

Resource on the State of the Art of Rare Disease Activities

2025 Report for Morocco

National Mirror Group

Morocco's National Mirror Group (NMG) is currently in development and will be coordinated by Cadi Ayyad University. Contributors to the collection of data about rare disease activities in Morocco are listed at the end of this report.

Definition of a Rare Disease

Morocco adopts the formal European Union (EU) definition of a rare disease (i.e. those with a prevalence of no more than 5 patients per 10,000 persons. This definition is laid down in Regulation EC no. 141/2000 on Orphan Medicinal Products, Directive 2011/24/EU on Cross Border Healthcare as well as in the Council Recommendation on an action in the field of rare diseases of 8 June 2009.).

Status Quo of any National Plan or Strategy for Rare Disease

What is the status quo?

Morocco does not have, nor has it ever had, a national plan or strategy in place for rare disease. Until recently, there were no laboratories dedicated to the diagnosis of rare disease in Morocco and only individual researchers have been involved in rare disease initiatives. In October 2020, Sanofi Maroc Laboratory launched a discussion between Moroccan experts involved in rare disease and the Ministry of Health to initiate discussions around a national plan. However, the occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic meant that discussions were halted, and no further progress was made.

Rare Disease Research Programmes and Funding

There are no rare disease specific research funding programmes within Morocco.

Rare Disease Registration and Biobanking

Morocco has neither a national nor regional rare disease registries. There are currently no plans to create a national rare disease registry, government support would be needed to do this. Morocco does have disease specific rare disease registries including registries for Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I (MSPI) and Gaucher disease (GD).

In Morocco there are no national biobanks for rare disease samples but there are individual biobanks for rare disease samples.

Organisation of Rare Disease Care

Centres of Expertise

Morocco does not have a policy in place for designating Centres of Expertise for rare disease and there are currently no plans to develop or adopt a policy.

Newborn Screening

There is no newborn screening programme in Morocco.

Diagnostics

Some university laboratories in Morocco offer genetic testing for rare disease but the tests are not listed anywhere publicly. There are no specific provisions in place for reimbursement of genetic testing.

There is a framework in place for samples to be sent to Archimed Laboratory for prepaid analysis by pharmaceutical laboratories, for specific, suspected, rare diseases.

There is a policy in place in Morocco to provide genetic counselling for patients with a suspected or confirmed rare disease.

National Alliances of Rare Disease Patient Organisations

A National Alliance was created in Morocco but it is only functional when organising events for Rare Disease Day. They do not provide any further support to patients. There are disease specific patient organisations, such as the Moroccan association for lysosomal diseases and the association of patients with Wilson's disease, that provide ongoing support to patients.

Information Resources for Rare Disease

National Orphanet Engagement

Morocco does not have an operational national Orphanet team or branch.

Helplines

Morocco does not have a rare disease information helpline or portal for rare disease.

Training and Education

There are no specific rare disease training activities in rare disease in Morocco. However, some rare disease training activities take place during meetings related to paediatrics and neurology.

Orphan Medicinal Products (OMPs)

There are between 5-6 OMPs available in Morocco.



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