



Side event, organized on the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women-CSW-New York
12 March 2019- Room 12
11:30 am-12:45 pm

“FUNDS SYSTEMS, SOCIAL PROTECTION MECHANISMS FOR WOMEN”

CONCEPT NOTE

The Ministry of Family, Solidarity, Equality and Social Development - Kingdom of Morocco - is organizing a side event under the theme " *Funds systems, mechanisms for the social protection of women in vulnerable situations*", on the sidelines of the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women - CSW - organized from 11th to 22nd March 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters - New York under the priority theme: " Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls".

Given the crucial importance of the financial support provided by special funds as new social protection mechanisms, and the fact that women constitute a significant proportion of non-beneficiaries of traditional systems of protection based on the principle of social security contributions, and in the informal sector, and in view of the continuing decline in their presence in the labour market compared to men, the creation of direct support funds is a necessary measure to reduce disparities between men and women, as well as to remedy the deficiencies identified by the social protection systems in Morocco.

The organization of this activity will be an opportunity to review the Moroccan experience, the practices and experiences of some countries and international organizations on the ground, and to enrich the debate on good practices, strengths and weaknesses of the coverage of all segments of society in the exercise of their rights, including women.

The Moroccan experience will be presented by addressing the roles of some support funds for strengthening the social protection of women in vulnerable situations, mainly:

- **The Social Cohesion Fund**, composed in particular of:
 - o **Direct assistance program for widowed women** in precarious situations with orphaned children;
 - o **The Medical Assistance Scheme (RAMED)** which guarantees the right of access to medical care for the poor persons, based on the principles of social assistance and national solidarity.
 - o **The support program for persons with disabilities**, specially its components relating to supporting the schooling of girls with disabilities and supporting income-generating activities for women with disabilities.
- **The "Tayssir"** program and the **"One Million Schoolbags"** program to support children's schooling and the fight against school dropout.
- **The Family Assistance Fund**, which guarantees the rights of divorced destitute mothers and protects children from homelessness resulting from divorce.
- **The Rural Development and Mountainous Areas Fund (FDRZM)**, which aims to reduce territorial and social disparities in the rural areas.

Participants:

Kingdom of Morocco

- Ministry of Family, Solidarity, Equality and Social Development
- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests

Countries, institutions and regional and international organizations

- Organization of Islamic Cooperation
- UN Women
- Other countries