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**INDICATOR BASELINE REPORT FOR MARRAKECH
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Introduction:

The purpose of this document is to present the baseline results of the indicators of performance for the MediAction project in Marrakech. The document tries to capture the state of indicators before the official inauguration of the community mediation centre to create a benchmark against which performance will be evaluated later on. It reports the state of the indicators in the communities of Sidi Youssef Bena Ali and Bab Ghmat. The data collection was conducted from April 21st to 24th by Kamal Hachoumy, the MediAction project manager.

It should be noted that at the time of the data collection for this baseline, the youth community mediators have already been trained and are operating in a temporary community mediation centre. Some outreach activities have taken place and the work of community mediation centres has been publicized on local and national radio and TV.

General Context of the Project:

With the financial assistance from the British Embassy in Rabat (FCO), and in collaboration with the National Initiative for Human Development (INDH), Search for Common Ground-Morocco (SFCG-M) is implementing a 24-month project (January 2008 – December 2009) to support the creation of community mediation centres in disadvantaged areas across Morocco in order to promote the peaceful resolution of conflict through the empowerment and training of 125 youth leaders in leadership, community conflict management, and non-violent communication.

During the first year of the project, the focus was on launching the experience in Rabat and Marrakech. During the second year, Search for Common Ground will roll out the project in Fez, Meknes and Sale with the intent of creating five youth community mediation centres in the five cities and creating a national network for young social or community mediators.

Description of the Sample Used in the Baseline:

This baseline study in Marrakech included interviews with a cross-section of 27 local stakeholders, including local youth and community members:

Youth: (10 youth participated in the baseline: 7 females and 3 males)

Community members: (11 community members participated in the baseline: 3 females and 8 males.

- 2 Housewives
- 1 Shopkeeper
- 1 Technician
- 1 Tailor
- 1 Director of a primary school
- 2 Students
- 1 Driver
- 1 Carpenter
- 1 Public servant

Trained youth: (6 trained youth: 3 female and 3males)

State of Indicators at Baseline:

Indicator 1

% of community members (men, women, community leaders, community youth) who feel that the youth community mediation centres are reinforcing social cohesiveness.

67 % of community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) feel that the youth community mediation centres **are reinforcing** social cohesiveness.

22% of community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) feel that the youth community mediation centres **do not reinforce** social cohesiveness.

11% had **no comment** about the role played by community mediation centres in reinforcing social cohesiveness.

Indicator 2

% of trained youth who are reporting a change in their self esteem, leadership skills and their perception of their role in the community.

67 % of trained youth feel they **play an important** role in their communities.

33% of trained youth think they **can change things** for the better in their communities if they are given the opportunity.

Indicator 3

% of community members (men, women, community leaders, community youth) who feel that the youth play an important role in promoting a culture of peace, non-violence and mediation.

73 % of community members (men, women, community leaders and community youth) feel that youth **play an important** role in promoting a culture of peace, non-violence and mediation.

12% of community members (men, women, community leaders and community youth) feel that youth **play a modest** role in promoting a culture of peace, non-violence and mediation.

15% of community members (men, women, community leaders and community youth) feel that youth **do not play** any role in promoting a culture of peace, non-violence and mediation.

Indicator 4

% of community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) and state officials who are demonstrating support for the creation and the development of youth mediation centres.

78 % of community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) and state officials **demonstrate support** for the creation and the development of youth mediation centres.

15% of community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) and state officials **do not support** for the creation and the development of youth mediation centres.

7% community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) and state officials **abstained from expressing their opinion** about support for the creation and the development of youth mediation centres.

Indicator 5

% of community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) who are willing to resort to the mediation centres to resolve their conflicts.

59% of community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) are **willing to resort** to the mediation centres to resolve their conflicts.

26% of community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) **prefer resorting to a governmental** organization or authority resolve their disputes.

15% of community members (men, women, community leaders, and community youth) think that community **mediation centres can not resolve** their disputes effectively.

Indicator 6

% of community members (men, women, community leaders, community youth) who feel that youth NGOs are playing a central and important role in the community

44% of community members (men, women, community leaders, community youth) feel that youth NGOs **play a central and important role** in the community.

30% of community members (men, women, community leaders, community youth) feel that youth NGOs **play only a modest role** in the community.

26% of community members (men, women, community leaders, community youth) feel that youth NGOs **are not playing a central role** in the community

Indicator 7

% of trained youth involved in conflict prevention activities on the ground.

66 % of trained youth involved in conflict prevention activities on the ground state that **they contribute tremendously** to resolving conflicts and disputes in their communities.

17% of trained youth involved in conflict prevention activities on the ground state that **they sometimes intervene** to resolve disputes and conflicts in their community

17 % of trained youth involved in conflict prevention activities on the ground state that **they rarely intervene** to resolve disputes and conflicts in their community

Indicator 8

% of community members who visit or solicit the services of the mediation centre.

- **0 %** of community members who visit or solicit the services of the mediation centre.

NB:

- The official inauguration of the community mediation centre has not taken place yet.
- The trained young mediators work in temporary cells hosted by partner associations.