No. 01         | 08-Dec-2025 |             |
| Operation Closing/Cancellation | 30-Jun-2026 |             |

# 9. RESTRUCTURING HISTORY

# 10. ASSOCIATED OPERATION(S)

P178763 - Morocco Climate Operation / Support to the Nationally-Determined Contribution (NDC)

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