



Country card

Tunisia





General country data

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Country	Tunisia	Morocco	France
Population ¹	11,708,370	36,471,769	69,059,887
HDI ²	0.739	0.676	0.891
Inequality-adjusted HDI ³	0.585	N/A	0.809
Maternal mortality ⁴	69	110	10
Gender Inequality Index ⁵	0.9	0.83	0.98
GINI Index ^{6,7}	32.8	39.5	31.6
Refugee population (UNHCR) ⁸	3,746	5,940	368,352
Risk Management Index (INFORM) ⁹	6	4	2.2
Fragile States Index ¹⁰	74.2	71.2	30.5
Development assistance (in millions USD)	805.27	811.65	0

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified on 09/07/1999
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified on 28/09/2010
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified on 02/04/2008

¹Stat INS Tunisia January 2020

²UNDP: Human development index (HDI) ranking in 2017

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⁴Stat INS Tunisia T2 2019

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⁶ The GINI index **measures the extent to which the distribution of wealth** (income, assets etc.) deviates from a perfectly equal distribution, within a given population.

⁷World Bank ranking publication 2018

⁸UNHCR report January 2020 Tunisia

⁹OECD Country Risk Classification of Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits 16 October 2020

¹⁰The Fund For Peace report 2017 Fragile States Index



c. Geopolitical analysis

a. Geopolitical situation

1. Social, cultural and demographic context

Tunisia is located in North Africa, between Algeria to the west and Libya to the east and is composed of 24 governorates. Arabic is the official language and French is the second language.

Tunisia's population grew by 1.03% between 2004 and 2014. Composed of 51% men in 1966, the percentage has gradually reversed (50.2% women in 2014) following the improvement of living conditions and the emigration of a large number of male workers abroad. The unemployment rate was 18% in June 2020.

2. Political situation

In 2014, Tunisia elected a government and its first multi-party and democratic parliament. The government must now address multiple social and economic challenges in a context of strikes and social movements, internal security threats, the thorny problem of corruption, and high public expectations.



HI's team and where we work

HI's team in Tunisia has 20 staff members.

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Summary of HI's work in the country

Since 2011, HI has developed actions to advance the rights of people with disabilities during the democratic transition phase and our main cross-disciplinary successes include:

- Strong institutional recognition by ministries and civil society
- Studies and research, sources of knowledge on disability for action and advocacy through Disabled People's Organisations.
- A capacity for innovation and knowledge management, and considerable investment in new technologies.
- Local commitment, partners and a response methodology that allow us to extend our actions to other vulnerable groups.



Current projects

HI implements projects, focusing on beneficiaries and partners



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Main sectors	Project goals in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries at the end of the project	Partners	Location	Project start and end date and funding bodies
Economic inclusion	<p>Name: "Employment & Disability" - Improving access to employment for PWDs</p> <p>Objective: People with disabilities, especially young people and women, have access to better vocational training conditions and decent employment opportunities</p>	<p>Service users: Training and coaching of inclusion officers on the personalised support of job seekers; Training (life skills, job search and the setting up of a business); Assessment and definition of a professional project for people with disabilities; Support (training, internship, job or self-employment)</p> <p>Suppliers: Mobilisation of actors and networking of inclusive employment service providers; Publication of two studies; Awareness-raising of providers; Adaptation and development of tools and methodologies to help people with disabilities find work; Improvement of the accessibility of inclusion services; Actions to build organisational and operational capacities; Creation of a national working group on CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and Disability; Development of a code of good conduct for companies in the field of CSR and Disability.</p> <p>Decision-makers: Identification and awareness-raising of company managers on the hiring of people with disabilities; Training of managers and HRDs (human resources directors) on the development of "disability policies"; Support and coaching for the hiring and adaptation of disabled people's workstations; Identification and training of tutors within companies. Advocacy actions by disabled people's organisations at</p>	<p>Service users: 500 trainees and job seekers with disabilities</p> <p>Suppliers: 60 inclusive employment service providers; 100 training and inclusive employment services professionals;</p> <p>Decision-makers: 100 public, private and specialised companies; social partners (trade unions, employers' organisations);</p>	791 people with disabilities looking for work benefited from this project over a period of 37 months	ANETI FATH OTTD PH UGTT UTIC A CONNECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Arous • Gabès • Gafsa • Bizerte 	Project closed in July 2020 DROSOS AFD (regional dimension)



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		national and local level to influence public authorities and social partners.	local and national public authorities (managers of the Ministries of Social Affairs and Vocational Training and Employment).				
Economic inclusion	<p>Name: “Joud Nefzaoua” - Promoting the socio-professional inclusion of vulnerable groups as key agricultural and rural development actors in the governorate of Kebili.</p> <p>Objective: The most vulnerable populations are made actors in local socio-economic development by implementing the principles of sustainable development to strengthen the</p>	<p>Mapping of actors, selection of the most promising green sectors, Expansion of local development committees (LDCs) to promote multi-actor dynamics, Revision of territorial development plans, Coordination workshop between support structures, Study tour, Technical strengthening of support structures, Information, identification, training and support for project leaders, Support for the financing of pilot projects, Support for marketing, Support for technical innovation, Horizontal networking, Production of a guide on "winning processes" for the socio-economic inclusion of vulnerable populations in their territories.</p>	<p>200 vulnerable people (women, young people, people with disabilities), 4 local development committees, ANETI and 60 representatives of key local actors (civil society, public authorities for sustainable rural development and job creation)</p>		ANETI	Kébili	EU



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	economic fabric based on a concerted multi-actor response in the Kebili region.						
Gender	<p>"Gouvern'Elles" - Strengthening & supporting the involvement of women, especially women with disabilities, in local governance. Objective: Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and local authorities consult each other and act to improve the involvement of women (including vulnerable and/or disabled women) in local governance through the engagement of activists, women leaders with multi-actor consultative bodies in the governorates of Greater Tunis,</p>	<p>Users: Organisational audit on women's involvement in CSOs and DPOs, Support for the emergence of local women's mobilisation groups, Personalised coaching of women leaders, Awareness campaigns on women's involvement in local governance, Advanced training for activists on gender-sensitive local governance monitoring, Creation of local CSO groups on the implementation of monitoring actions in the 7 pilot municipalities.</p> <p>Support to CSO initiatives to promote women's involvement in local governance, Technical support and assistance to local monitoring groups.</p> <p>Suppliers: N/A</p> <p>Decision-makers: Participatory local assessments of the inclusion of women in local governance, Training of civil society representatives and local decision-makers on gender & inclusion, local governance, coordinated local planning, gender-sensitive budgeting. Technical support on 7 local plans for inclusive and gender-sensitive development, Support fund for local multi-actor actions for the fair involvement of women in local governance. Sharing of experiences between CSOs, and with MFFE representatives, Produce and share experiences and good practices.</p>	<p>Users: 40 CSOs (including DPOs) and 50 women leaders (including women with disabilities) who demonstrate their ability to influence decision-makers at local level on gender and inclusion issues</p> <p>80% of the 15,000 people made aware who change their minds about the opportunity for women, including women with disabilities, to actively</p>		Tuned	Greater Tunis, Jendouba, Gafsa	EU



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	Gafsa and Jendouba.		participate in local governance. Decision-makers: 300 local development actors from the 10 intervention areas involved in local consultation and discussion actions in order to develop gender-sensitive and inclusive local action plans and/or in favour of women's involvement in local governance. 60 indicators of women's involvement in local governance defined in conjunction with the MFFE monitoring system that progress significantly				
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			between year 1 (baseline) and the end of the project (endline) in the 7 pilot municipalities				
Insertion / Inclusion	<p>Urban Nursery - Promote inclusive cities to advance social cohesion within neighbourhoods, the development of socio-economic innovations and the community involvement of residents from neighbourhoods that benefit from the Programme for the Rehabilitation and Integration of Housing Districts-PRIQH</p> <p>Promote inclusive cities to advance social cohesion within neighbourhoods, the development of socio-economic</p>	Participatory area assessment, community involvement, identification and selection of micro-projects, support for social and technical innovation initiatives, networking, lesson-learning on good practices	<p>400 women and 100 men (60% young, 10% people with disabilities). (100 Housing Districts-15 Neighbourhoods in total) 30 initiatives supported 200 public, non-profit and private-sector actors identified in these neighbourhoods will have their awareness raised of the concepts of urban policy, inclusion, local governance, social cohesion, and sustainable development</p>		Lab'ess, Kandeel, ARRU, PRIQH	Greater Tunis	AFD 16/11/2019 30/06/2022



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	innovations and the community involvement of residents						
Insertion/Inclusion	<p>Autism Enhanced care and inclusion of children with autism in Tunisia</p> <p>The aim of the action is to foster social inclusion and promote the quality of life of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) through better early identification (before the age of 3) and appropriate, effective and quality response.</p>	<p>Improving professional response to children with ASD through the promotion of early detection, adapted professional approaches and a pilot experiment in adapted psychological and educational care and inclusive education in the governorates of Tozeur and Médenine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informing and educating parents/families on the signs of autism - Awareness workshops for front-line professionals on autism and the importance of early diagnosis - Training of psychologists and child psychiatrists in early diagnostic tools for autism. - National Forum on Autism to promote the exchange of practices between diagnostic professionals - Co-facilitate regular multi-actor meetings to network professionals involved in the counselling and psychological and educational development of children with ASD. - Identification and validation of methods and approaches for the management of ASDs in specialised centres - Equipping governorate diagnostic centres and the Higher Institute of Specialised Education (ISES) with appropriate kits - Equipping centres specialised in the care management of children with ASD to support early stimulation (sensory, communication and psychomotor stimulation), and care for children with autism. - Help set up a national commission made up of various institutions and bodies to centrally 	410 children with ASD in the governorates of Tozeur and Médenine benefited from adapted care provided by better trained and informed institutions and bodies		Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Health	Tozeur / Medenine	



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		standardise and update approaches to the care management of autism based on the latest methods. -					
Economic inclusion	Support jobs creation for young Tunisians in the North West region of Tunisia and promote the inclusion of people with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mapping of employment and disability actors in the North West region of Tunisia- Training trainers of care and employment actors in the inclusion of people with disabilities and the personalised social support process- Raising the disability employment awareness of businesses in the North West region	15 people with disabilities in paid employment		US State Department - Middle East Partnership Initiative (via EFE Tunisia)	Governorates of Béja, Jendouba, Siliana and El Kef	DECEMBER 2020

Funding bodies

<p>AFD</p> 	<p>EU</p> 
<p>Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) – US State Department</p> 	<p>DCI Monaco</p> 