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IsDB - ISFD  
NGO Empowerment for  
Poverty Reduction Program



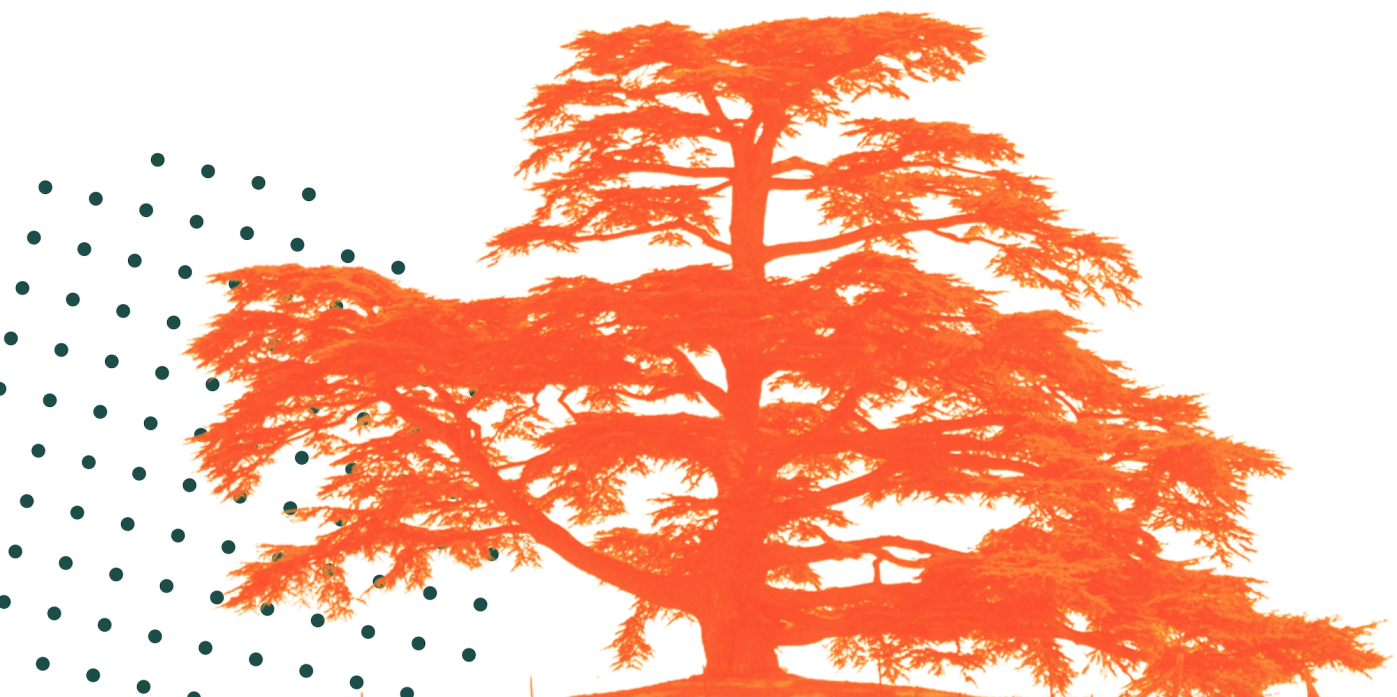
# Lebanon



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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 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 Lebanon.

***"This is our first crowdfunding campaign as an NGO, so we were excited from the start about the opportunity to join the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy, but we were definitely not expecting that we would be embarking on such an intense and rewarding learning journey! We've been happy to be pushed to think fast and act fast in using the crowdfunding tools to design our campaign, we're very grateful for the valuable mentoring every week and we can't wait for next steps with the Academy and beyond, we're hooked, thank you Tadamon team!"***

TRACS Organization, 2022- Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy Participant

4018

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

3043

CSOs verified by the program to date

689

CSOs trained through the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy

\$13.4 milion

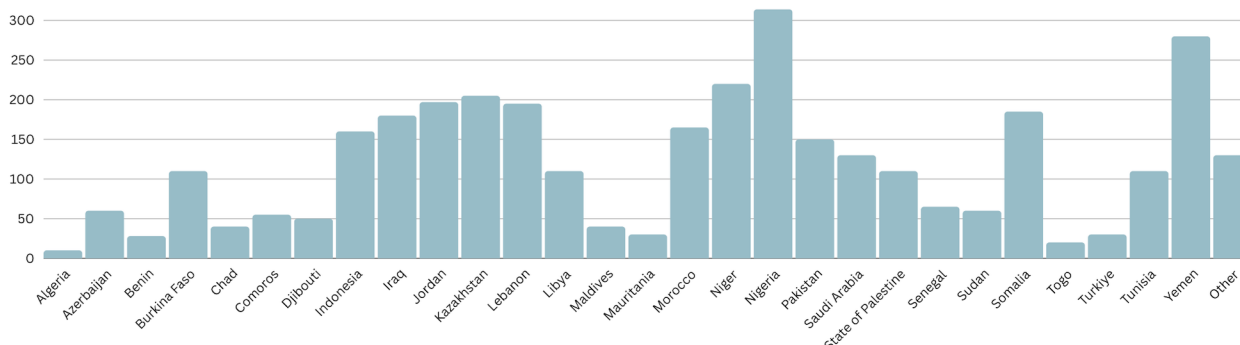
Total value of projects from successful campaigns and raised \$12,700,732 through crowdfunding academies

\$72.8 milion

Total amount raised through Tadamon partners

DATA OVERVIEW: May 2024

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





## Program objectives

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### 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

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### 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: LEBANON \*

### OUTREACH

**195**

CSOs registered

**75**

Applications to the  
Crowdfunding  
Academy

**20**

CSOs selected

### TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT

**16**

CSOs developed  
campaigns

**9**

Campaigns  
launched

**\$2,984,971**

Total project value

### RESOURCE MOBILIZATION & IMPACT

**\$1,774,793**

Raised via  
crowdfunding

**\$1,843,700**

Total value of projects  
from successful  
campaigns

**10,010**

People with  
disabilities  
supported

**7,841**

People provided  
with basic needs

### TADAMON GRANTS

**\$1M**

Grants allocated

**39**

CSOs applied

**3**

Grants awarded

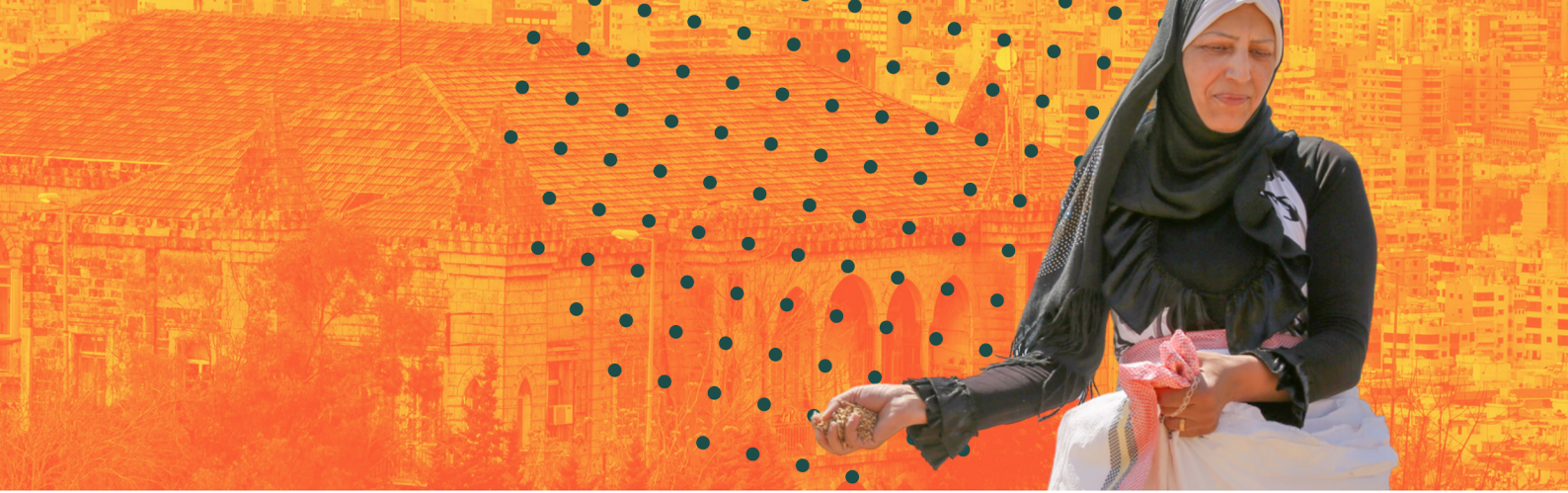
\*May 2024

## Civil Society in Lebanon

Lebanon is currently facing multiple crises caused by various factors, including the currency devaluation and economic collapse, the impact of COVID-19, the explosion at the Port of Beirut, misgovernance, political void, a large influx of Syrian refugees and the lack of government reform. The effects of such crises have proved devastating. In light of the multiple crises, Lebanon has seen a rise in the number of CSOs operating. Public distrust of government institutions has led to an increased need and reliance on CSOs and NGOs among both the national population and the global community (including donors).

CSOs are fundamental in working towards alleviating poverty, ensuring sustainability and increasing civic engagement and participation. However, the challenges they face in regards to accessing finance limit their ability significantly. CSOs are a vital resource that require support to accelerate Lebanon's progress towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

While the legal framework in which CSOs find themselves in, in Lebanon allows for a high level of liberty, it is important not to brush over the existence of factors that could be detrimental to enabling CSOs to fulfil their role. Civil society organizations must function in an atmosphere where confessionalism dominates social life and dictates personal relations. One of the major conflicts for CSOs is to reflect the society it represents, while at the same time providing services to the general public without taking into consideration sectarian divisions. Lebanon being controlled by different sects, organizations have the duty to not succumb to the interests of one, while neglecting others. Another social feature that directly impacts CSOs in Lebanon is corruption. Indeed, the culture of corruption in the country is not yet on the decrease and poses itself as a negative atmosphere that CSOs are not immune to. Nevertheless, CSOs have the duty to counter these challenges. Especially taking in account the impact of the Beirut blast and the ongoing political and economic crisis, which further accentuates the need for CSOs.

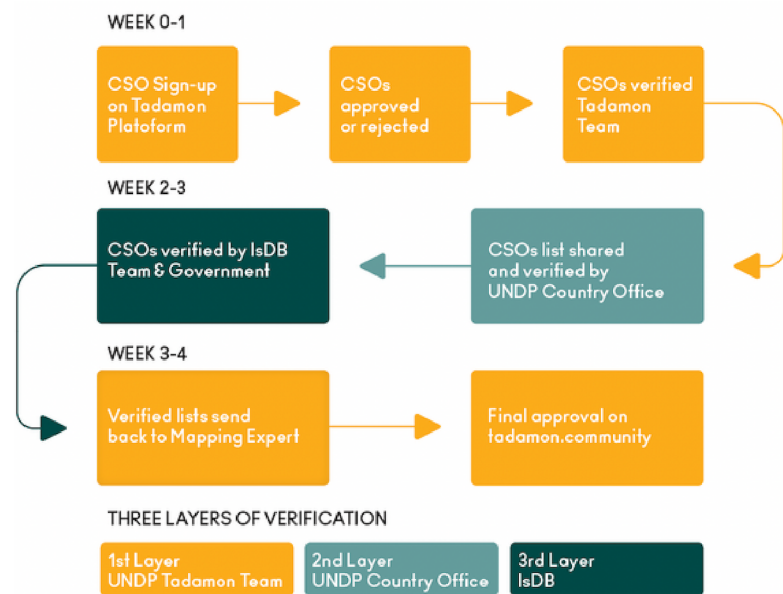


# Mapping of CSOs

Since 2020, the program has mapped, categorised and surveyed the civil society landscape across 33 OIC member countries. In 2021 this mapping was conducted in Lebanon in order 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.

**195**

Number of CSOs from Lebanon in online database\*

**101**

Verified CSOs from Lebanon\*



\*Data from may 2023

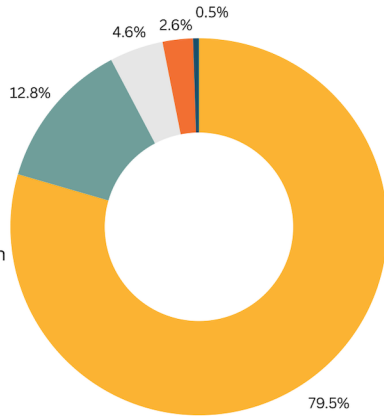
# CSOs in Lebanon

A total of 195 CSOs from Lebanon 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.

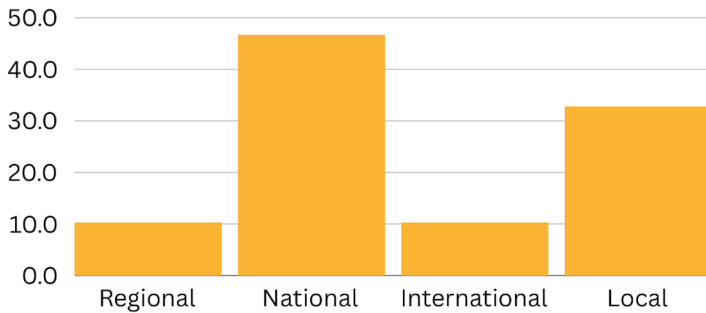
Below is a visualisation of selected data points included in the sign-up form.

## Organization Type

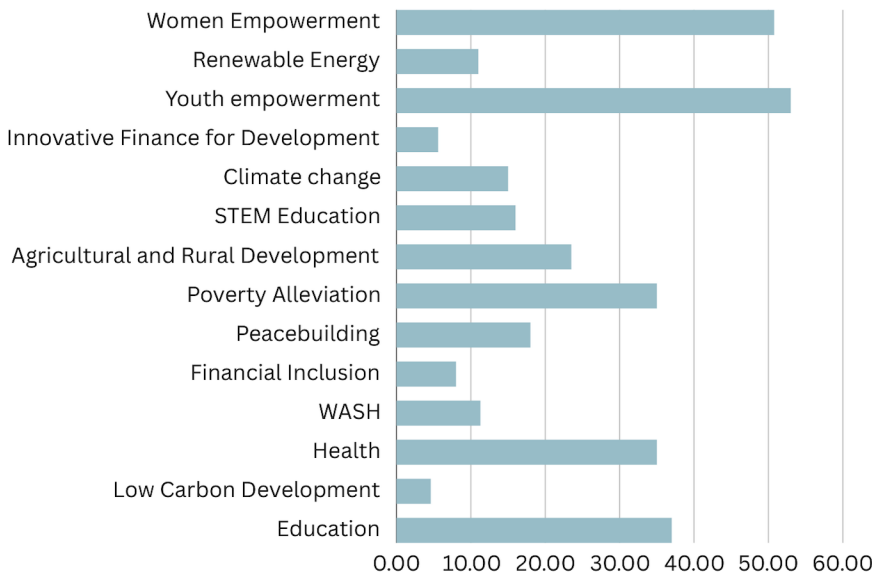
- Think tank, platform
- Nonprofit organization
- Community based organization
- Cooperatibe or farmers' association
- CSO Network



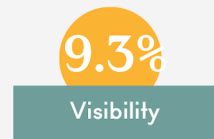
## Activity level



## Fields of activities of mapped CSOs



## Reasons for joining Tadamon



## Experience with Crowdfunding



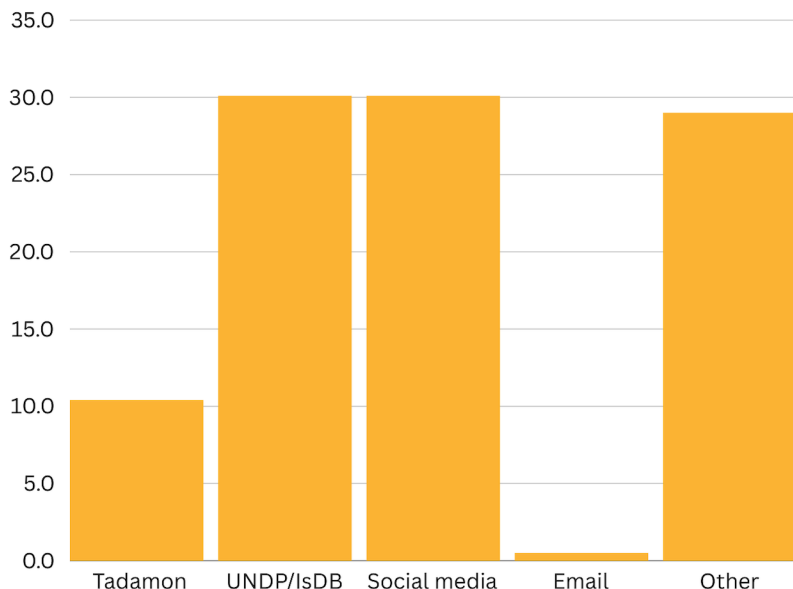
- No
- Yes

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

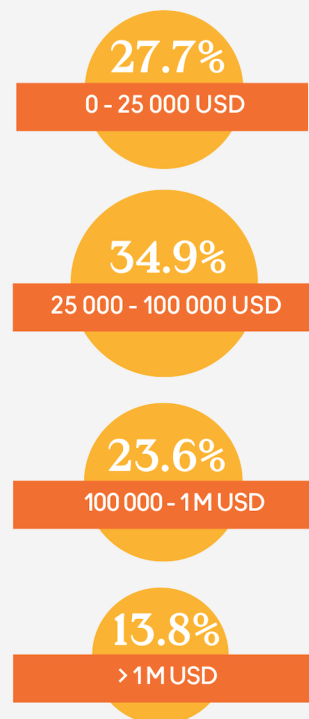


- No
- Yes

### How organizations found out about Tadamon



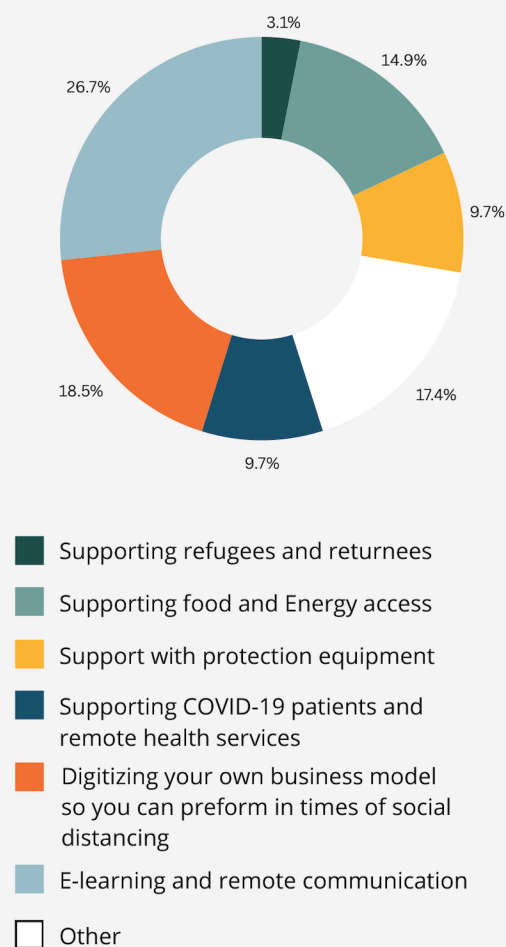
### Annual Budget of Mapped CSOs



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



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





# Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Lebanon



Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Lebanon took place between the 4th of May and the 24th of June 2021. During the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Lebanon, the below listed CSOs 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 Lebanon as trustworthy and reliable partners.

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|---|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Arcenciel</b>  | Person with Disabilities                    | nadim.abdo@arcenciel.org   |
| <b>Bentael nature reserve</b>                               | Environment, Sustainable Living             | Bios.logoss@gmail.com      |
| <b>Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon</b>                  | Healthcare                                  | ie20@cccl.org.lb           |
| <b>Codi</b>   | Capacity Building, Employment Opportunities | laura@codi.tech            |
| <b>Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA)</b> | COVID-19 response, In-Kind Support          | Slayman.fawaz@dpna-lb.org  |
| <b>Enta Karim</b>   | Economic Empowerment, Basic Needs Support   | enta.karim@gmail.com       |
| <b>Fair Trade Lebanon</b>                                   | Food Security, Economic Empowerment         | m.voyer@fairtradelebanon   |
| <b>IOTree - Internet of Trees</b>                           | Food Security                               | internetoftree@gmail.com   |
| <b>Kelna 3ayleh</b>   | Food Security, Economic Empowerment         | jessicasaba89@gmail.com    |
| <b>LCESD</b>  | Healthcare, COVID-19                        | a.sankari@santec.com.lb    |
| <b>Lebanese Solar Energy Society -LSES</b>                  | Environment, Sustainable Energy             | sg@lses-lb.org             |
| <b>Lebanon Reforestation Initiative</b>                     | Environment                                 | info@lri-lb.org            |
| <b>LIVELOVERECYCLE</b>                                      | Waste Management, Environment               | recycle@livelovebeirut.com |
| <b>OSAS - Organization for Safety And Sustainability</b>    | Environment, Sustainable Energy             | alaa.c.farhat@hotmail.com  |
| <b>Sa3ed Tas3ad Lobnan</b>                                  | Waste Management, Environment               | info@sa3edtas3ad.org       |
| <b>Smile in a box</b>                                       | Food Security                               | smileinboxlb@gmail.com     |
| <b>Stay Safe</b>  | Healthcare                                  | staysafe.aa@gmail.com      |
| <b>TRACS</b>  | Elderly Support                             | tracsngo@gmail.com         |

# 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

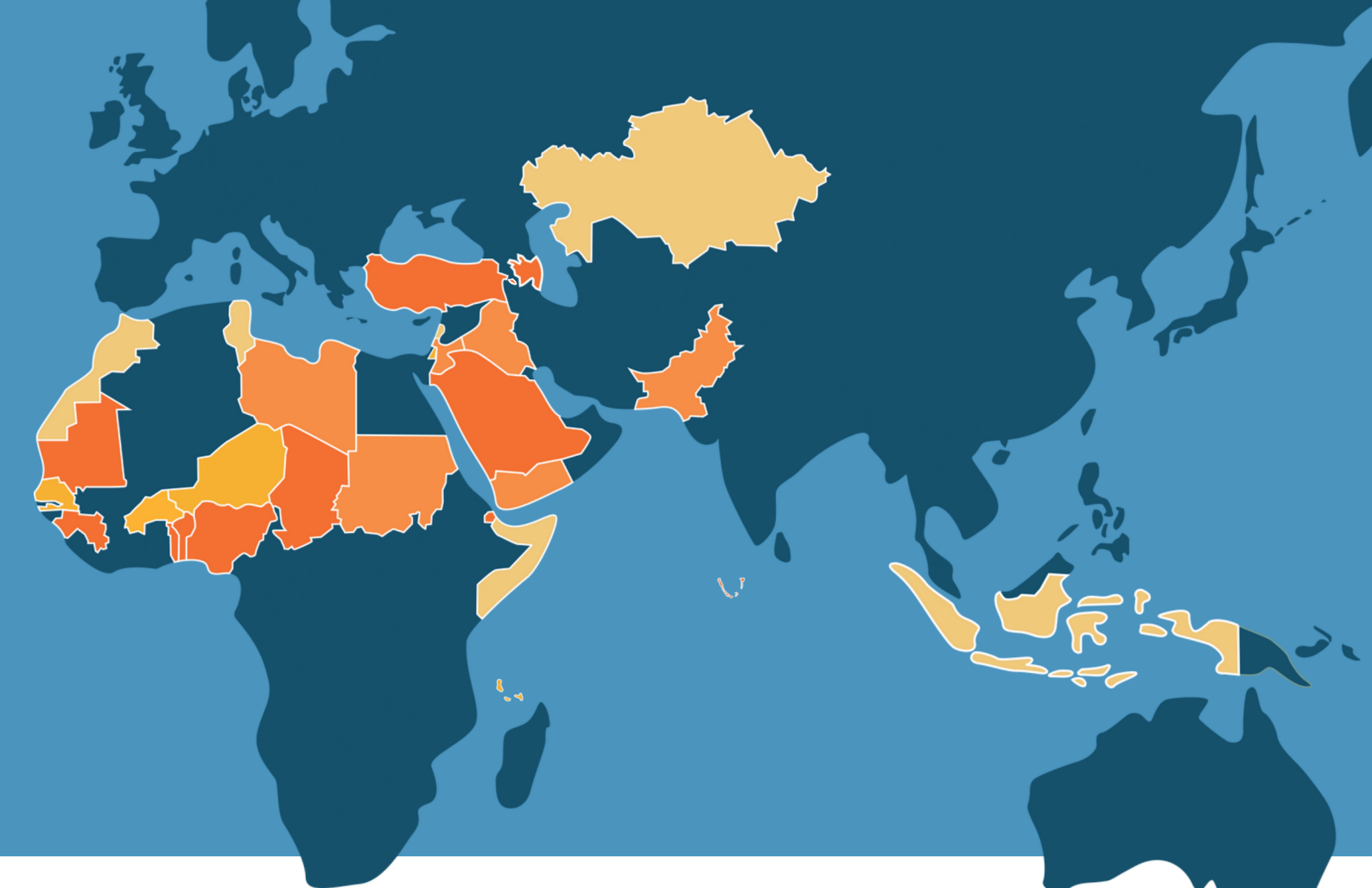


[www.alawn.org](http://www.alawn.org)

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 3419 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       |
|------------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Indonesia  | Comoros            | Iraq     | Maldives   |
| Kazakhstan | Burkina Faso       | Libya    | KSA        |
| Lebanon    | Niger              | Jordan   | Djibouti   |
| Morocco    | Senegal            | Pakistan | Azerbaijan |
| Somalia    | State of Palestine | Yemen    | Turkiye    |
| Tunisia    |                    | Sudan    | Nigeria    |
|            |                    |          | Togo       |
|            |                    |          | 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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