

# COUNTRY PROFILE // TUNISIA

## BACKGROUND //

Since the Arab Spring in 2011, the situation in Tunisia has changed drastically. For youth, integration into the labour market became more difficult and seemingly impossible. The rate of job creation has not kept up with the rising number of young and well-educated people, who would like to find meaningful employment. The rate of unemployment is a major social issue and leads to a missing perspective for the future.

45 % OF UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG 15 TO 29 YEARS OLD // MISSING PERSPECTIVES FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT //

Drawing on the experience from our successful Youth Empowerment project in Yemen, we decided to offer the Tunisian Youth a similar opportunity for social and economic empowerment. As a society, Tunisia faces many challenges; especially the youth is limited by their current status. They are excluded economically and socially marginalized.

They are not recognised as active citizens, and their voices carry little weight, because of a lack of platforms to express their perspectives. Vision Hope's project responds to three of these challenges: (1) enhancing access to informal education through skills trainings, (2) contributing to a higher gender equality, and (3) delivering hope for a brighter future.

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT //

Together with a local Tunisian partner, we launched our project funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development in September 2016. Youth are trained on life skills including teamwork, building trust, conflict management, and self-confidence. After a 16-lessons-training, they are encouraged to start their own social or economic projects. The youth gain confidence to reach their life goals. By the end, the young people are empowered, and driven to work towards a positive future for themselves and their communities.



## ANNUAL IMPACT

- 16 LESSONS FOR BUILDING ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS PROVIDED
- CLOSE COOPERATION WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS
- INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN SOCIETY
- 1,200 YOUTH DIRECTLY BENEFIT FROM PROJECT
- 25 PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY YOUNG AND DRIVEN PARTICIPANTS



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