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IsDB - ISFD  
NGO Empowerment for  
Poverty Reduction Program



# Azerbaijan



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# About Tadamon

## Making CSOs Stronger

The IsDB - ISFD NGO Empowerment for Poverty Reduction Program (Tadamon) is a partnership program sponsored by the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD), managed and designed by the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). This booklet demonstrates how this initiative has evolved from providing visibility to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) projects and activities to facilitating and supporting innovative ideas that have the potential to scale up in those Member Countries (MCs) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) that have endorsed the Program.

The program is being implemented from 2019 to 2024 among the 57 OIC member countries. Each year, around 7 priority countries are selected to implement the program. Within the scope of the program, over 100 CSOs are empowered annually. This booklet aims to illustrate the activities and achievements of the IsDB-ISFD NGO Empowerment Program for Poverty Reduction in Azerbaijan.

***“My experience with the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy was excellent. The assignments were very helpful in creating my campaign, and all the modules provided valuable insights. The mentors were moderately helpful, always open to assistance. The most beneficial aspect was meeting different people, and I learned additional ways to obtain funding. Overall, the academy contributed to my success, and I gained new knowledge.”***

*Ganca Regional Qadin Markazi Maleyka Alizade, 2024 Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy Participants*

4131

CSOs signed up to Tadamon.community as result of the CSO Mapping Exercise

3310

CSOs verified by the program to date

704

CSOs trained through the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy

\$17,6 milion

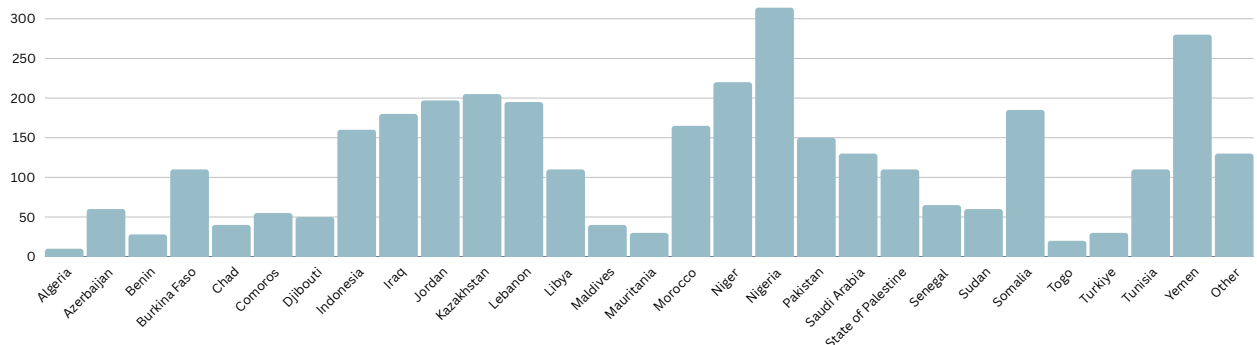
Total value of projects from successful campaigns and raised \$14,566,331 through crowdfunding

\$72.8 milion

Total amount raised through Tadamon partners

### DATA OVERVIEW: December 2024

#### In what countries is your CSO registered and licensed to operate?





## Program objectives

### Reduce poverty

in IsDB's MCs through development and humanitarian initiatives;

### Build relationships

and undertake cooperative initiatives to reach hard-to-reach communities;

### Showcase the benefits of an integrated approach

to improve the socio-economic wellbeing of hard-to-reach communities.

## Program activities

### 1 Mapping, screening, and categorizing of national CSOs

- **Developing a roster of CSOs** that can partner with IsDB/ISFD.
- **Identifying institutional capacity gaps**, specializations, and mapping of civil society landscape.
- **Identifying new partners**, such as: international CSOs, philanthropies, foundations, and platforms.
- **Providing an easy-to-search database** for future partners.

### 2 Capacity-building for local CSOs

through dialogue and institutional strengthening. The aim is to promote CSOs engagement on a country level in MCs to:

- Improve operational efficiency and effectiveness.
- Support strengthening of institutional capacity to raise funds, manage, implement, monitor, and evaluate grant projects.
- Participate in the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy for sustainable financing.

### 3 Promoting innovative and transformative projects

led by CSOs that contribute to reducing poverty in their communities. These transformative projects focus on:

- **Improving the lives** of refugees, women, youth, people with disabilities, and children deprived of parental care through education and skills development.
- **Empowering vulnerable communities** through income-generating opportunities, community resilience building, and job creation for youth.

### 4 Development of the Tadamon online platform

that will:

- **Support mapped CSOs** to get more visibility, connections, training and funding.
- **Serve as the "Trip advisor" on CSOs** programs and projects in particular fields, in order to make it easier for citizens, the private sector, and philanthropies to financially support the humanitarian and development efforts of CSOs.

## DATA OVERVIEW: Azerbaijan \*

### OUTREACH

**70**

CSOs registered

**31**

Applications to the  
Crowdfunding  
Academy

### TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT

**16**

CSOs developed  
campaigns

**\$774,000**

Total project value

### RESOURCE MOBILIZATION & IMPACT

**\$ 6,700**

Raised via Crowdfunding

\* September 2024

## Civil Society in Azerbaijan

Civil society in Azerbaijan has been developing dynamically since the country gained independence in 1991. Currently, there are more than 4,500 NGOs registered in the country, and dozens of unregistered groups. The available forms for NGOs include public unions, foundations and associations. Their activity is regulated by various legal acts such as the Law on Non-Governmental Organizations, the Law on Grants, the Law on Public Participation and others.

NGOs are engaged in diverse spheres of activity, including human rights, women empowerment, education, culture, health, social protection, environmental protection etc. Traditionally NGOs are mainly engaged in community-based projects focusing on vulnerable populations. The Government of Azerbaijan acknowledges the importance of broad-based stakeholder engagement including non-governmental organizations in accelerating the implementation of the SDGs. The National Voluntary Reports on SDGs feature many examples of cooperation between the government, CSOs and private sector in addressing SDGs challenges.

To foster the development of the civil society sector, the government established an Agency of State Support to NGOs that provides capacity building programmes and grant funding to address national priorities. The Agency also facilitates the involvement of the CSOs in public policy discussions. Several initiatives launched over the past years signal a modest yet positive shift in the government's willingness to engage with CSOs and more public agencies are open to co-operation and facilitate broad discussions.

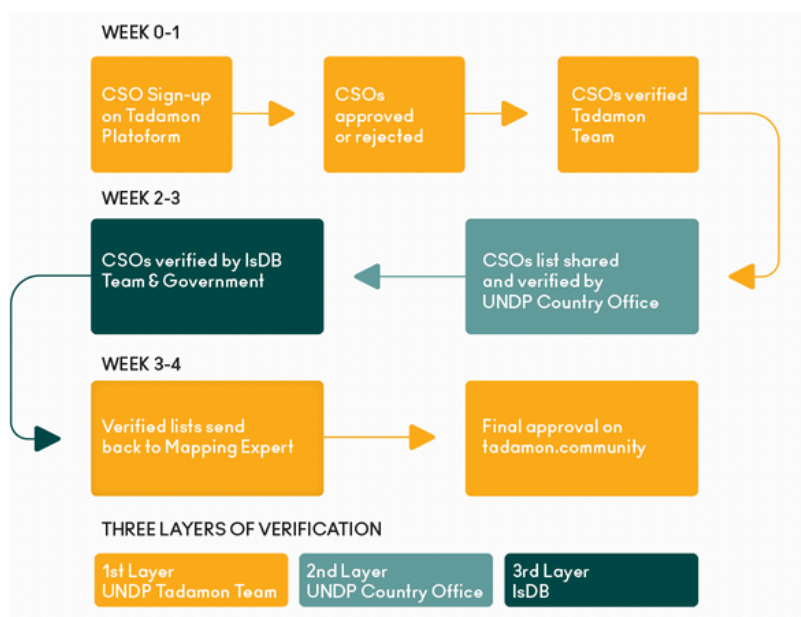
Sustainability of the NGOs remains an issue due to a variety of factors. Although the government increased the number of state bodies that can issue grants to CSOs, the amounts are insufficient to ensure financial sustainability. A shift from grant giving projects to those involving, at least in part, a cost recovery component through the practice of social enterprise (SE) methodology, may offer an avenue for greater financial viability. Other pathways towards a stronger civil society include forming coalitions/networks supported by common vision and objectives; creating core units of capacity in specialized areas and enhancing public sector-civil society dialogue and partnership.



# Mapping of CSOs

Since 2020, the program has mapped, categorised and surveyed the civil society landscape across 33 OIC member countries. In 2022 this mapping was conducted in Azerbaijan to better understand and get to know the people and organizations at the forefront of grassroots development. Instead of relying on existing databases and directories, a new approach was specifically designed to have CSOs come to our platform. The goal was to identify the most active organizations that would benefit from the program and its activities, by having CSOs sign up on the Tadamon platform.

After signing up and passing our three-step verification process, CSOs gain access to participate in our activities: grant programs, financed by IsDB, Crowdfunding Academies and other forthcoming capacity-building programs.



## Sign Up Criteria

1. CSOs' activities are in line with IsDB's areas of interventions;
2. CSOs have no political affiliation
3. CSOs have a minimum of 2 years of experience
4. CSOs are registered and licensed to operate in their respective countries

## CSO verification

CSOs that signed up to the platform go through a three-step verification process to ensure they are eligible for the program and have an official registration with local authorities. The applications are also reviewed for any fake applications and scammers.

**70**

Number of CSOs from Azerbaijan in online database\*

**67**

Verified CSOs from Azerbaijan\*

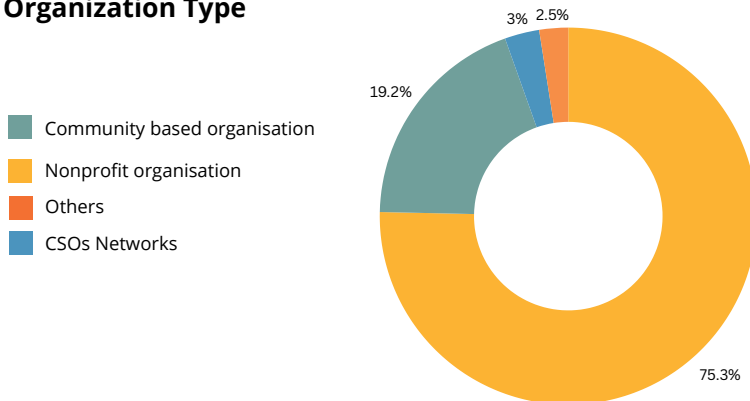
\*Data from September 2024

# CSOs in Azerbaijan

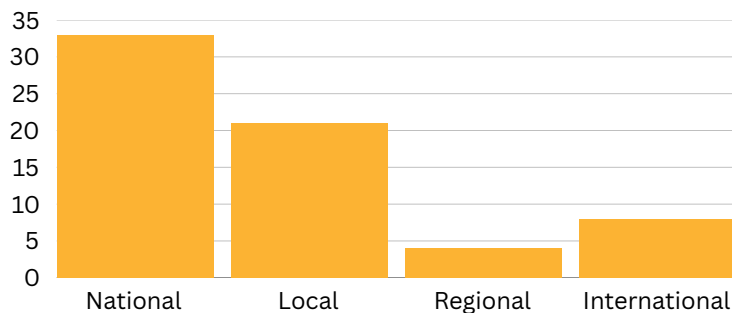
A total of 70 CSOs from Azerbaijan applied to the program and the data of these mapped organizations was collected through the [Tadamon sign-up](#) form and added to the online database.

Below is a visualisation of selected data points included in the sign-up form.

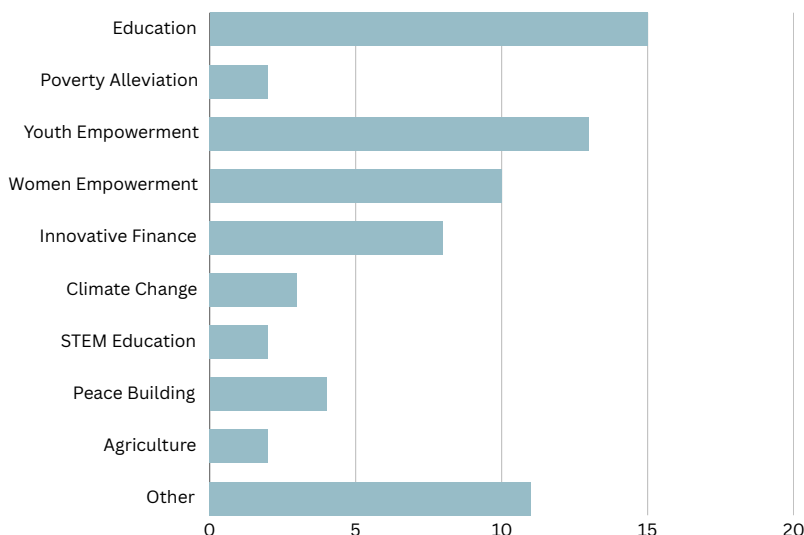
## Organization Type



## Activity level



## Fields of activities of mapped CSOs



## Reasons for joining Tadamon

15%

Capacity Strengthening

58%

To learn about Alternative Finance

23%

Partnership

4%

Visibility

## Experience with Crowdfunding

68%

32%

No

Yes

## Whether or not mapped CSOs have received previous funding from UNDP or IsDB

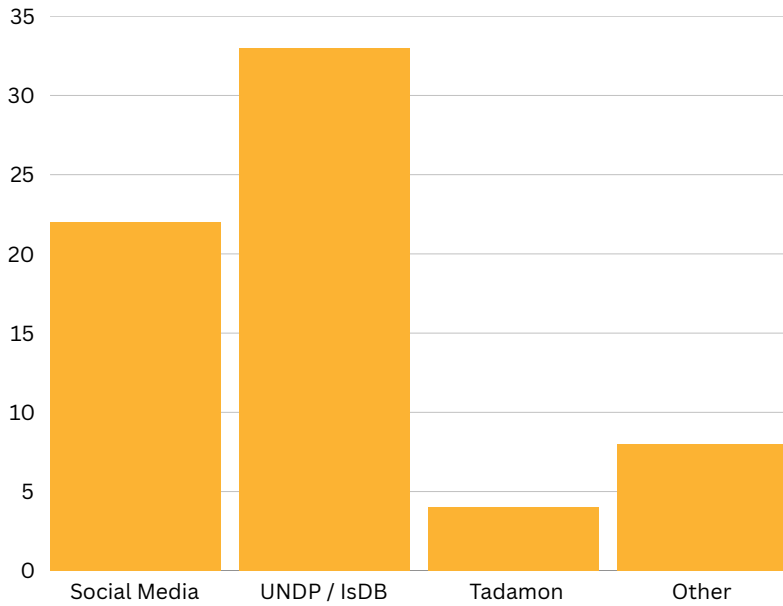
82%

18%

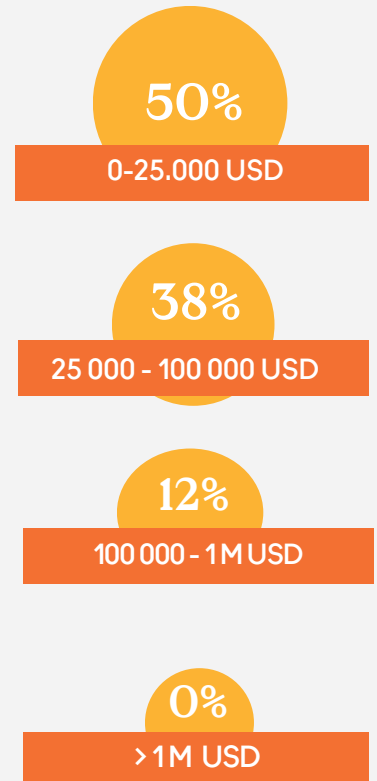
No

Yes

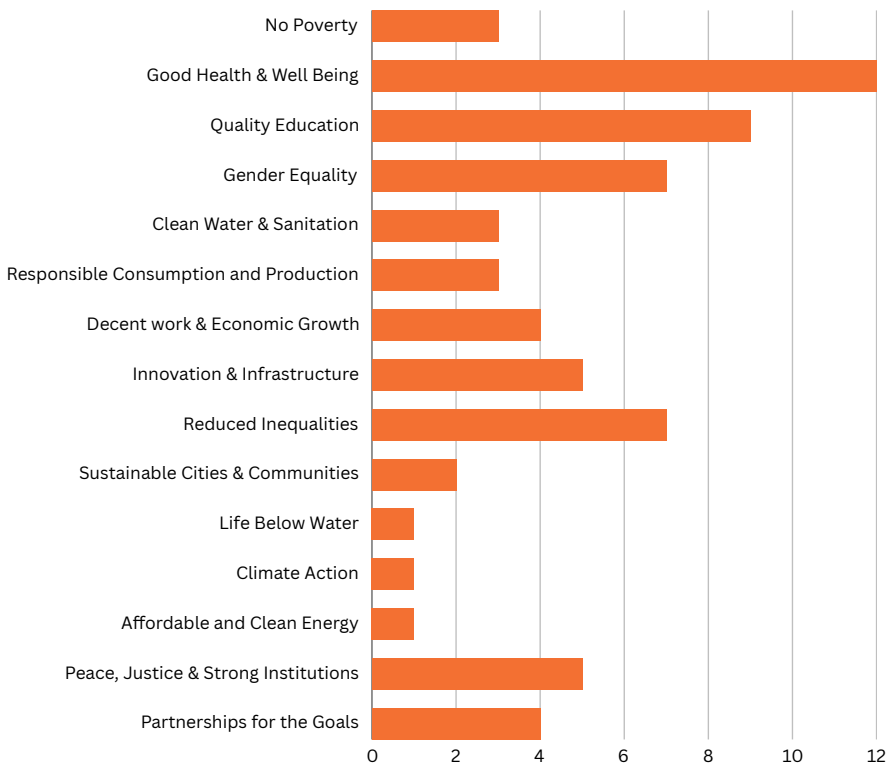
### How organizations found out about Tadamon



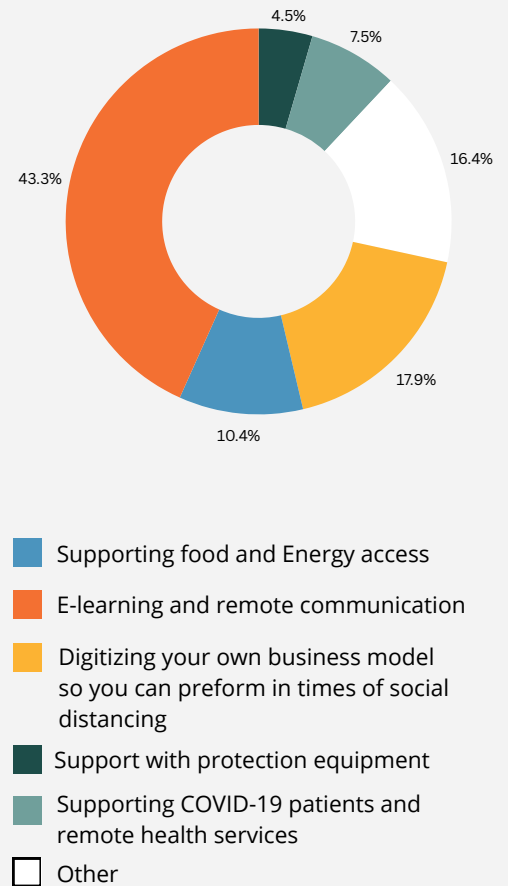
### Annual Budget of Mapped CSOs



### SDGs that best describe the activities of mapped CSOs



### Areas of COVID-19 response that mapped organizations are working in







# Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Azerbaijan

Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Azerbaijan took place between November 2023 to January 2024. During the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Azerbaijan, the below-listed CSOs and their personnel were trained and empowered on the topic of developing crowdfunding campaigns while acquiring effective communication skills

(written, oral and visual), project development and implementation skills.

CSOs were verified by UNDP; ISDB/ISFD and the Government of Azerbaijan as trustworthy and reliable partners.

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# Tadamon Partners

## Humanitarian Leadership Academy



[www.humanitarianleadershipacademy.org](http://www.humanitarianleadershipacademy.org)

The Humanitarian Leadership Academy is a global learning initiative set up to facilitate partnerships and collaborative opportunities to enable people to prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises and development challenges in their own countries.

### Contribution

The Humanitarian Leadership Academy has partnered with IsDB and ISFD to provide the organizations participating in the Tadamon program with resources to support their learning and capacity building needs.

## NAMA Foundation



[www.namafoundation.org](http://www.namafoundation.org)

NAMA Foundation was established in Malaysia in 2004, with the mission of empowering communities and CSOs throughout the world in the education sector, through institutional grants and partnership building, supported by excellent project management and result measurement.

### Contribution

Funding and technical support of up to US\$2 million to the CSOs operating in Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan and other countries according to mutual agreement.

## International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)



[www.iita.org](http://www.iita.org)

IITA's mission is to ensure food security for some of the world's poorest people and provide them with viable strategies that create real long-term results for economic development and community stability, while building an ecologically sound future that takes into account the issues of climate change. IITA sees a bright future for Africa. It sees a continent that can become a world leader in agriculture and sustainability.

### Contribution

In-kind:

- Nigeria: up to US\$5 million
- Other countries: up to US\$100,000 per year in research funding

## Al Awn Foundation for Development

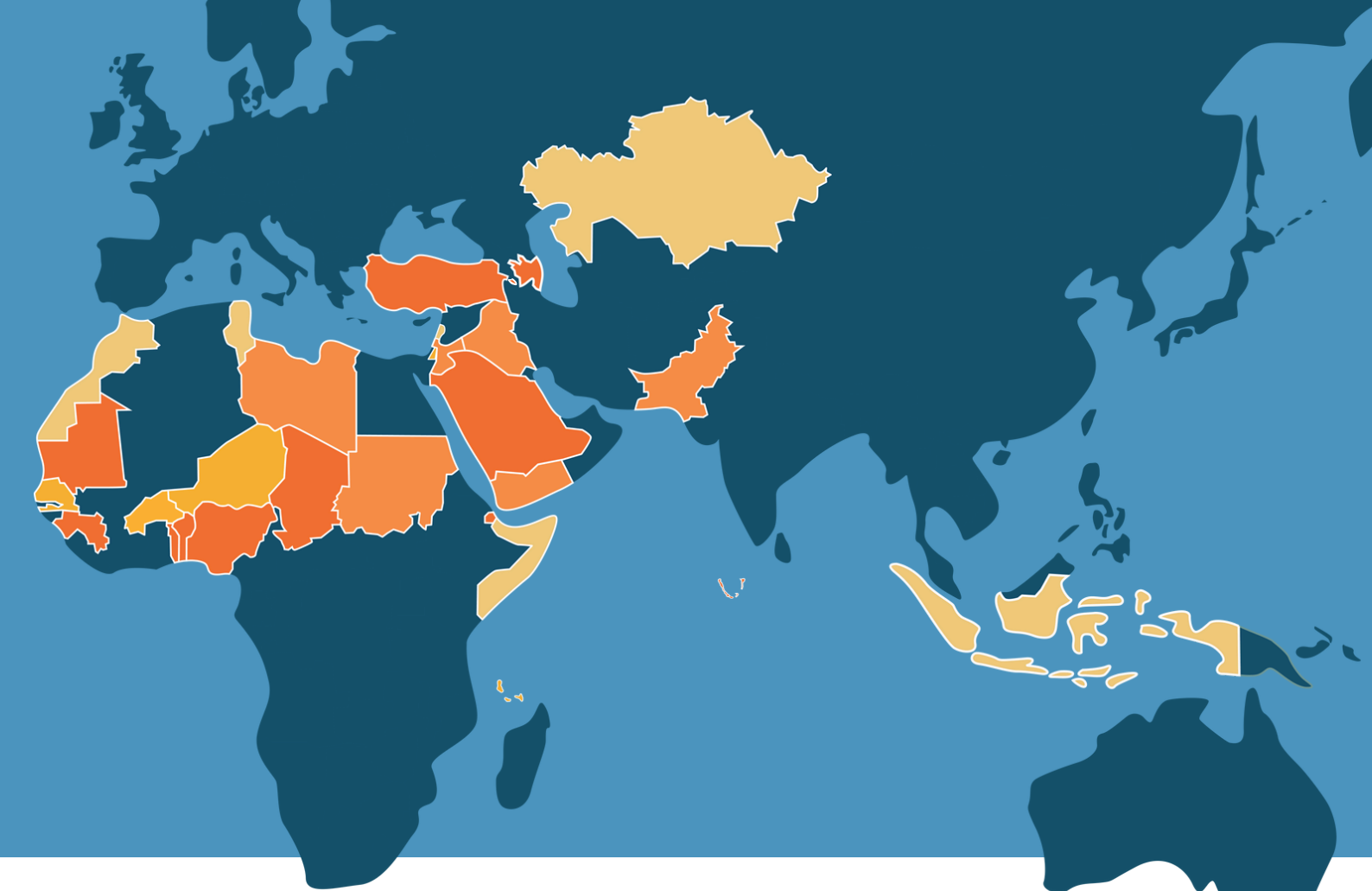


[www.alawn.org](http://www.alawn.org)

Al-Awn Foundation for Development seeks to lead in grants for sustainable development in vital areas, through a series of programs and projects based on studies stating the importance of partnership with governmental institutions, organizations, and communities.

### Contribution

Al Awn Foundation will contribute an amount of US\$1 million for activities in Yemen.



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## Tadamon Countries

As a result of CSO mapping, TADAMON now has a searchable database of over 4131 CSOs categorized by a number of variables. In this way, interested partners can search for organizations working on specific development challenges.

In 2020 we started with six pilot countries, in which to test our approach and refine our services. Each year we are expanding our network to new OIC member countries that have endorsed the Tadamon program.

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Indonesia	Comoros	Iraq	Maldives	Turkey
Kazakhstan	Burkina Faso	Libya	KSA	Uzbekistan
Lebanon	Niger	Jordan	Djibouti	Benin
Morocco	Senegal	Pakistan	Azerbaijan	Brunei
Somalia	State of Palestine	Yemen	Turkiye	Darussalam
Tunisia		Sudan	Nigeria	Guinea
			Togo	Cameroon
			Mauritania	
			Guinea	
			Benin	
			Chad	
			Uzbekistan	

**CSO** - Civil Society Organisation

**FABAN** - Société de fabrication de farine infantile à base de produits locaux des Comores

**FADESIM** - Fédération des Acteurs pour le Développement Socio-économique de l'île de Mohéli

**IITA** - International Institute for Tropical Agriculture

**IsDB** - Islamic Development Bank

**ISFD** - Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development

**MC** - Member Country

**NGO** - Non-Governmental Organisation

**SDGs** - Sustainable Development Goals

**UNDP** - United Nations Development Programme

**UNDP CO** - United Nations Development Programme Country Office

**UNDP IRH** - United Nations Development Programme Istanbul Regional Hub

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