



Algeria-Morocco Cross border Fact Sheet

ABOUT

The UNDP ABC is a new flagship programme focused on empowering borderland communities and promoting socio-economic development and peace across Africa's borderlands.

METHODOLOGY

This factsheet is compiled by the UNDP ABC using open-source verifiable data and information. Triangulation of data and information was done by way of cross-referencing with at-least three authoritative sources and hyperlinks included to ensure validity and accuracy. The process is iterative in nature and continuous updating of the data and information will be done to ensure that it is current.

DEFINITION OF TERMS



Border length

Distance in Kilometers of the border between two countries.



Borderland area

This is the area in Square Kilometers covered by the borderland Municipalities/ Districts.



Borderland municipality

Administrative Districts or Counties close to the border rather than very large provinces.



Population

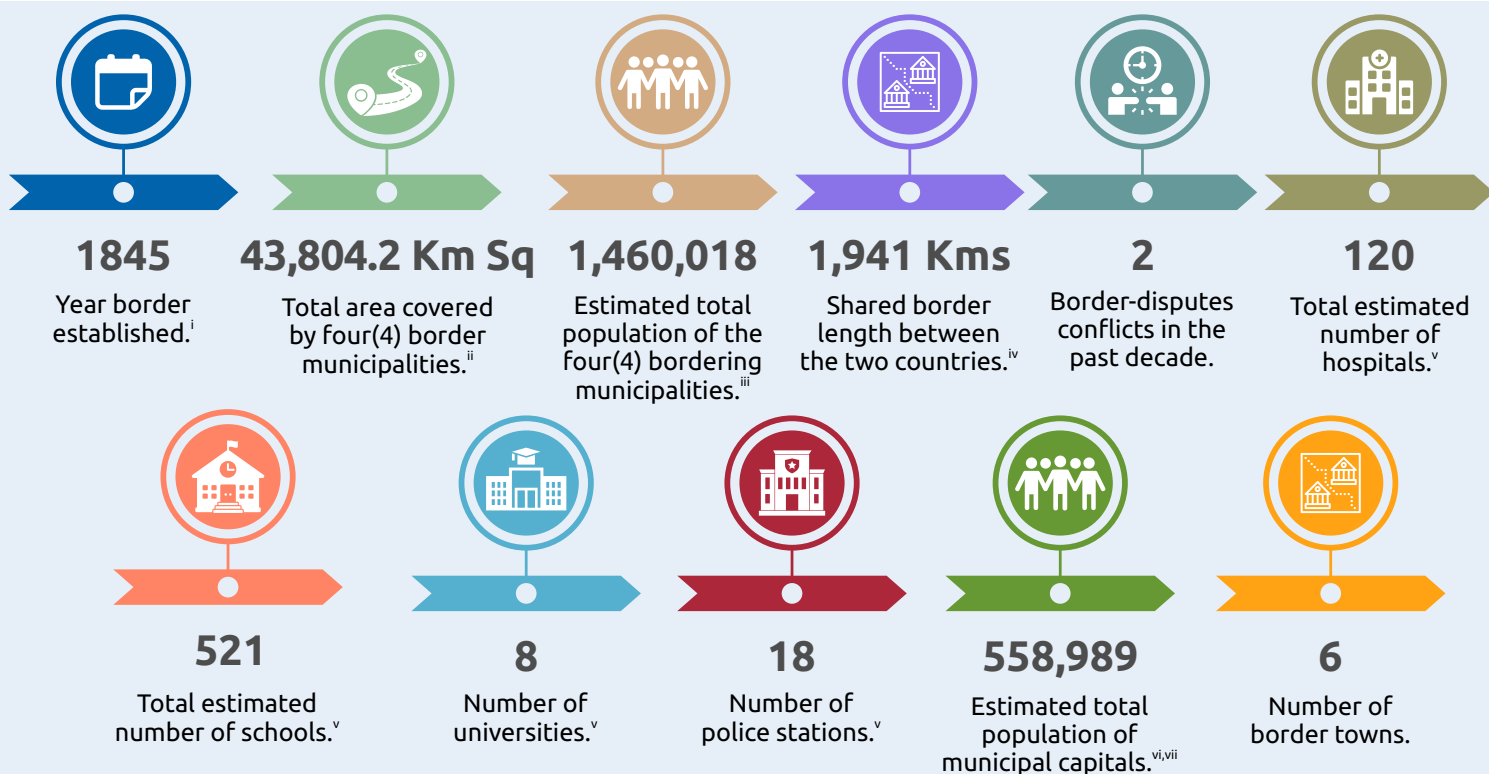
All inhabitants of a particular place.









Year

Date when the border was originally established.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES



Four (4) municipalities border the countries as summarized in the table below:

					
Country	Municipality/ District	Population	Municipal Capital	Population	Border towns
✓ Morocco	✓ Figuig	✓ 138 ,325	✓ Bouarfa	✓ 28 ,846	✓ Figuig
✓ Morocco	✓ Jerada	✓ 105,840	✓ Jerada	✓ 43,506	✓ Touissite
✓ Morocco	✓ Berkane	✓ 270,328	✓ Berkane	✓ 109,237	✓ Ahfir, Saidiya, Lamriss
Algeria	Tlemcen	945,525	Tlemcen	377,400	Marsa Ben M'Hidi

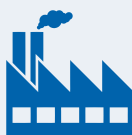


Major Economic Activities

A Formal



Agricultural activities include subsistence farming (corn, sorghum, millet), commercial farming (wheat, rye), and livestock keeping.



Textile, petroleum, paper pulp, and clothe manufacturing is a key industry in the region.



Tourism in the Moroccan municipalities accounts for 70% of the Moroccan GDP.

B Informal



Key informal activities include artisanal mining and fishing.



Border Closures since 2010

Yes/ No

No Data

Reason/s

Border demarcation

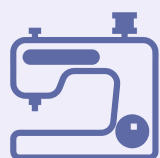
Opportunities for Development Assistance & Partnerships



Facilitate policy and programmatic interventions to facilitate the implementation of trade agreements on both sides of the border.



Support the development of agricultural and livestock value and supply chains.



Strengthen the potentials of the textile industries on both sides of the border.



Support cross border creative economies to promote tourism development.

Disclaimer

This factsheet is based on the latest available data as of 1st December 2021.

All necessary efforts have been taken to make sure that information contained in this publication is correct and not misleading. However, the possibility of errors or unintentional omissions cannot be excluded.

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