

Civil Initiative to Support Earthquake-Stricken Areas

Statement

Morocco is confronting the calamity caused by the 7-degree magnitude earthquake that struck the rural towns near the southern city of Marakkesh last Friday, September 8th, 2023.

The earthquake has caused serious human losses, destroyed many properties and infrastructures, and ruined entire buildings and villages. The humanitarian role that we play incurs on us to undertake an immediate and urgent intervention in order to save lives and property and provide help. Facing the magnitude of the disaster, a group of associations, organizations, as well as civil and human rights actors active in areas of childhood, youth, women, disability and human rights, have agreed to convened to launch a civil initiative of solidarity and support destined to the affected areas. In this context, and in appreciation of the efforts of civil prevention, the media and all those engaged in the area, we declare the launch of initiatives in various cities to expand the scope of support, solidarity, donation drive and volunteering. We offer our heartfelt condolences and genuine sympathy to the families and loved ones of the victims, and we:

- We urge for more robust national and international efforts to aid the victims and facilitate the restoration of the affected regions;
- We call upon all stakeholders, both within the Kingdom of Morocco and at the national and international levels, to collaborate closely with civil society organizations operating in the Marrakesh-Al Haouz and Souss Massa areas;
- In response to these challenging circumstances, we have deployed mobile blood donation units to enable citizens to fulfill their humanitarian duty in these difficult circumstances;
- We also call on the authorities to liaise with economic actors and civil society associations and give way to donors in order to mobilize solidarity and support the affected areas;
- Lastly, we recommend diversifying civil initiatives and fostering coordination among them for smoother processes and interventions, in full respect for human dignity and human rights.

List of signatures:

- 1- Initiatives for the protection of women's rights association
- 2- The Citizen Alternative Movement
- 3- The Civil Coalition for Democratic Regionalism
- 4- National Working Group for a Gender-Responsive Budget
- 5- Masarat Associations for Development and Citizenship
- 6- Mirror Association for Autistic Children
- 7- Tawaza Association for Women's Advocacy

- 8- New Breath Association
- 9- Assayida al-Horra Association
- 10- The Militant Women's Association
- 11- Women's Labor Union Association
- 12- Women's Research Association
- 13- White Dove Association
- 14- The New Testament Society
- 15- North Space Center
- 16- Cultural Action Association
- 17- Mother's Association for Social Welfare
- 18- The Civil Coalition for the Mountain
- 19- Mwatana Space Association
- 20- Migration, Democracy and Development Network
- 21- Intilaqa Association for Social Development
- 22- Regional Youth Movement of Neighborhood Associations
- 23- Civil Coalition for the Rights of Autistic People in Morocco
- 24- Women's Aspirations Association
- 25- The Development Association of the Azilal region
- 26- The Rhodanian Association for School Integration
- 27- Thissaghness Association for Culture and Development (ASTICUDE)
- 28- Ifos Forum for Democracy and Human Rights
- 29- Women's Association for Development and Culture
- 30- The Youth Observatory for the Evaluation of Public Policies - Souss Massa
- 31- Moroccan Women's Voice Society
- 32- Al-Wafa Women's Association for Development
- 33- Maternity Association for Women and Children
- 34- Souss Taroudant Women's Association
- 35- The Dynamics of Gender and Development
- 36- Civic Engagement for Tracking and Evaluating Public Policies
- 37-Regional Coordination of Sousse Massa Youth
- 38- Autistic Youth Association
- 39- Khotwa Association for the Integration of Autistic Children
- 40- Sais Association for Development and Solidarity
- 41- Tamadot Youth Association for Culture and Development
- 42- Association of Disabled Children
- 43- Association of Rosy Insights for Sustainable Development
- 44- Future Citizen Association
- 45- Aner Society
- 46- Al-Manar Association for Education, Training and Cultural Action
- 47- Media Association for Sustainable Development
- 48- Youth Rehabilitation Association
- 49- Al-Farah Educational and Cultural Association

- 50- Uhud Association for Charitable and Social Action
- 51- Uri Association for Environment, Village Development, Culture and Art
- 52- Thimar Association for Land Development
- 53- Association of the Moroccan Solidarity Initiative - Tangier
- 54- Women Leadership Observatory - Tangier
- 55- Citizenship and Equality Association
- 56- Civil Coalition for the Defense of Women's Rights - Beni Mellal Khenifra region
- 57- The Development and Solidarity Stake - Abu al-Ja'ad
- 58- The Region's Torch Assembly
- 59- Association of Values and Cultures
- 60- Al-Dukheisa Association for Development.
- 61- Boubana Tangier Neighborhood Association
- 62- Progress Youth Association for Development
- 63- Wazan Women's Association for Development - Wazan.
- 64- Social Education Mawaheb Association - Afourar Branch
- 65- Al-Haj Cultural Association -League for Media and Press Freedoms
- 66- Development and Migration Forum Association
- 67- League of Sidi Moumen Associations
- 68- Al-Rabeeh Organization for Education and Development - Khouribga branch
- 69- Tonarose Association for Sustainable Development
- 70- Amazigh Network for Citizenship
- 71- Youth Initiative Forum
- 72- Taliouine Association
- 73- Initiative Association for the Advancement of Women's Rights - Meknes
- 74- Culture Association for Sustainable Development
- 75- Moroccan Network for Social and Solidarity Economy
- 76- Youth Association for Youth
- 77- Union of Development Initiatives in Bouanane
- 78- Initiative Forum Association
- 79- Center of Intersecting Visions for the Development of the East
- 80- Moroccan Center for Studies and Research on Social Entrepreneurship
- 81- Oujda Association Assisting Migrants who are in a difficult situation
- 82- Associative Space
- 83- Al-Wehda Youth Council Association - Taounate
- 84- Moroccan League for the Defense of Human Rights - Regional Office
- 85- Muhammadiyah Moroccan Scout Organization -Taounate locality
- 86- Rayan Association for Development and Solidarity
- 87- Future Center for Research, Studies and Sustainable Development
- 88- Environment Initiative and Conservation Association, Mining Community, Wadi Zam
- 89- Moroccan Commission for Human Rights
- 90- Association for the Defense of Human Rights
- 91- Moroccan Association of Workshop Schools for Development AMC

- 92- Philanthropist Youth Initiative - Soualem
- 93- Network of Neighborhood Associations of Greater Casablanca; RESAQ
- 94- Afaq Federation of Associations and Citizen Competencies in Mernisa and Upper Wargha Basin
- 95- The Free Space Network in Muhammadiyah
- 96- Solidarity Association for Village Development - Afourar
- 97- Al-Qassam Development Association - Settat
- 98- The Regional Coordination of Youth in Souss Massa
- 99- The Association for the Advancement of Mediation in Morocco - Kelâat M'Gouna
- 100- Associative Fabric for Development and Democracy - Zagora
- 101- Migration and Development Organization
- 102- Moroccan Association of Workshop Schools for Development
- 103- Takmi Association for Local Development
- 104- Women's Hope and Development Association - al-Hajeb
- 105- League for Media and Press Freedoms
- 106- Al-Hajeb Cultural Association
- 107- Friendship, Culture, Sports and Environment Association
- 108- The Middle Atlas Gate Association for Education and Social Action ABAMEOS
- 109- Women's Track Forum Association
- 110- Moroccan League of Women Writers - Inezgane-Aït Melloul Branch
- 111- Hasnouna Association for Support to Substance Users
- 112- Tighza Atlas Development Association - M'rirt
- 113- The Society of History and Geography Teachers - M'rirt
- 114- Amal Houmty Ait Said Association - al-Hajeb
- 115- The Network of Arganeraei Biosphere Reserve Associations in Tiznit
- 116- Network of Development Associations in the South-Eastern Oases
- 117- Mountain Foundation Association - Midelt
- 118- Al Nour Social Development Association in Iqdar
- 119- Moroccan Future Association -Khouribga
- 120- Youth Rehabilitation Association - Beni Mellal Khenifra Region
- 121- Oum Ara Anfas Association in Khouribga
- 122- Ait Osman Association for Village Development
- 123- The Association of the Bottle Advocacy for Motherhood and Childhood - Moulay Bouazza
- 124- Youth Movement Association for Local Development - Khenifra
- 125- Green Valley Association for Development - Essaouira
- 126- Development and Migration Forum Association of Faqih Ben Saleh
- 127- Mediterranean Atlas Women's Foundation
- 128- Basma Association for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- 129- Orchid Society
- 130- Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc (ADFM)
- 131- Social Action Association for Employees of the Ministry of Justice
- 132- Southern Women's Association
- 133- Intilaqa Association for "Muhammadiyah" Social Development

- 134- Citizenship Vision Association - Moulay Yacoub
135- Estrar Alliance for Empowerment and Equality

[*\(Statement in Arabic available here\)*](#)