





Support to an Enabling Business Environment for MSMEs Development & Financial Inclusion



Digital support services for exporting SMEs

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National export strategy in the light of the pandemic and GVCs reorganisation

Morocco, like all countries around the world, has been affected by the repercussions of the health crisis on its economic activity and entrepreneurial field.

During this particular year, Maroc PME Agency has strengthened its existing support system with specific programs adapted to each phase of the Covid-19 pandemic. The objective is to assist national industrial SMEs in managing the difficulties generated by the crisis and in preparing and implementing plans to revive their activities.

IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE PANDEMIC AND SUPPORT BUSINESS RECOVERY





PHASE I: BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC:

"ISTITMAR COVID-19"

- Maroc PME Agency launched the "ISTITMAR-Covid-19" program at the beginning of the health crisis, targeting industrial SMEs. The aim is to encourage investments in equipment used to combat the pandemic.
- By the end of 2020, the Agency had selected 77 Covid-19 technological investment projects, with a total amount of 544 million dirhams, and commitments to create 4,325 direct and indirect jobs. 76% of the selected projects involve the installation of industrial units for the production of hand sanitizers, disinfectants, and masks, with a total daily production capacity of 5.8 million masks.





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PHASE II: BUSINESS RESUMPTION - COVID-19 CONSULTING AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE PROGRAM

In the second phase, alongside the gradual lifting of restrictions, the Agency launched a special Covid-19 Consulting and Technical Expertise program for industrial SMEs. The objective is to support these businesses in managing the challenges associated with the pandemic and in preparing plans to revive their activities.

This program covers six areas, including:

- Crisis management and recovery plan preparation.
- Liquidity and financing management.
- Leadership and human resources support.
- Sales security and development.
- Production and supply chain optimization.
- Digital transformation of the company.







These various actions aim to enable companies to ensure the continuity of their operations while preserving the safety and health of their workforce. They also aim to help industrial SMEs make informed choices regarding strategic repositioning, sustainability, and business development.

In 2020, a total of 512 projects were supported under this program, distributed across the following domains:

- 35% for production and supply chain optimization.
- 24% for leadership and human resources support.
- 21% for digital transformation of the company.













