



Birth Registration Project

Birth registration is one of the fundamental rights listed under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Despite this, estimates suggest there are 200 million unregistered children under the age of 5 worldwide. Our social workers identified lack of birth registration as a significant and recurring obstacle to their work assisting vulnerable children in the region.

Lack of access to birth registration means children face immediate barriers to accessing health and education, as well as directly impeding their future endeavours to secure legal employment and register their own children. As a result, in 2013, we launched a dedicated birth registration project. Since the beginning, we have directly assisted 667 children in having their births registered through casework, a mobile registration service, awareness-raising days, professional training and an information dissemination campaign.

As a result of ongoing demand, we continue to open new cases every week; the majority of these consisting of economically disadvantaged families and single mothers who often face significant barriers at each stage of the registration process.

Recognising this as a national issue across Morocco, we transformed the project in December 2014 into an advocacy campaign which seeks to engage government bodies, NGOs and civil society to make fundamental changes to the current law and systems. Our vision is for a fair and equal birth registration system so that each and every child, from whatever socio-economic background, will be able to obtain equal access to health and education allowing them to secure brighter futures for themselves.



Mobile registration day in Ouled Teima



MCT's Birth Registration conference, Taroudannt, Dec. 2014