

**PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE LIGUE MAROCAINE POUR LA
PROTECTION DE L ENFANCE IN THE YEAR 2009-2010.**

The year 2009-2010 has seen the Ligue Marocaine pour la Protection de l'Enfance undertaking projects aimed at helping the mother and more specifically the 'single mother.'

This is not a random choice; the League is concerned by the growing number of abandoned children, probably linked to the lack of information and aid provided for women in difficult circumstances.



The League, in partnership with UNICEF, organised an inquiry in 2009, the results were the following: Namely, young girls most at risk were poorly informed on the consequences of a pregnancy without the sanction of marriage. Once

pregnant, the women were not informed of organisations capable of helping them and their child. State aid was weak if not non-existent, thus any help available was solely provided by voluntary associations.

The League set up a presentation of these results and sent them to the different bodies concerned. The decision-makers were also contacted.

The League, in partnership with UNICEF and the Swedish Government, has also created, in the Abandoned Children's Home in Marrakech, a birth control experimental unit.

It consists of a psychologist, two social assistants and a secretary. Its task is to identify women at risk, women in difficulty and women living in precarious conditions (maids or street girls) and make them aware of the risks involved. The project began in 2010 and seems to be achieving results. It may be duplicated after evaluation.

Furthermore, the League, in the context of 'the National Initiative for Human Development,' has finally finished its nursery school teacher training centre. It can house 25 people and has multi-media, recreational and class room. It has been functioning since January 2009, providing courses lasting three months at a time. In the three sessions that have already taken place, 40 nursery school teachers, coming from all over the country, have been trained.



The theoretical training takes place at the centre, whilst the practical training occurs in the League's day-care centres in Rabat.

The training program awards a diploma allowing its graduates to work in the day-care centres allocated to the League by local communities ('one commune, one day-care centre') or to work in private institutions.

The main objective of this project is to provide adequate day-care for working women's children, but also to promote education and schooling, thus fighting illiteracy.

Hence, the League having a certain amount of expertise in the field, contributes to the better quality of education.