PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION **BOLSTERED ACROSS THE** MEDERSAT.COM NETWORK

BMCE Bank Foundation endeavours to enable as many pupils as possible to gain access to knowledge, opening 18 middle section pre-school classes in Medersat.com network schools. This initiative was carried out in response to the Royal Appeal to make preschool education widely accessible and in partnership with Teach For Morocco, of which Dr Leila Mezian Benjelloun is Honorary President. Teach For Morocco is the Moroccan representative for Teach For All, a New Yorkbased international NGO.

Since 5 October 2020, 500 pupils aged 4-5 years have been taught in the middle section of preschool. The teachers assigned to this project received training by distance learning in August and September 2020, organised in partnership with BMCE Bank Foundation as part of the Summer Institute programme.

Despite the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic and a temporary halt to building and renovation projects, the Foundation continued to support the Ministry of National Education by building and equipping preschool units within state schools. Four preschool classrooms were delivered in two schools in Témara, under the jurisdiction of the Rabat-Salé-Kénitra local education authority. The Foundation also began work on building twenty preschool classrooms in state schools coming under the jurisdiction of the Al

Hoceima province local education authority. At the start of the 2020-2021 school year, a new Medersat.com unit opened in the municipality of Kétama, Al Hoceima province.

Construction work on the new Medersat. com Djibouti school suffered a three-month interruption due to the introduction of precautionary healthcare measures. Work is scheduled for completion in first half 2021.

In 2020, maintenance work was carried out at four schools.

