

TADAMON
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IsDB - ISFD
NGO Empowerment for
Poverty Reduction Program



Benin



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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 during the years 2019-2024 among the 57 OIC member countries. Each year, around 7 priority countries are selected for the implementation of the program. Within the scope of the program, over 100 CSOs are empowered annually. The goal of this booklet is to illustrate the activities and achievements of the IsDB-ISFD NGO Empowerment Program for Poverty Reduction in Benin.

“We sincerely thank the Tadamon team for their support and openness throughout the training sessions. We are hopeful that the fruits will bloom as soon as the campaign is launched.”

Anatole HOUNWANOU, ONG GBEWA. 2024 Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy Participants

4113

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

3310

CSOs verified by the program to date

689

CSOs trained through the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy

\$17.6 milion

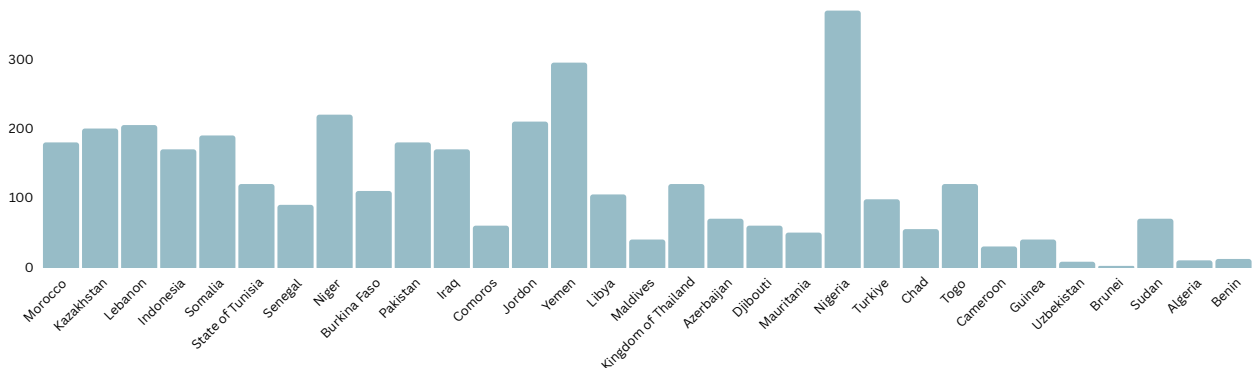
Total value of projects from succesful campaigns and raised \$14,566,331 through crowdfunding

\$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.

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.

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.

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.

OUTREACH

85

CSOs registered

54

Applications to the
Crowdfunding
Academy

18

CSOs selected

TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT

11

CSOs developed
campaigns

2,250,000 USD

Total project value

* December 2024

Civil Society in Benin

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Benin play an essential role in addressing social issues, promoting good governance, and advancing human rights. These organizations operate in sectors like education, health, gender equality, environmental conservation, and rural development. Their efforts are critical in filling gaps left by government services, especially in underserved areas. Benin's civil society landscape includes grassroots movements, advocacy groups, and international NGOs.

Networks like MdSC Benin, CLD-Benin, Social watch Bénin, PASCiB Benin, RODD Benin exemplify grassroots empowerment by collaborating with over 1,000 organizations to enhance local governance, improve health outcomes, and foster environmental sustainability. Such initiatives contribute to systemic social transformation in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, civil society in Benin faces significant challenges.

The country's civic space is rated as "repressed" due to restrictive legislation, such as provisions in the Criminal Code and the Digital Code, which have been used to limit protests and penalize human rights defenders and journalists. Additionally, there are barriers to freedom of assembly, including bans on protests and militarized law enforcement.

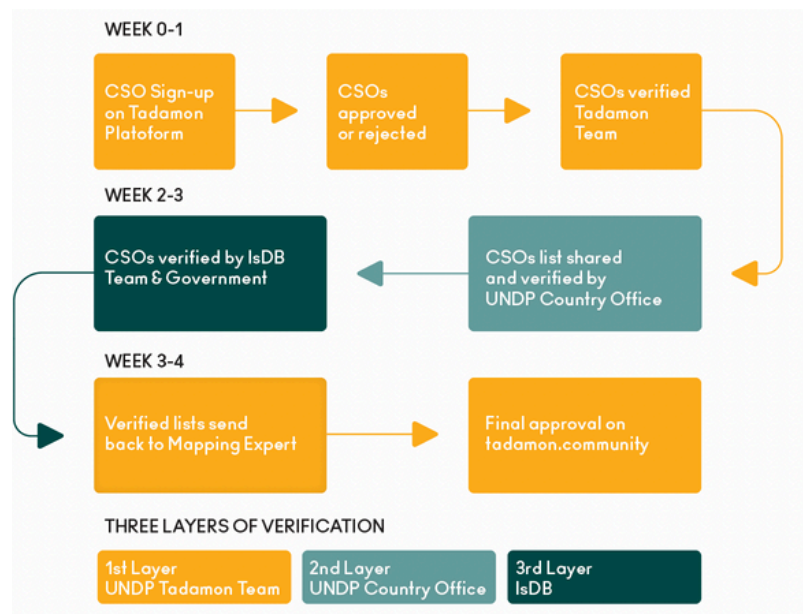
Despite these obstacles, Beninese CSOs have made progress in fostering dialogue and advocating for public accountability. Partnerships with organizations like Fondation Hironnelle amplify the voices of citizens through media, focusing on themes such as gender equality and climate resilience. These collaborations aim to empower communities and sustain public participation in decision-making processes. Benin's civil society remains a cornerstone of its socio-political development, advocating for a more inclusive and resilient future despite regulatory and operational constraints.



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 Benin to understand better and get to know the people and organisations 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 organisations 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.

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Number of CSOs from Benin in online database*

85

Verified CSOs from Benin*

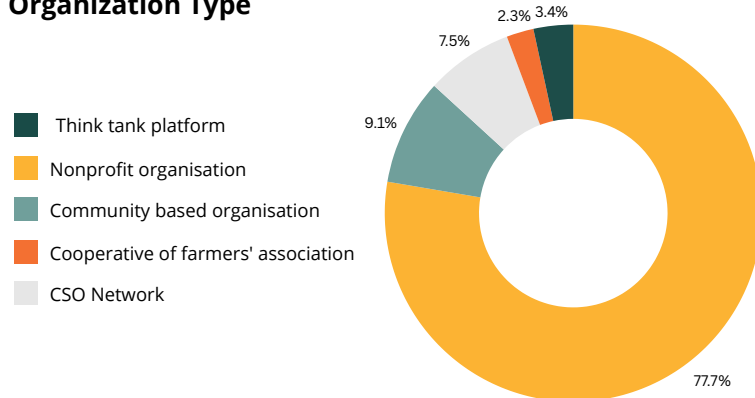
*Data from December 2024

CSOs in Benin

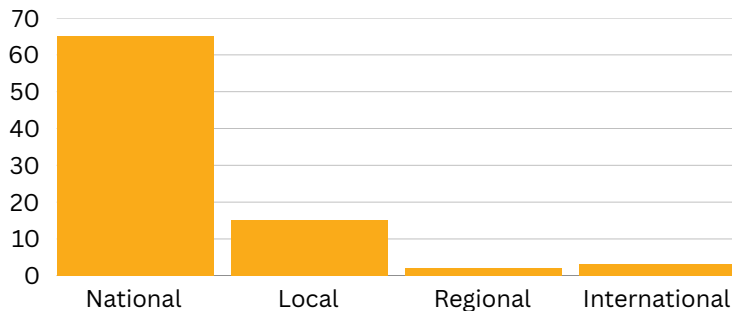
A total of 105 CSOs from Benin applied to the program and the data of these mapped organizations was collected through the [Tadamon sign-up](#) form and added to the online database.

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

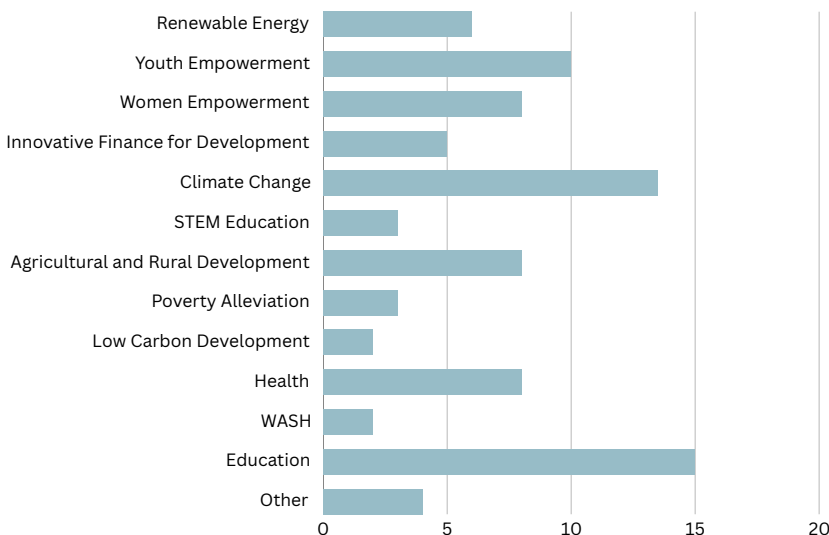
Organization Type



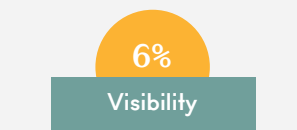
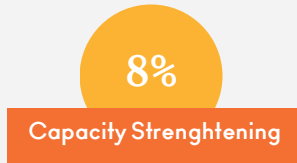
Activity level



Fields of activities of mapped CSOs



Reasons for joining Tadamon

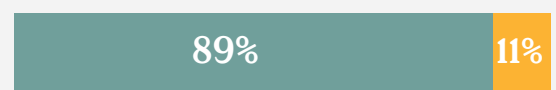


Experience with Crowdfunding



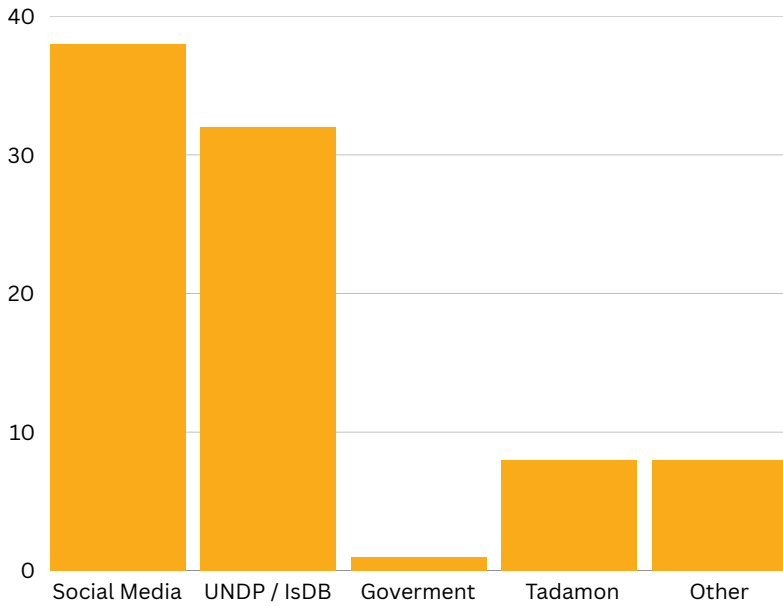
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Whether or not mapped CSOs have received previous funding from UNDP or IsDB

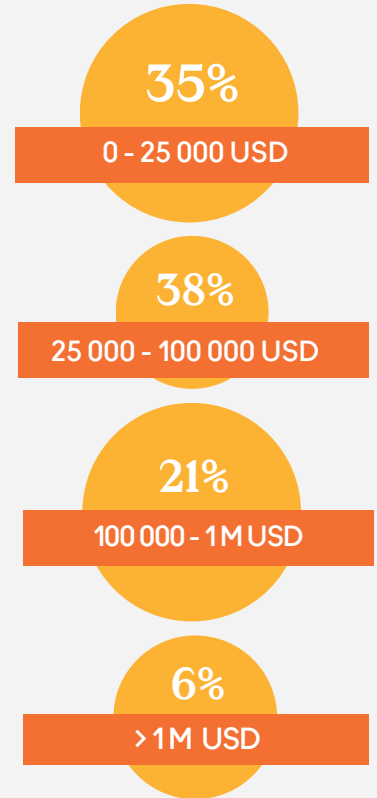


No Yes

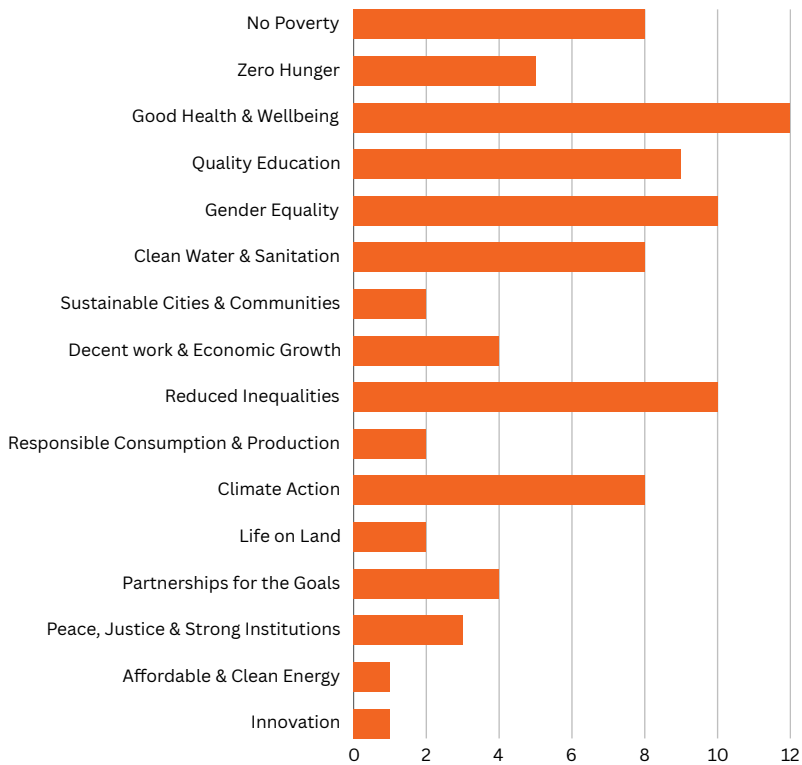
How organizations found out about Tadamon



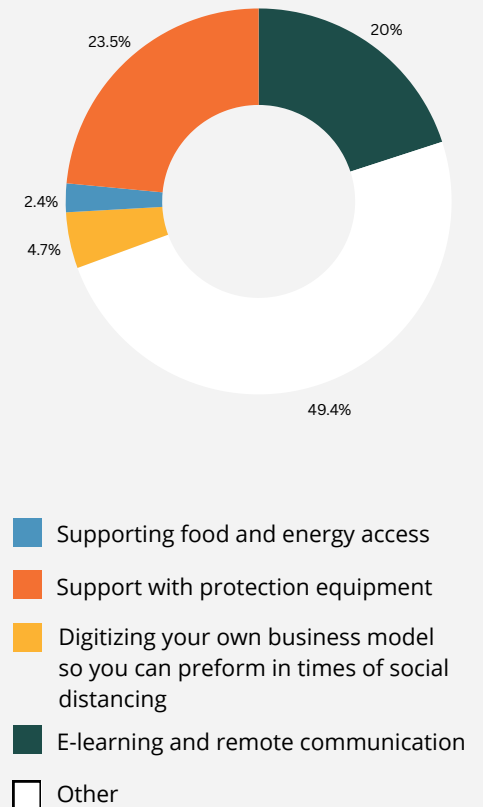
Annual Budget of Mapped CSOs



SDGs that best describe the activities of mapped CSOs



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





Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Benin

Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Benin took place between November 2023 to January 2024. During the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Benin, 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 Benin as trustworthy and reliable partners.

Engagement pour le Mieux Etre Social (EMES)	Education	gem_mathieu@yahoo.fr
ONG Groupe de Solidarité pour un Développement Universel (OGSDU)	Renewable Energy	Ogsdu2.benin@gmail.com
La Casa Grande Bénin	Innovative Finance	bienvenuka1@gmail.com
ONG AMSHART	Agricultural and Rural Development	amshart150504@yahoo.fr
PROGRAMME DE GESTION DES INITIATIVES POUR UN DEVELOPPEMENT COMMUNAUTAIRE (PROGIDEC)	Women Empowerment	andrefanoukpe1@gmail.com
Eau et Assainissement pour un Développement Durable Intégré	Education	mjyadouleton@gmail.com
ONG GBEWA "Enfin le Bhonneur"	STEM Education	anatolehounwanou@gmail.com
ONG AfricaTIC-Emplois	Agricultural and Rural Development	tdonatient2@gmail.com
ONG Association des Personnes Rénovatrices des Technologies Traditionnelles (APRETECTRA)	Climate change	rafiabos@yahoo.fr
Groupe de Recherche et d'Action pour le Développement (GRAD)/ONG	Health	mouxavier@gmail.com; gradong2013@gmail.com
WANGNIGNI VIVI	Youth empowerment	wangnignivivi@gmail.com
BENIN ESPOIR SOLIDARITE	Renewable Energy	besbenin2007@gmail.com
Vision et Actions pour le Développement de tous (ViADÉV-ONG)	Youth empowerment	contact@viadev-ong.com
SIA N'SON-ONG	Youth empowerment	sealo72@gmail.com
Groupe de Recherche et d'Appui aux Initiative Nouvelles de Développement (GRAIND)	Health	graind11@gmail.com
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La Culture Au Coeur du Développement CACD-ONG	Education	cacdong@yahoo.com

Tadamon Partners

Humanitarian Leadership Academy



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

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

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

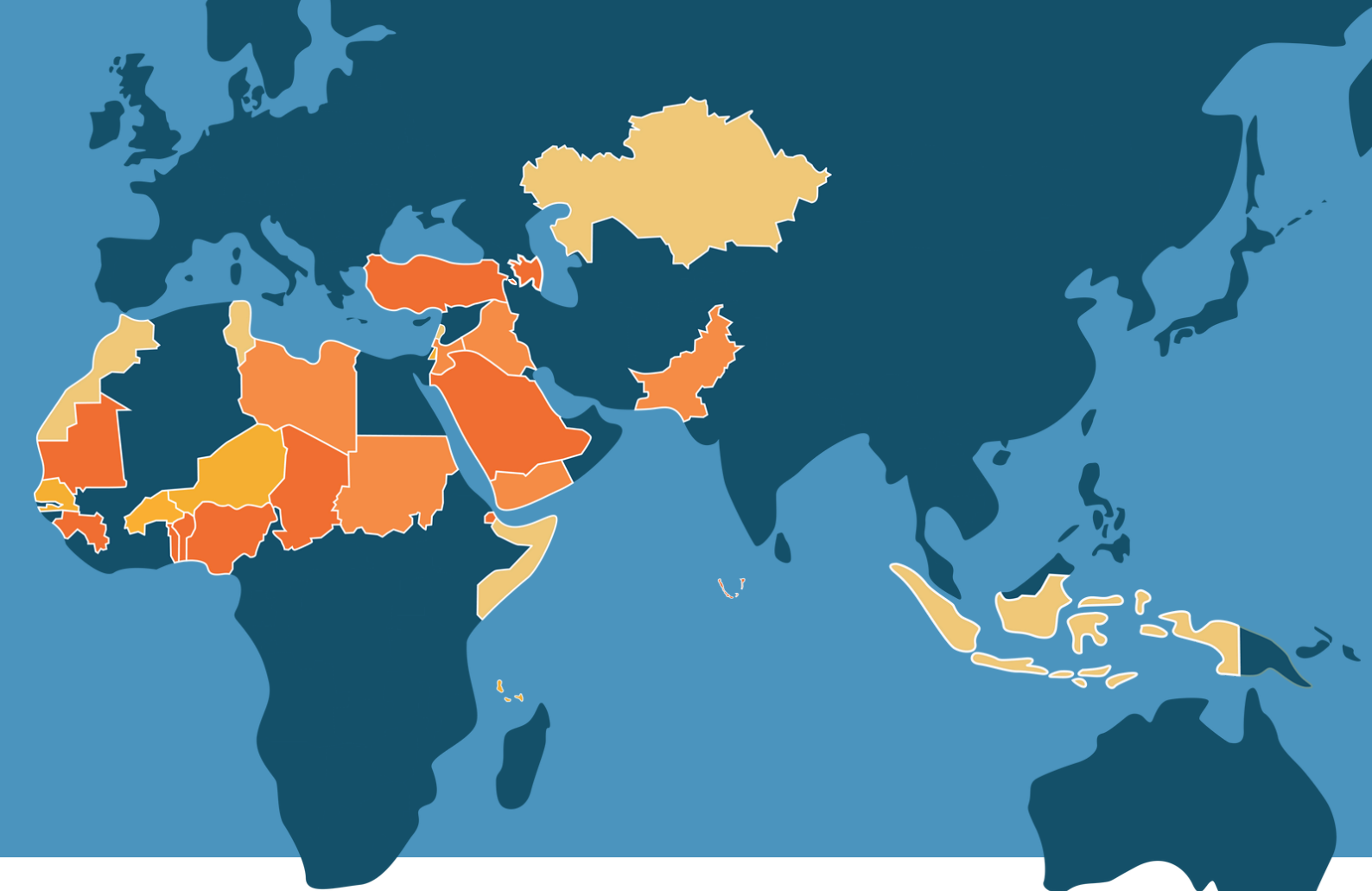


www.alawn.org

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

Indonesia
Kazakhstan
Lebanon
Morocco
Somalia
Tunisia

2021

Comoros
Burkina Faso
Niger
Senegal
State of Palestine

2022

Iraq
Libya
Jordan
Pakistan
Yemen
Sudan

2023

Maldives
KSA
Djibouti
Azerbaijan
Turkiye
Nigeria
Togo
Mauritania
Guinea
Benin
Chad
Uzbekistan

2024

Turkey
Uzbekistan
Benin
Brunei
Darussalam
Guinea
Cameroon

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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