



INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES IN SERVICE OF AUTONOMY OF WOMEN IN THE FÈS MEDINA

The AGR project *au service de l'autonomisation des femmes de la Médina de Fès* encourages the improvement of the situation of marginalized women in the ancient Fès Medina and, at the same time, it promotes knowledge of human rights and equal opportunities.

The purpose of the project consists of contributing to the improvement of women's living standard through the development of services which provide an equal access to income generating activities and labor market. The Fès Medina is a city rich in activities of craft industries, but only men are employed in these activities and in the cooperative companies located in Medina. Women can work in the craft sector just informally (they spend most of the time working at home). The project aims to promote equal opportunities through activities concerning processes of awareness and education from which public operators, elected representatives, associations and civil society can benefit. Particularly, a group of marginalized women living in Medina was included in a program concerning professional qualification in order to create three cooperatives based on tailoring, food service and traditional bakery Fassi, production of beauty products and Hammam.

Project's partners: UN program ART GOLD Morocco, City of Florence, Province of Florence, UNION of Associations of Medina di Fès, Arrondissement (district) of Fès Medina, Wilaya of Fès Boulemane, ODCO (Development and Cooperation Office), Entraide Nationale (Entity of the Ministry of Social Development, Family and Solidarity) and ADS (Agency for Social Development in Morocco).