

## The Study on the Oasis Zone Development focused on Feminine Promotion, Mauritania

(Period of the study: 6 months from September, 2005 Our assignments: Oasis Agriculture)

### Background of the Study

The Master Plan Study on the Development of the Oasis Zone, Mauritania was implemented between 2001 and 2004 aiming at the formation of sustainable subsistence system by the inhabitants themselves in the selected 2 states. At 6 oases selected as the targets for verification study, the possibility was confirmed for the regional development through associations for oasis management. The sustainable regional development project by the inhabitants should be expanded to other remote and poorer small oases. The strengthening of the extension system is indispensable for the capacity building of related organizations and their staff. Since the support activity by the government to the women is hardly extended to the oasis zone, it was confirmed that the regional development plan and the project implementation considering the gender issue is necessary for the poverty alleviation. Under such circumstances, the implementation of the study was requested in order to formulate the action plan for the regional development project considering the gender issue and their extension to the other oases and also to execute the capacity building activity for the Department of Feminine Promotion.

### Outline of the Study

The objectives of this study were (i) to clarify the regional development methods for the improvement of living standard and poverty alleviation of the oasis inhabitants under the consideration of gender issues and (ii) to improve the institutional capability of the Department of Feminine Promotion and other related organizations. In practice, vegetable production and poultry technology was verified, health and sanitation project was implemented and then the action plan was formulated.

### Our Assignments

- Project planning for crop production improvement by the effective utilization of water resource in the oasis zone,
- Implementation of pilot project and technical transfer for the above mentioned crop production,
- Preparation of manuals for the utilization of resources under the coordination of agriculture and livestock, and
- Formulation of action plans related to agriculture and resource utilization.

