

Country card

# Tunisia





## **General country data**

#### a. General data

Country	Tunisia	Morocco	France
Population <sup>1</sup>	11,708,370	36,471,769	69,059,887
HDI <sup>2</sup>	0.739	0.676	0.891
Inequality-adjusted HDI <sup>3</sup>	0.585	N/A	0.809
Maternal mortality <sup>4</sup>	69	110	10
Gender Inequality Index <sup>5</sup>	0.9	0.83	0.98
GINI Index <sup>67</sup>	32.8	39.5	31.6
Refugee population (UNHCR) <sup>8</sup>	3,746	5,940	368,352
Risk Management Index (INFORM) <sup>9</sup>	6	4	2.2
Fragile States Index <sup>10</sup>	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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stat INS Tunisia January 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>UNDP: Human development index (HDI) ranking in 2017

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>UNDP: Human development index (HDI) ranking in 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>World Bank ranking publication 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>UNHCR report January 2020 Tunisia

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>OECD Country Risk Classification of Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits 16 October 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>The 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.

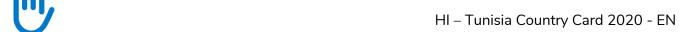


## **Current projects**

HI implements projects, focusing on beneficiaries and partners



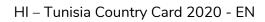
Main sectors	Project goals in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries at the end of the project	Partne rs	Location	Project start and end date and funding bodies
Economic inclusion	Name: "Employment & Disability" - Improving access to employment for PWDs Objective: People with disabilities, especially young people and women, have access to better vocational training conditions and decent employment opportunities	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)  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.  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	Service users: 500 trainees and job seekers with disabilities  Suppliers: 60 inclusive employment service providers; 100 training and inclusive employment services professionals;  Decision- makers: 100 public, private and specialised companies; social partners (trade unions, employers' organisations);	791 people with disabilities looking for work benefited from this project over a period of 37 months	ANETI FATH OTTD PH UGTT UTIC A CONN ECT	<ul> <li>Ben     Arous</li> <li>Gabès</li> <li>Gafsa</li> <li>Bizerte</li> </ul>	Project closed in July 2020 DROSOS AFD (regional dimension)



		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	Name: "Joud Nefzaoua" - Promoting the socio-professional inclusion of vulnerable groups as key agricultural and rural development actors in the governorate of Kebili.  Objective: The most vulnerable populations are made actors in local socioeconomic development by implementing the principles of sustainable development to strengthen the	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.	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)	ANETI	Kébili	EU



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





Gafsa and	participate in	
Jendouba.	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	



			between year 1 (baseline) and the end of the project (endline) in the 7 pilot municipalities			
Insertion / Inclusion	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  Promote inclusive cities to advance social cohesion within neighbourhoods, the development of socio-economic	Participatory area assessment, community involvement, identification and selection of micro-projects, support for social and technical innovation initiatives, networking, lesson-learning on good practices	400 women and 100 men (60% young, 10% people with disabilities). (100 Housing Districts-15 Neighbourhood s 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	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/Inc lusion	Autism Enhanced care and inclusion of children with autism in Tunisia 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.	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.  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> <li>Mapping of employment and disability actors in the North West region of Tunisia</li> <li>Training trainers of care and employment actors in the inclusion of people with disabilities and the personalised social support process</li> <li>Raising the disability employment awareness of businesses in the North West region</li> </ul>	15 people with disabilities in paid employment	US State Departm ent - Middle East Partners hip Initiative (via EFE Tunisia)	Governora tes of Béja, Jendouba, Siliana and El Kef	DECEMBER 2020



# **Funding bodies**

