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IsDB - ISFD
NGO Empowerment for
Poverty Reduction Program



Maldives



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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 Maldives.

“It was a great opportunity to learn how to crowdfund, a fairly new concept for CSOs in the Maldives, it has opened doors to new ventures for us, a new NGO to raise funds for the causes we are working towards. Tadamon has been of great help!”

Women in Fuvahmulah- WIF Adam Isham, 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

\$14.3 million

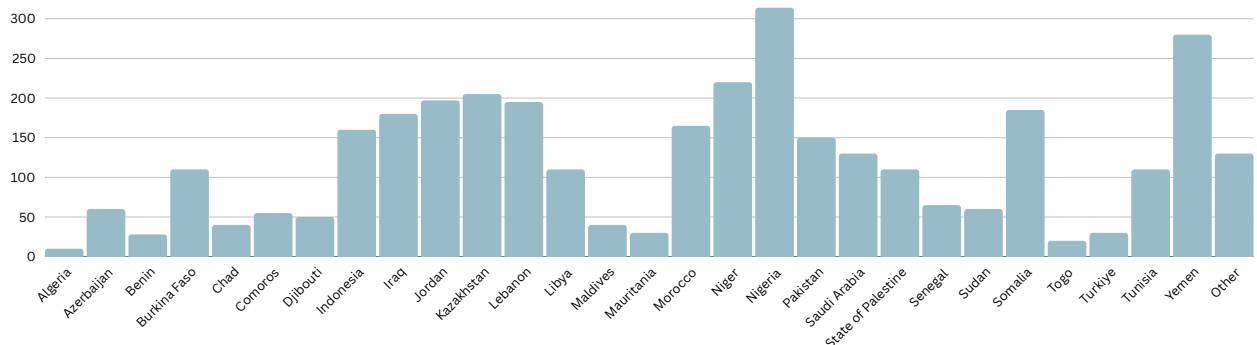
Total value of projects from successful campaigns and raised \$13,724,849 through crowdfunding

\$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: Maldives *

OUTREACH

40

CSOs registered

19

Applications to the
Crowdfunding
Academy

TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT

1

CSOs developed
campaigns

1

Campaigns launched

\$115,000

Total project value

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION & IMPACT

\$2,700

Raised via Crowdfunding

\$2,700

total value of projects
from successful campaigns

* September 2024

Civil Society in Maldives

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Maldives play a vital role in promoting democratic values, environmental protection, and social development. As of June 30, 2021, there were 607 registered CSOs according to statistics from the Ministry of Youth. They operate under the Associations Act (Law No: 03/2022), which provides a regulatory framework for their establishment and activities. This new Act aims to enhance the registration, management, and dissolution of registered associations, aligning them with constitutional principles and strengthening governance.

CSOs in the Maldives address a wide range of issues, including environmental conservation, gender equality, youth empowerment, disaster preparedness, health, sports, community development, disability inclusion, children's rights, and digitalization. While many organizations are concentrated in the capital, Malé, efforts are underway to support CSOs in remote islands to ensure equitable development. However, challenges such as limited funding and capacity, a lack of strategic planning, and geographic barriers continue to hinder their ability to operate sustainably and expand their reach.

The Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Information, and Arts oversees CSOs and collaborates with partners such as The Asia Foundation, UN agencies, and other development partners to enhance their capacity. Recent initiatives include providing technical support, facilitating partnerships, and assisting CSOs in developing strategic plans. Leading national CSOs provide critical support to other organizations, working on governance, anti-corruption, civic engagement, and other essential areas, thereby showcasing the sector's collective impact on national development.

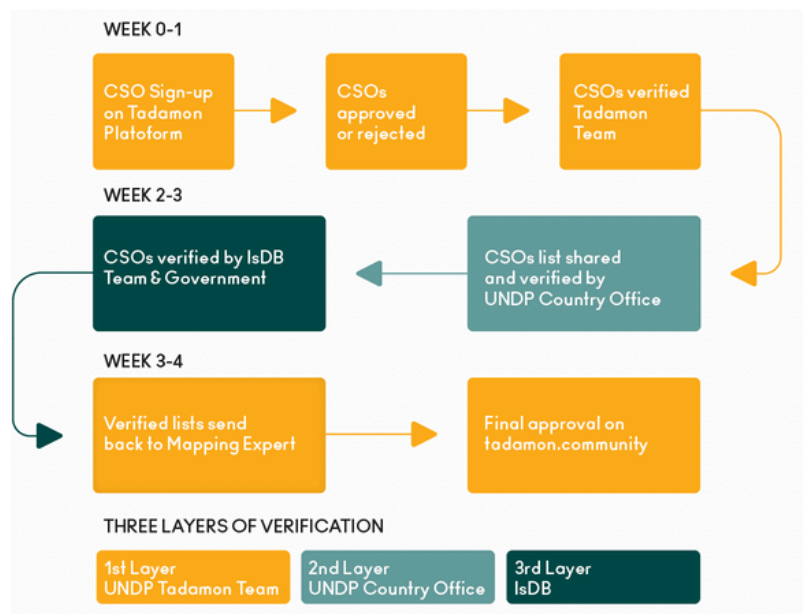
While CSOs in the Maldives face operational and financial constraints, their role in fostering civic engagement, addressing community needs and calling for accountability and transparency remains pivotal. Strengthening regulatory support and diversifying funding sources are essential to enhancing their sustainability and effectiveness.



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 Maldives 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.

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Number of CSOs from Maldives in online database*

40

Verified CSOs from Maldives*



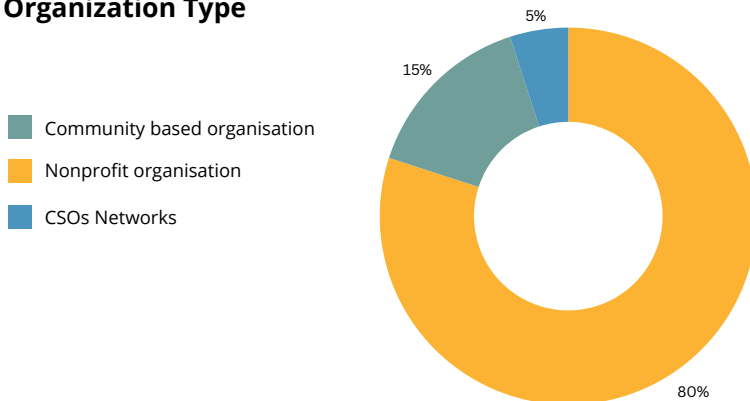
*Data from September 2024

CSOs in Maldives

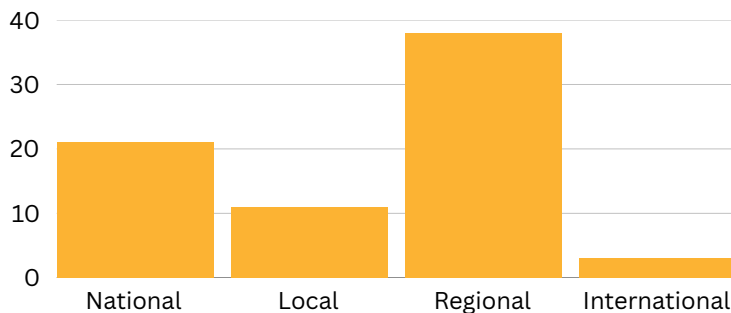
A total of 40 CSOs from Maldives applied to the program and the data of these mapped organizations was collected through the [Tadamon sign-up](#) form and added to the online database.

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

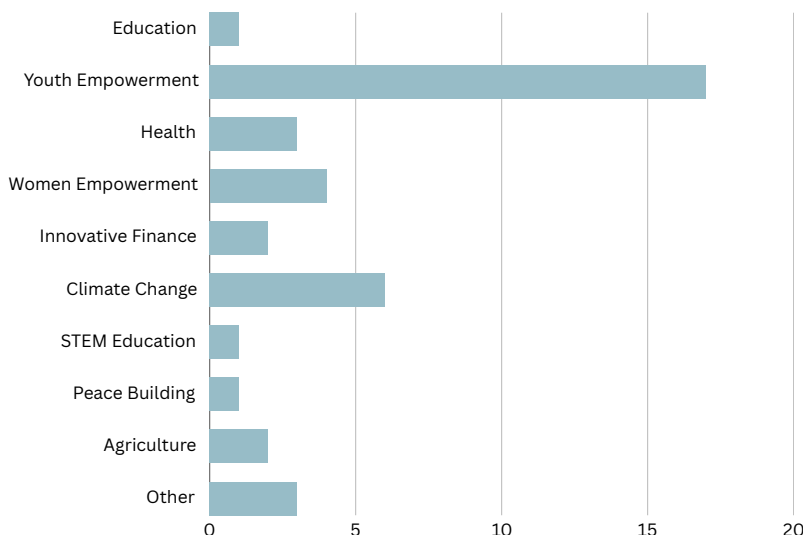
Organization Type



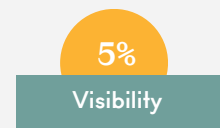
Activity level



Fields of activities of mapped CSOs



Reasons for joining Tadamon



Experience with Crowdfunding



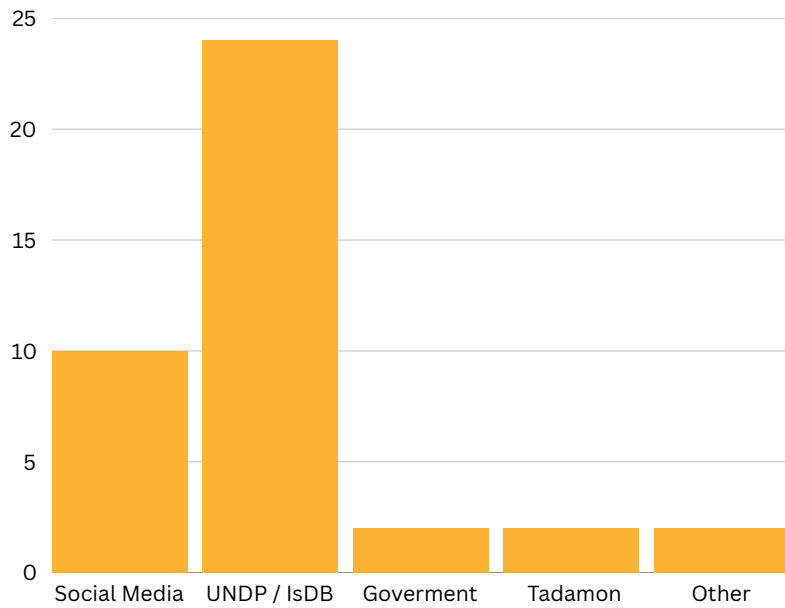
No Yes

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



No Yes

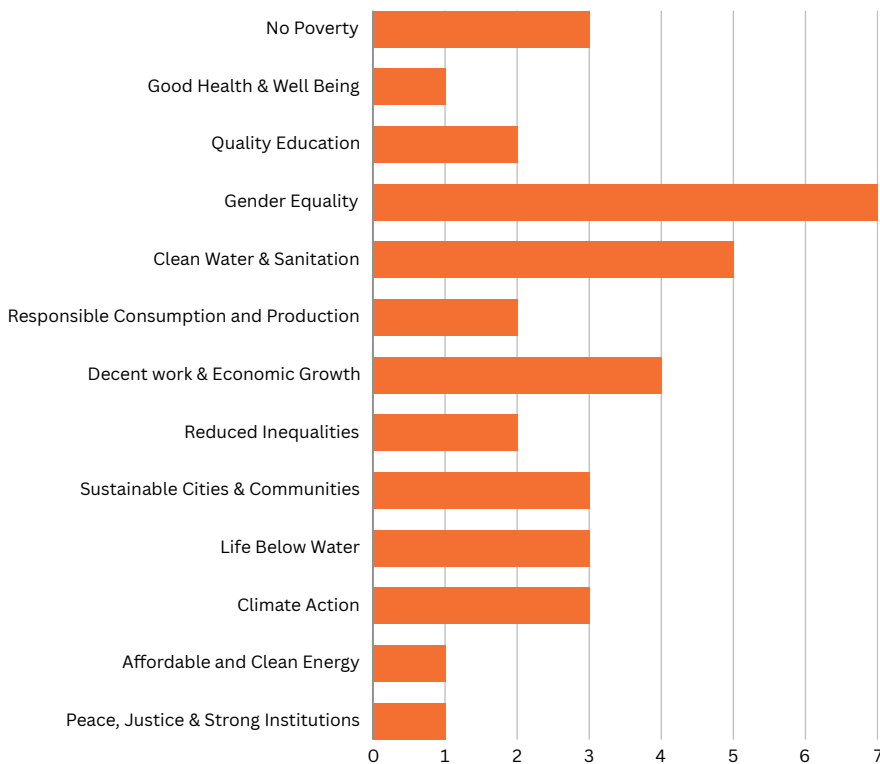
How organizations found out about Tadamon



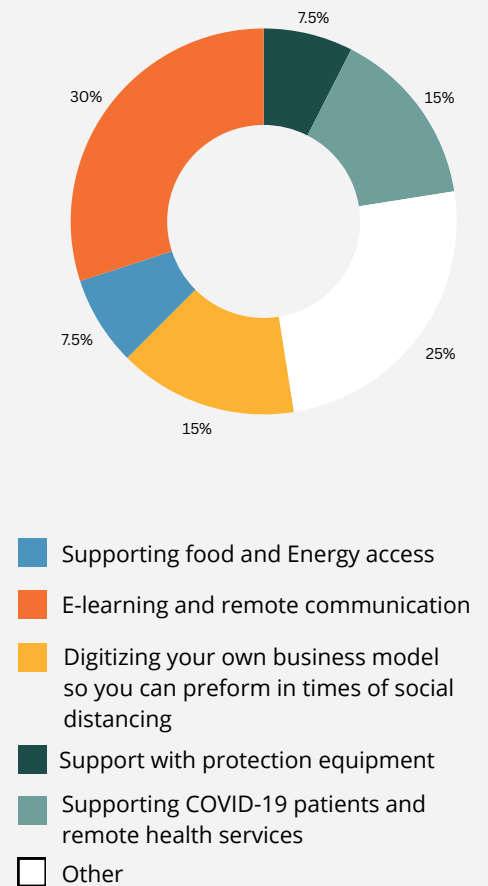
Annual Budget of Mapped CSOs



SDGs that best describe the activities of mapped CSOs



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





Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Maldives

Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Maldives took place between November 2023 and March 2024. During the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Maldives, 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 Maldives as trustworthy and reliable partners.

The Eco Organization	Youth empowerment	nadhwa@theecoorg.org
Huvadhoo Association for Tourism (HAT)	Youth empowerment	m.hoodh.i@gmail.com
Laamu Farmers Association	Agricultural and Rural Development	khalylu@gmail.com
Women in Fuvahmulah- WIF	Women empowerment	projects.isham@gmail.com
Society for Awareness Fostering and Enlightenment (SAFE)	Agricultural and Rural Development	nixaam6699@gmail.com
Maldives Association of persons with disabilities (MAPD)	Women empowerment	irushadiruu@gmail.com
Ihavandhoo Masveringe Gulhun (IMAGU)	Climate Change	mhmdyanu@gmail.com
Naifaru Juvenile	Youth empowerment	kanmathee@gmail.com
Zigzag For Youth Linkage	Youth Empowerment	zigzag4youthlinkage@gmail.com
Association for Awareness and Recreational and Unity (AARU)	Education	infaaru@gmail.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

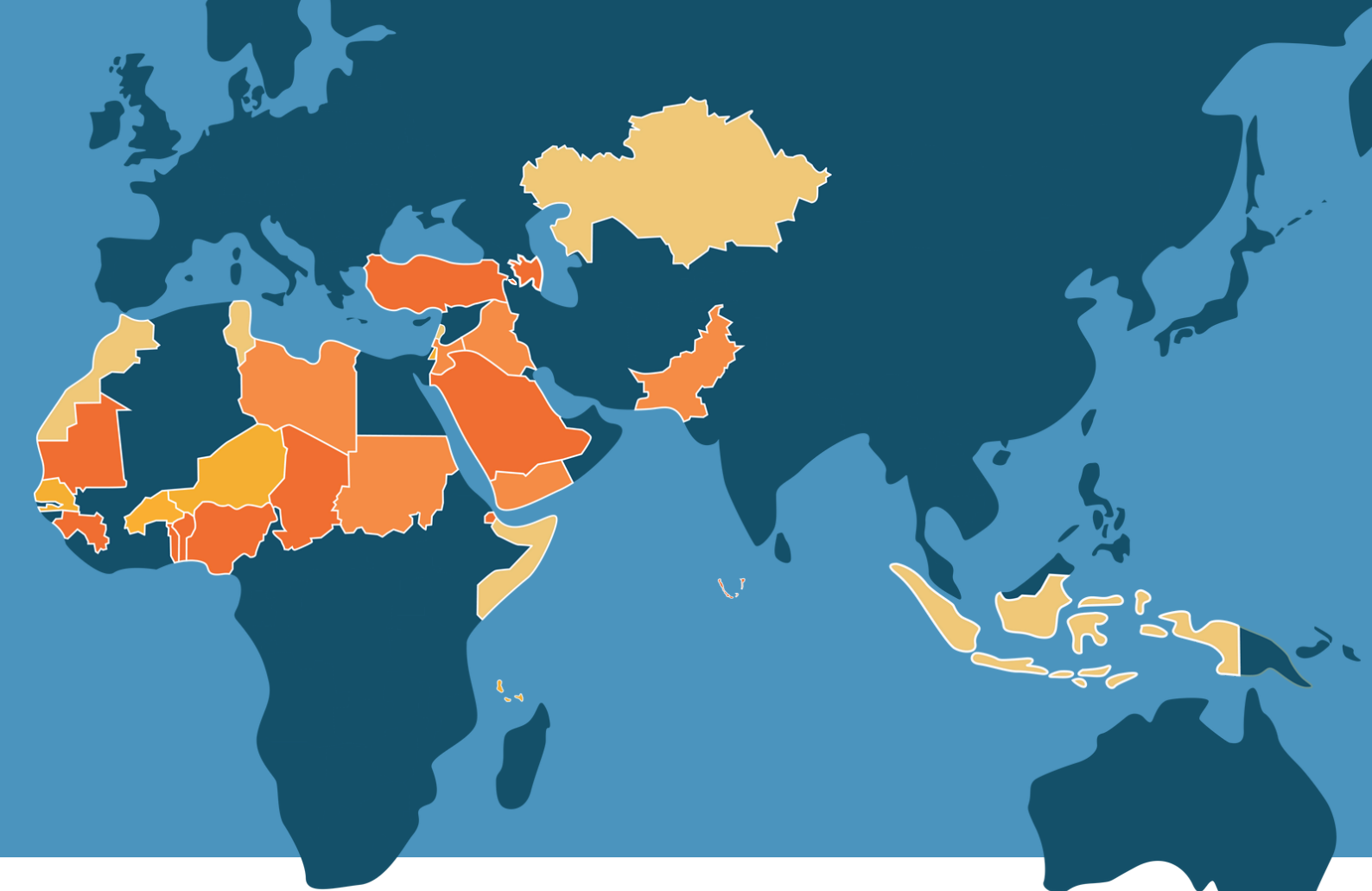


www.alawn.org

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	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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