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I. Description

Description

- Amuddu which signifies ‘travel’ in Amazigh, was founded in 2006 in Taroudant, Morocco. Its creation originates in the shared ambition of change, and the drive to create an environment for self-development. The members of Amuddu combined their skills in social, educational, environmental and voluntary fields with the aim of taking action in the heart of their community.



The association mainly works with the youth in order to promote their participation in public life, a volunteering spirit and in order to have a positive impact on the local community.

Amuddu is situated in the town of Taroudant, 80km to the East of Agadir. Marrakesh is located 240km away (180km on the motorway). Taroudant is surrounded by mountains: The Anti-atlas to the south and the high-atlas to the north. Between the ocean and the mountains, the town and its region gives of a certain charm by way of its ancient ramparts, it's traditional souk and its naturally warm population.

The inhabitants of Taroudant, the ‘Roudanies’ make their living from; agriculture, artisanal work and tourism.

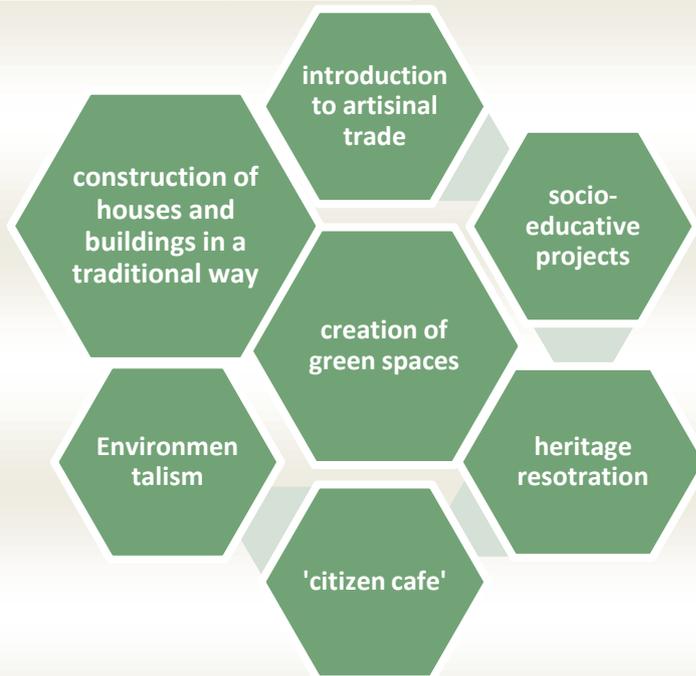
II. Values

« Youth self-development in a sustainable environment »

Amuddu works to support community projects of development with concern for sustainability and respect for the environment, the association focuses on six objectives;

- \ To contribute and adhere to a process of human development
- \ The protection of the natural environment
- \ To promote the culture of citizenship and participation in public life
- \ To get to know the touristic and cultural riches of Morocco.
- \ To open itself to national and international organisations with similar objectives

III. The volunteer projects



- And this list isn't exhaustive, the volunteers of Amuddu also work in collaboration with the town of Taroudant and its rural surroundings in order to give the local population, the chance to live in a wholesome environment. By raising awareness about essential ecological activities within our community, Amuddu also fosters a certain ecological ideology.



An example of a volunteer project at the school 'Amina Bent Ouahb'

Parallel activities



The volunteer projects are completed and accompanied by a diverse range of activities. Firstly, the volunteer actions are organised into; cleaning campaigns, raising environmental awareness, the creation of murals, and environmental activities in schools.

Secondly the opportunity to explore the country is also provided with visits to agricultural areas, trips concerning the regions cultural heritage (food, natural environment and folklore) or again participation in local

artisanal workshops.

The volunteer projects are chosen based on the expectations, competences and specifics of the participants. However, the realisation of these activities also depends on the duration of the stay, time of year and local factors.

IV. Getting to the association Amuddu

From Agadir airport

According to the contract established with the sending organisation, the cost of transport can be covered by the AMUDDU association. If this is the case, the members of AMUDDU will organise themselves to come and the volunteer/s from the airport. The volunteer will therefore be met by one of the members of the association, accompanied by a placard with the name and sur name of the new volunteer or with the name of the association. If this is the case, and the volunteer wishes that we pick them up, then there is the possibility that they will be driven by one of the members of the association.

If this is not the case, however and the volunteer wishes to travel independently, two options are available:

-Take a taxi from the airport to Inzegane or Agadir for 200 dirhams, or a bus for 5-10 dirham. Then take a collective taxi to Taroudant for 40 dirhams.

The least expensive way is to leave the airport until you get to a round-about. Opposite this you will find the collective taxis. Be careful , it is primordial to take a collective taxi, so you

don't have to pay the totality of all the places. Be aware upon arriving at the round-about, do not arrive in the evening or early morning.

If not there are also taxis available directly outside of the airport, but the cost is much more. It's generally about 450 dirhams.

Par l'aéroport de Marrakech :

Different options are possible. It is firstly necessary to take a taxi or a bus to get yourself to the centre of Town. From there, depending on the hour upon which the volunteer arrives, they can take a CTM bus to Taroudant or a Supratour bus to Inezgane, then take a collective taxi to Taroudant.

Airport	By taxi	By bus	Price
Rabat		10 hours	Between 150 and 220 DRHM
Casablanca		9 hours	Between 130 and 200 DRHM
Marrakech	3 hours 30mins	6 hours	Taxi 120 DRHM / Bus : 110 DRHM
Agadir	1 hour 15 mins		450 DRHM (direct) between 80 et 240 DRHM (indirect)

V. Advice upon arrival

Although border control is carried out upon arrival, it is imperative to have noted beforehand the address of the place in which the volunteer will live during their stay with the association, on the immigration form they must cross the box noted 'tourism'.

VI. Arrival at the AMUDDU association

Upon their arrival, a welcome meal is organised with the members of the CA. The volunteer will be able to enjoy a week to settle in, and to prepare their entrance into the association (check). So, that the current volunteers will be able to help the new volunteers getting to know the town, the essential places and the restaurants etc., it is necessary to have, at least an idea of a project to develop.

VII. Moving to Morocco

The main bus station of Taroudant is located 5 minutes from the associations office, next to the entrance Bab Zorgane.

Many other destinations are accessible from the main bus station in Inezgane, such as: Essaouira, Guelmim etc. In order to get to Inezgane bus station, communal taxis are available from Taroudant bus station.

Finally on this website you can find all air, sea and road transport in Morocco: <http://www.maroctransports.com/>

VIII. Period of stay

After a period of 90 days in Morocco, the volunteer must leave the country in order to be able to continue their stay, the nearest border is Spain in the north of Morocco. Equally, the volunteer can benefit from this period and take some time off, return home, or even travel. It is obligatory to keep both the hosting and sending associations informed.

The renewal of the 90 day visa is only possible once the volunteer presents proof of sufficient means to stay and an agreement which justifies their mission/ project. The residency permit is more difficult to obtain because it is often provided for residents who intend to remain for longer periods of time (such as a year)

To note : For the volunteers of ADICE, it is mandatory to announce yourself to the consulate of Agadir in order to enrol yourself on the register of French people living outside of France.

IX. Life at the association

Each week a meeting takes place with Safouane, director of the association in order to progress the volunteer's projects. A time table is written, according to the desires of the volunteer and the association.

Each volunteer has a tutor, with whom they can exchange their projects and tasks with, but they may also discuss whatever subject they like. The work at the association is enjoyable, but must also be taken seriously.

X. The administrative office

As well as spending your work hours (9-12, 3-6) at the heart of the administrative office in Benyara, it is also possible to sometimes organise intercultural meals or events within the framework of the citizen's café, to watch television, to use the computers and all the other commodities present within the organisation, the only expectations being to respect the resources and the property as well as taking care to turn off all the lights.

Often, the board of directors organises meetings between its members and partners. This is why it's important to let the director of the association know in advance about any activities happening at the office. The activities of the association obviously remain a priority.

Like every other area in the world, it is highly important to respect your fellow neighbour. Therefore, after 10.00 pm it is important to avoid creating noise.

XI. The volunteer house

The volunteer house is equipped with internet and a washing machine. The communal areas like the kitchen (fully equipped), the bathroom and the terrace must be maintained in a good condition. As in Benyara it is imperative to:

- Turn off the light and all taps before leaving a room
- Turn off the gas during the night
- Close the door of the terrace after you've left the house
- Clean the house regularly
- Avoid making noise after 10.00pm
- Remove your shoes when walking on the mats on the terrace
- Water the plants
- Un-plug the appliances when they're not in use

An area next to 'Riad Taroudant' is reserved for the bins. They are collected every evening except for Saturday. It is forbidden to consume illicit substances at the house, not even alcohol.

A member of the association will regularly visit the volunteer house in order to discuss any potential problems that occurred during the week. Finally, for the security of the volunteers (cf regularly welcomes foreigners to Morocco), it is forbidden to invite anyone without giving prior warning, either to a member of the association who is responsible for the volunteer house, or the tutor.

XII. CA-volunteer relations

One of the philosophies of the association is to not create a divide between the members and the volunteers. A relationship of trust is based on respect and honesty. An open mind will help you if you come across any problems. It is of course possible to go out with the members of the association, go for coffee or a mint tea, or have discussions around a tagine...

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XIII. Relationships with the members of the association

The members become, for certain volunteers like brothers and sisters, and it goes without saying they'll always be there for you, whenever possible. Don't hesitate to contact them, to speak with them, to organise walks or go out with them.

For the security of the (foreign) volunteers in Morocco, the house of Derb Jdid is exclusively reserved for the volunteers, communal activities will take place at Benyara. According to the availability of the house, family and friends are also welcomed during their visit of Taroudant. You need simply to follow the appropriate administrative procedure.

XIV. To know

Since the creation of Amuddu, more than 10,000 inhabitants have been implicated by its actions. Such a project concerns a number of different activities on different levels. The association has collaborated with more than 25 areas and schools.

On a local scale, the cultural heritage is validated by 'responsible tourism', which aims to put human exchange and the discovery of local natural and cultural resources at the forefront.

On an international scale, the association Amuddu favours mutual respect between different cultures and the right to be an individual as well as friendship. It is also a real opportunity to gain a little 'know-how' and acquire experience.

Enjoy your stay!