

Ln. 3688-MOR Irrigated Areas Agricultural Services Project:
US\$25 million Loan of February 6, 1995; Effective Date: May 8, 1995; Closing Date: June 30, 2000; Implementing Agency: Direction de l'Enseignement, de la Recherche et du Développement (DERD) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Agricultural Development (MAMVA). The project has five components: (i) the transfer of technology to and from farmers in the large-scale irrigation areas including adaptive research, agricultural extension and women's programs; (ii) supporting services including soils and plant analysis, pest and disease warning system and test/demonstration of small equipment; (iii) promotion of farmers' organizations; (iv) monitoring and evaluation of agricultural development in the irrigated and adjacent rainfed areas; and (v) studies. The Project is off to a very good start; one point of concern resides in the fact that the 1995 budget represents only 47% of the amount anticipated at appraisal.

Ln. 3765-MOR Second Agricultural Sector Investment Loan:
US\$121 million Loan of December 5, 1994; Effective Date: March 13, 1995; Closing Date: June 30, 1999. Implementing Agency: Ministry of Agriculture. The primary objective of the ASIL II would be to support a well-conceived investment program in Morocco's agricultural sector. This program is a time-slice of the Government's total agricultural investment program for 1994-97, estimated at US\$993 million. The ASIL II would finance just over 12 percent of this program. The ASIL II would also support an action program of measures designed to further promote the Government's sector objectives (increasing sector growth, environmental protection, reducing poverty, and redefining the role of Government) and improve the efficiency of subsector investments, focusing in particular on actions to consolidate the agricultural adjustment program, private sector development and improved public sector management. The project would finance specific critical investments selected from the Government's investment program for 1995-97 with retroactive financing for part of 1994. These include investments in: agricultural education, livestock, crop production, plant protection, land policy programs, rainfed land improvements, forestry, extension, small- and medium-scale irrigation, and planning. The loan would also finance an Agricultural Development Fund (FDA) which promoted private investments in: land improvements; irrigation improvements; increased use of small-scale farm equipment; livestock intensification; phyto-sanitary protecting, and increased tree planting. The ASIL II would also support the establishment of an Environmental Management Unit which would have the responsibility for undertaking environmental screening of projects, arranging for