

The Noor Ouarzazate I site is located in the rural commune of Ghessate, that counts 9500 residents 21 km away from Ouarzazate). Masen's urgent actions towards local development are therefore focused on the douars (settlements) of Ghessate.

From 2010-2015 Masen accounts for 38 projects carried out by Masen and our partners at local level, with 22,000 direct and indirect beneficiaries for an investment of 58 million dirhams.

In accordance with its local development strategy, Masen carried out concrete actions there.

Reducing isolation

In order to ensure better living conditions, 18.5 km of roads were built to connect the douars of Tasselmant and Aguedim to Highway 10, and a vast program to pipe drinking water to all of the douars in the commune was carried out in partnership with the ONEE.

Improving the social environment of the population

In health care, the commune's population has benefited from a mobile multidisciplinary hospital since 2012, combined with special days visiting the provincial hospital of Ouarzazate, in partnership with the Emergency Services Action Association (Association Action Urgences). These mobile hospitals have benefitted thousands of people, and hundreds of surgical procedures have been carried out in more than 20 disciplines, thus improving access to health services in Ghessate.

In education, activity camps and educational workshops for children in the commune have been held every year since 2012. Masen also organized several environmental awareness sessions for students, teachers, and associations in the commune.

Masen worked to upgrade the commune's schooling infrastructure (renovating buildings, constructing restroom facilities, adding solar street lights, donating means of transportation, school materials, and computing equipment), with the goal of helping to improve the quality of access to education and reducing drop-out rates.

Finally, 10 bright young students from underprivileged families in Ouarzazate were awarded scholarships for higher learning.

Though the example of Ghessate near the solar facility of Ouarzazate has been impressive, the local development approach is meant to be applied to other renewable energy complexes.