



Country card

Tunisia 2021





HI's team and where we work

HI's programme in Tunisia has 18 staff members.



General country data

a. General data

Country	Tunisia	Morocco	France
Population	11,818,618	36,910,558	67,391,582
HDI	0.74	0.69	0.90
Gender development index	0.900	0.835	0.987
Maternal mortality	43	70	8
GINI Index	32.8	39.5	31.6
Population within the UNHCR mandate	1,066	5,940	368,352
INFORM index	3.1	4	2.2



Fragile States Index	68.13	71.22	30.48
Public Social Protection	10.4	6.6	31.7
Official development assistance received	1629.6	2876.6	

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

c. Geopolitical analysis

1. Social, cultural and demographic context

Tunisia is located in the North of 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. In June 2021, the unemployment rate was 17.9%.

2. Political situation

In 2014, Tunisia elected its first multi-party and democratic parliament to govern. The government faces many social and economic challenges, high public expectations, strikes and social movements, security threats within its territory and the ongoing problem of corruption.

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. 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 Organizations for People with Disabilities.
- A capacity for innovation and knowledge management, and considerable investment in the latest technologies
- A territorial foothold, partners and an intervention methodology that allow us to extend our actions to other vulnerable groups



Current projects

HI implements projects, focusing on beneficiaries and partners

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
Social & Inclusion/ Economic services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote access to decent or independent employment for people with disabilities Improve access to decent employment for people with disabilities based on coordinated schemes, a more inclusive environment and an initiative-taking institutional framework 	<p>Service users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train and coach assistance and employment actors in personalised assistance for jobseekers Training (life skills, job searching and starting up a business) Assess and determine a professional project for people with disabilities Support (training, internship, job or self-employment) <p>Suppliers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage actors and create a network of inclusive employment service providers Raise awareness of service providers; adapt and develop tools and methodologies to promote the employment of people with disabilities Improve the accessibility of inclusion services 	<p>Service users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 trainees and job seekers with disabilities <p>Suppliers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 inclusive employment service providers 25 training and inclusive employment service professionals <p>Decision-makers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 public, private and specialised companies social partners (employee unions, employer organisations) local and national public authorities (managers of the 		2 local CSOs RSE & PED ANETI FATH OTTDPH UGTT UTICA CONNECT CDMIR	Bizerte	JUL 2021 – JUN 2024 Funded by: AFD



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build organisational and operational capacities • Set up a national CSR (corporate social responsibility) and Disability working group • Develop a CRS and Disability code of good conduct for businesses <p>Decision-makers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and raise the awareness of business leaders in the hiring of people with disabilities • Train entrepreneurship actors in the inclusive support and self-reliance of entrepreneurs with disabilities • Promote advocacy actions by disabled people's organisations at national and local level to influence public authorities and social partners 	Ministries of Social Affairs and Vocational Training and Employment)				
Social & Inclusion/ Economic services	<p>Socio-professional inclusion of vulnerable groups with key agricultural and rural development actors in the governorate of Kebili.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most vulnerable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map actors, select the most promising green sectors • Expand local development committees (LDC) to promote multi-actor dynamics • Revise regional development plans • Hold a coordination workshop for support structures • Study trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 vulnerable people (women, young people, people with disabilities) • 4 local development committees • ANETI • 60 representatives of key local actors (civil society, public authorities for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 234 people trained • 81 initiatives funded including 22 local authorities • 44 issue actors • 17 local structures 	ANETI	Kebili	<p>OCT 2019 - NOV 2021</p> <p>Funded by: EU</p>



	<p>populations are made actors in local socio-economic development by implementing the principles of sustainable development to strengthen the economic fabric based on a concerted multi-actor response in the Kebili region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build the technical capacities of support structures: inform, identify, train and support project leaders • Provide financial support to pilot projects, marketing and technical innovation • Horizontal networking • Produce a “winning processes” guide to the socioeconomic inclusion of vulnerable people in their regions 	<p>sustainable rural development and job creation)</p>	<p>benefited from capacity building and are members of the local support mechanism in Kebili</p>			
<p>Social & Inclusion/ Economic services / Social services</p>	<p>Promote inclusive cities to advance social cohesion within neighbourhoods, the development of socio-economic innovations and the community involvement of residents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participatory local diagnosis • Engage communities • Identify and select microprojects • Provide support to social and technical innovation initiatives, networking • Learn lessons on good practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 microprojects funded in the three areas • 30 initiatives funded in the three areas 	<p>Lab'ess, Kandeel, ARRU, PRIQH</p>	<p>Greater Tunis Gabès</p>	<p>16 NOV 2019- 15 MAR 2022</p> <p>Funded by: AFD</p>



			awareness raised on the concepts of urban policy, inclusion, local governance, social cohesion, and sustainable development				
Social & Inclusion/ Social services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote enhanced care and inclusion of children with autism Foster the 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve 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 Inform and educate parents/families on the signs of autism Organise awareness workshops for front-line professionals on autism and the importance of early diagnosis Train 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>June 2020 to November 2022</p> <p>Funded by: DCI Monaco</p>



		<p>and educational development of children with ASD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and validate methods and approaches for the management of ASDs in specialised centres • Equip governorate diagnostic centres and the Higher Institute of Specialised Education (ISES) with appropriate kits • Equip 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 standardise and update approaches to the care management of autism based on the latest methods 					
<p>Protection and Risk Reduction/ Protection against abuse and violence /</p>	<p>Tunisia supports the inclusion of vulnerable communities (ISMEJ)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build the capacities of Tunisian institutions to support the victims of gender-based violence and implement laws to advance their rights • Build the capacities and provide technical support to improve the gathering and management of data by the 			<p>TAMSS Ministry of Social Affairs Ministry of the Family, Women,</p>	<p>National scope</p>	<p>OCT 2021 - SEP 2024 Funded by: US State Department. Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.</p>



Social & Inclusion/ Legal, community and political participatio n services, Social services		Tunisian government to better distribute disability benefits to eligible people <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise the awareness of the victims of gender-based violence and people with disabilities to build their capacities to advance their rights			Children and Older People		
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