**Overview**

Moroccan youth have recently become intrigued by voluntary work as it paves their way to effect the desirable change in their communities. Therefore, a great deal of associations has recently been established around the country and many of them have known an immeasurable success. AFCD is one of the widely renowned and reputable associations in Morocco for its remarkable achievements and sustainable work on various fields. AFCD is an independent association of highly ambitious youths volunteers who vowed to improve their areas, light people's path and raise their awareness about the importance of their contributions to better their living conditions. AFCD has always adopted a sort of thorough approach in the improvement of the regions within their reach; therefore, AFCD focus on the areas that affect people's daily lives on the short, mid and long term; society, economy, and environment. AFCD's volunteers are highly qualified youths who carry the heavy burden of promoting the areas to keep up with the world. The AFCD is an independent association of young volunteers, which aims to participate in the improvement of areas such as the socio-cultural areas, educational as well as the enhancement of the regional infrastructure. Within our association, we adopt a participatory approach in all stages of the work from decision making to the launch and the realization of the work. This strategy is applied to ensure an inclusive and comprehensive approach to the work and activities carried out by the association, and also to adhere to this approach within the association to ensure the rights of the volunteers to participate in the decision-making process.

**AFCD Contact Details**

* Region: El Haouz Region: Marrakech - Asfi
* Community: Ait Ourir
* Date of establishment: 07 / 04/2007
* Last updated: 14/10/2015
* Number of members: 5 members
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* ***Organization organizational structures:***

1) General collection

 2) Executive Office

 3) Tracking committees

* **The organization's goals :**

 1) To take care of the environmental field and to establish the culture of environmental education

 2) Contribute to the advancement of social and developmental work

 3) Contributing to the training and formation of youth

 4) The endeavor to develop and activate exploratory tourism

 5) Pay attention to women and activate their role in development

 6) Encourage the study of children

* **Some partnership signings :**
* Signing a partnership with the Regional Commissariat of the Ministry of National Territory Preparation and Environment
* Signing a partnership agreement with La Fondation “Norsys”
* Signing a framework agreement with the development center of Tensift
* Signing a partnership agreement with the elementary institutions in Ait Ourir. In the framework of “my school’s garden" project.
* Signing a partnership agreement with the “ ALjadida High School” and Abtih high school.
* AFCD has a membership in the Regional Council for the Evaluation of the Regional Observatory of the Environment and Sustainable Development Marrakech-Safi
* **First year after the establishment of the association:**

At this stage, the Association sought to establish itself among the civil societies’ associations in Ait Ourir , and at this stage the association was involved in the activities that are programmed in “ Dar Chabab” the Youth House as well as participation in international courts. After one year of incorporation, the association chose to specialize in the field of environment and youth formation. During four major axes:

* ** AFCD Environnent:**

AFCD always encourages green thumbs and raises awareness of people about keeping environment clean. We can't live a life of ease in a polluted and intoxicating air, water and earth. Therefore, we regularly launch campaigns to urge everyone to work in unison to protect our environment.

* Environnent Friends Project 2009
* Madrasati” ( my school) Park Project
* A new income-generating project in Aljadida high school 2009-2011
* First Local Environment Forum
* Regional Conference for Environment 2012
* An allergic campaign about water
* Local meeting between environmental associations in Ait Ourir
* Celebrating Earth Week
* Environmental convoy project against plastic bags 2013
* Forestation in educational institutions
* Environmental Film Festival in its first edition
*  **AFCD Youth Empowerment**

Youth empowerment is one of AFCD's priorities; we believe that youths are the backbone of societies thanks to their potentials; vigor, enthusiasm, creativity, ambition and creativity for instance. Therefore, targeting youth’s helps to a higher degree implement our decisions and carry out our plans. AFCD works earnestly to create opportunities and provide tangible solutions to youths in the all the areas nearby.

* Organize a set of training courses
* The Youth Forum in its first and second edition 2011-2012
* Continuous composition in media (6 months 2012)
* Organizing four environmental workshops at “ Dar Shabab” (Youth House )2007-2008
* Participation in 6 international workshops (Marrakesh-Tammalhout (about the water memory) - the corner of Ahansal - Temchi)
* Organizing 3 international workshops in educational institution
* **AFCD women Empowerment**

Women empowerment is an issue most organizations deal with worldwide; AFCD is no exception, thus we work tremendously to involve women in our projects and encourage them to be active within their communities and be models for everyone, their children in particular. Women have proved to be highly effective, arduous and dependable when it comes to the development. Their education is a great concern in AFCD, as you may have known "you educate a man, you educate a man; you educate a woman, you educate a generation". So it's high time we created better opportunities for women

* Women and social media training
* Women empowerment: Imagine workshops
* Trainings for several women cooperatives
*  **AFCD Solidarity activities:**

1) Organizing clothing distribution campaigns with a set of dowels

2) Distribution of 20 bicycles to pupils

3) A medical campaign to distribute medical glasses to students

* **AFCD Approach**

Within AFCD all that e work is done through a participatory approach making use of every member's skills and insights. To reach a unanimous agreement among AFCD team we always resort to consulting, exchanging ideas and sometimes debating over almost every single matter regarding all projects from the launching phase to their realization. By adopting a participatory approach we aim to instill and cultivate a spirit of collaboration, open mindedness, and sharing in every single team member. Furthermore, AFCD is remarkably reputed locally, nationally and internationally due to the fact that improving citizens' lifestyles lies at the heart of most of our projects. Thus, we put much focus on education as it is considered the only key to emancipation. Youths and women empowerment issues top our agendas because AFCD consider both youths and women as the backbone of societies and their empowerment will bring about fruitful results. It's really mesmerizing that recently a lot of ambitious and vigor youths have shown an inner desire to work with AFCD which feeds our team year in year out, besides the overwhelming majority of volunteers are young people who are intrinsically motivated to make their areas a safe haven where everyone learns, produces, and shares.

* **Active Grants**
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* Alumni Grant Application