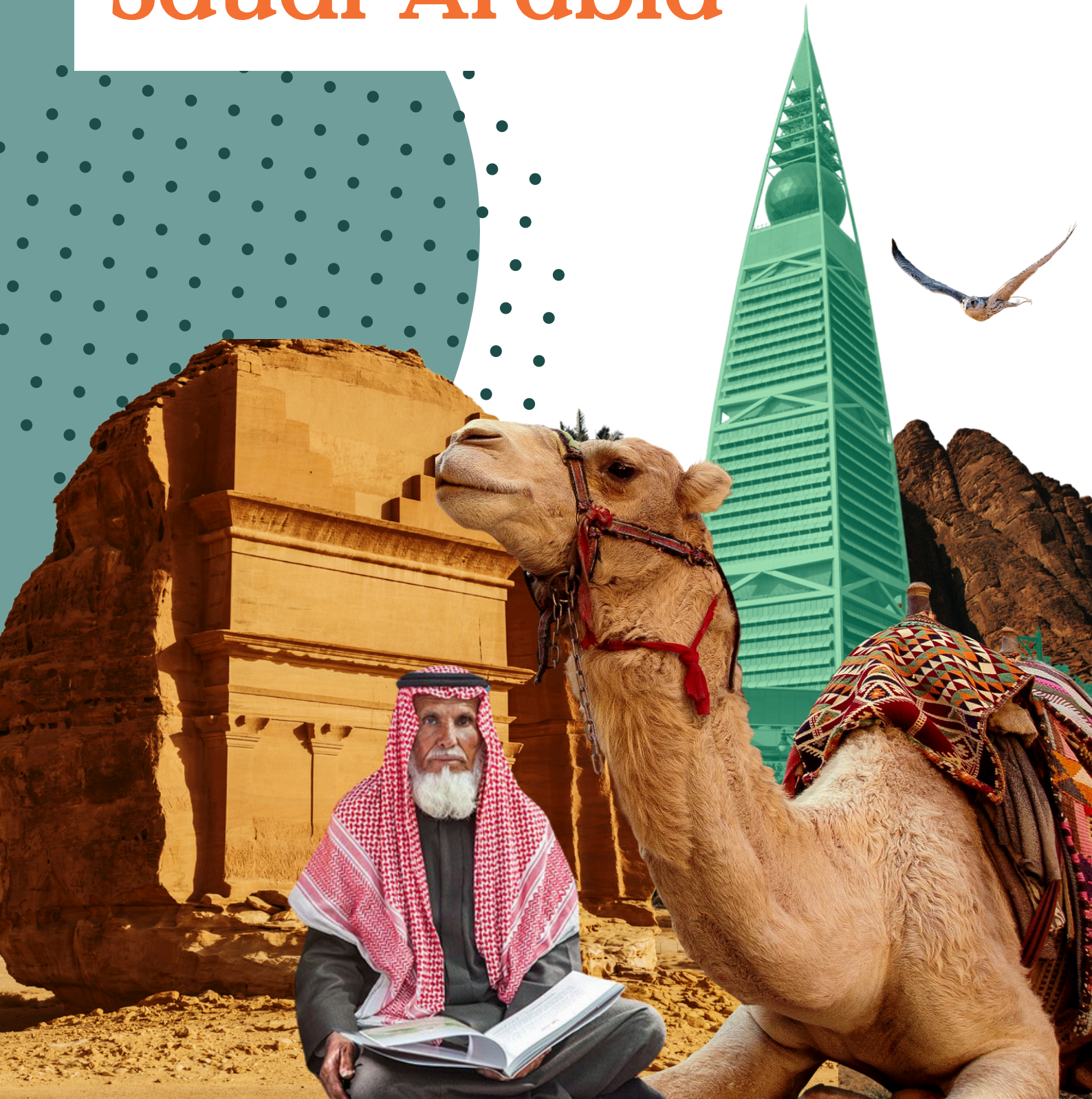


# Saudi Arabia





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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 in Saudi Arabia.

***“We have previous experience on the topic however we greatly benefit from the new information provided in the training. Additionally, we benefited a great deal from the other participating CSOs, we developed our own ideas and concepts through their experiences.”***

*Dr. Zuhair Maimani, Executive Director of Oyoun Jeddah Organization, 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

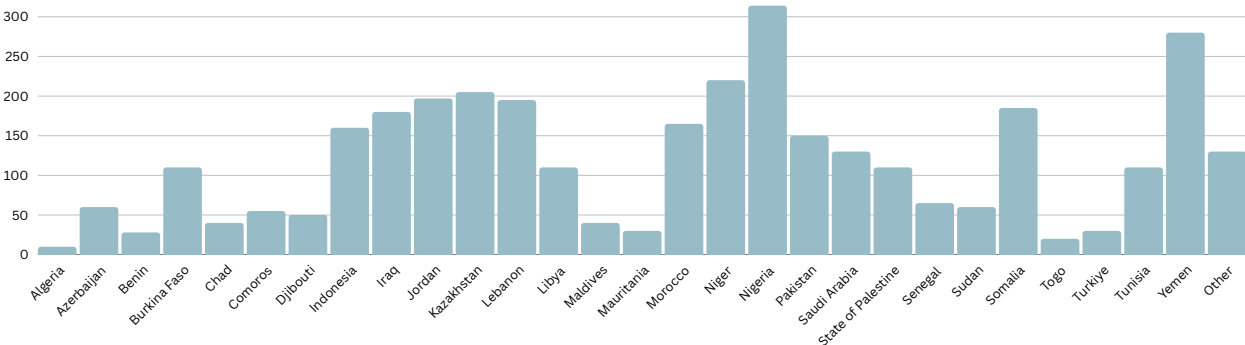
Total value of projects from successful campaigns and raised \$14,566,331 through crowdfunding

\$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: Saudi Arabia \*

### OUTREACH

**141**

CSOs registered

**64**

Applications to the  
Crowdfunding  
Academy

**17**

CSOs selected

### TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT

**17**

CSOs developed  
campaigns

**11**

Campaigns launched

**\$19,707,017**

Total project value

### RESOURCE MOBILIZATION & IMPACT

**\$2,891,166**

Raised via Crowdfunding

\* September 2024

## Civil Society in Saudi Arabia

Civil society organisations (CSOs) in Saudi Arabia are growing in importance, playing a key role in advancing social and developmental goals under Vision 2030. These organisations, ranging from charities to non-profits and informal associations, work across sectors such as healthcare, youth empowerment, and community development. The Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development oversees the sector, ensuring alignment with national objectives.

Saudi Arabia now has over 5,000 registered non-profit organizations as of September 2024, reflecting significant growth since the launch of Vision 2030. Many of these groups focus on addressing local issues such as poverty alleviation, skills training, and promoting volunteerism. Notable initiatives include youth-focused programs by the Misk Foundation, which aim to cultivate leadership and civic responsibility.

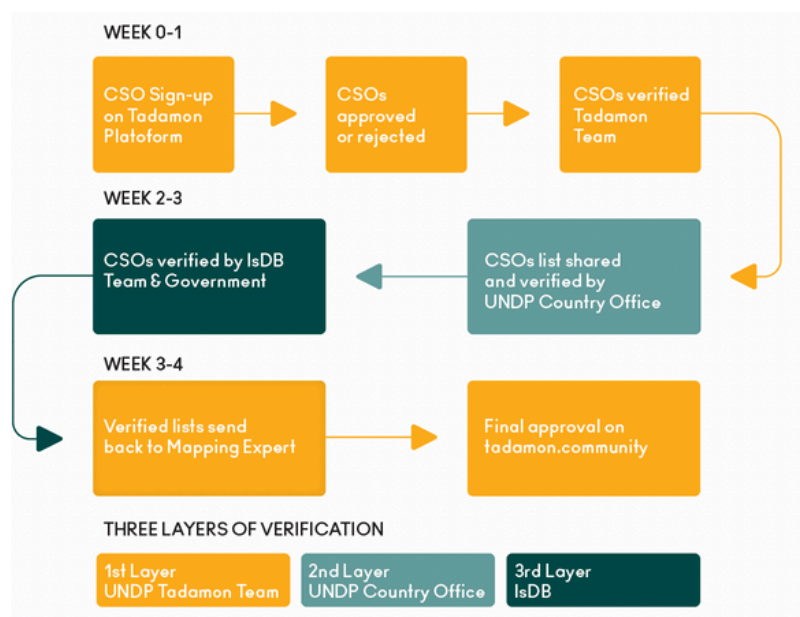
However, the legal and regulatory framework remains restrictive. CSOs are required to comply with the Non-Governmental Organizations Law, which grants authorities significant control over their operations, including funding and leadership. Informal associations and grassroots movements often navigate a delicate balance, as political advocacy and activities challenging government policy remain prohibited.

Despite these challenges, the non-profit sector contributes significantly to community resilience. Organisations such as the Saudi Red Crescent Authority and the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center play pivotal roles in humanitarian efforts locally and abroad. As the Kingdom continues to diversify its economy and strengthen civic engagement under Vision 2030, the role of CSOs is likely to expand, provided there is further regulatory reform to empower these organisations.

# 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 Saudi Arabia 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.

**133**

Number of CSOs from Saudi Arabia in online database\*

**64**

Verified CSOs from Saudi Arabia\*

\*Data from September 2024



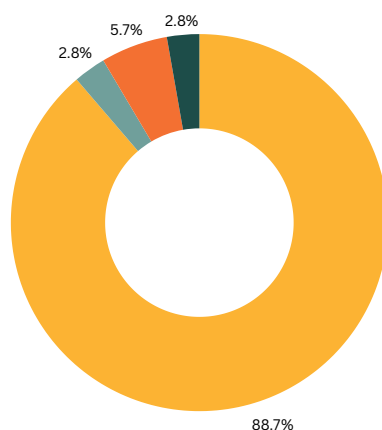
# CSOs in Saudi Arabia

A total of 133 CSOs from Saudi Arabia 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.

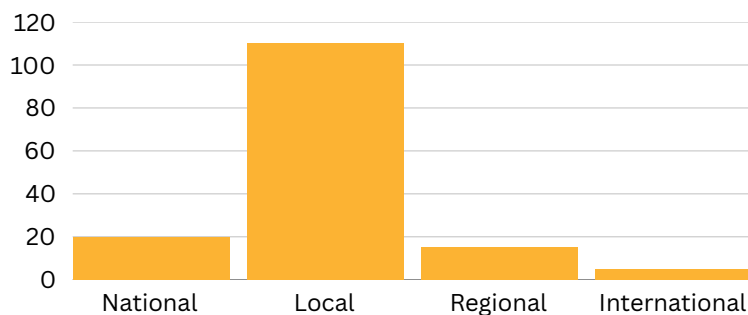
Below is a visualisation of selected data points included in the sign-up form.

## Organization Type

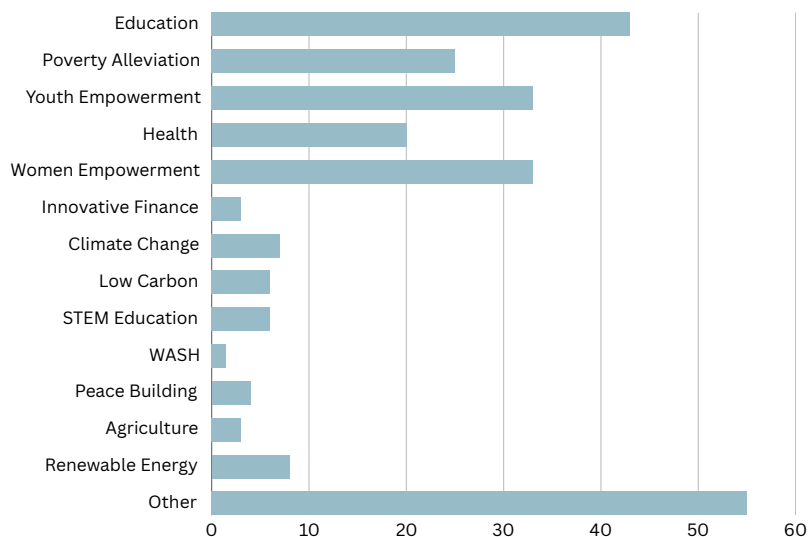
- Think tank, platform
- Community based organisation
- Nonprofit organisation
- Religious organisation



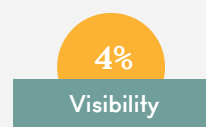
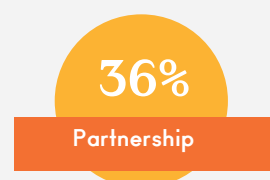
## Activity level



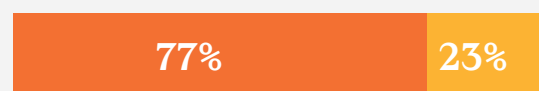
## Fields of activities of mapped CSOs



## Reasons for joining Tadamon



## Experience with Crowdfunding



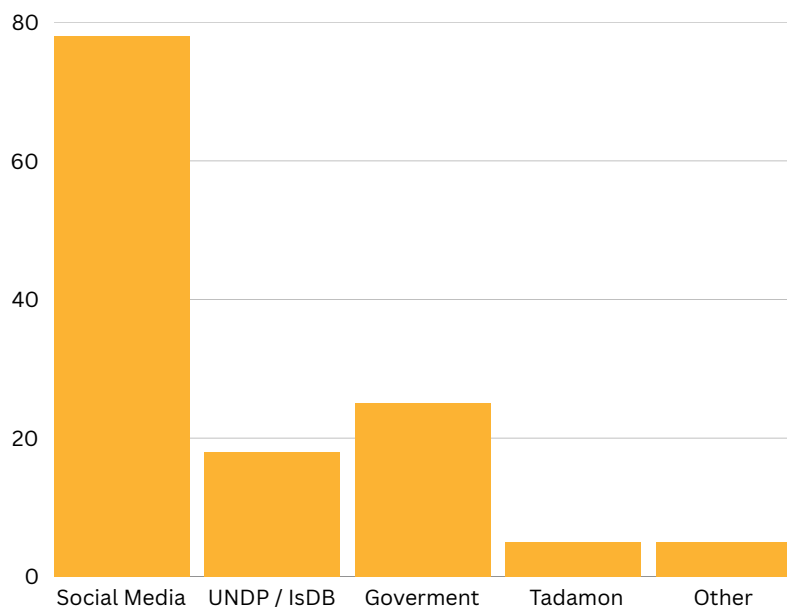
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## Whether or not mapped CSOs have received previous funding from UNDP or IsDB

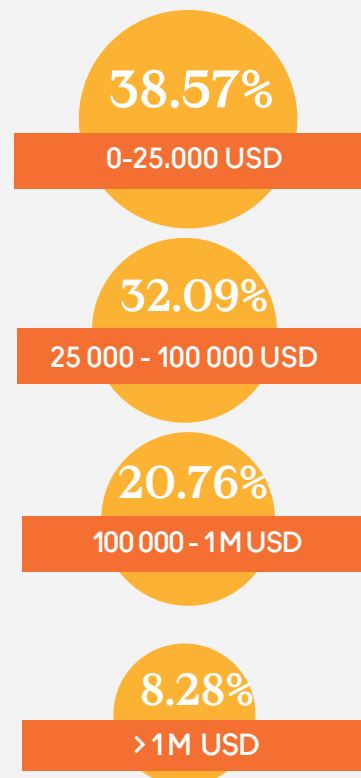


No Yes

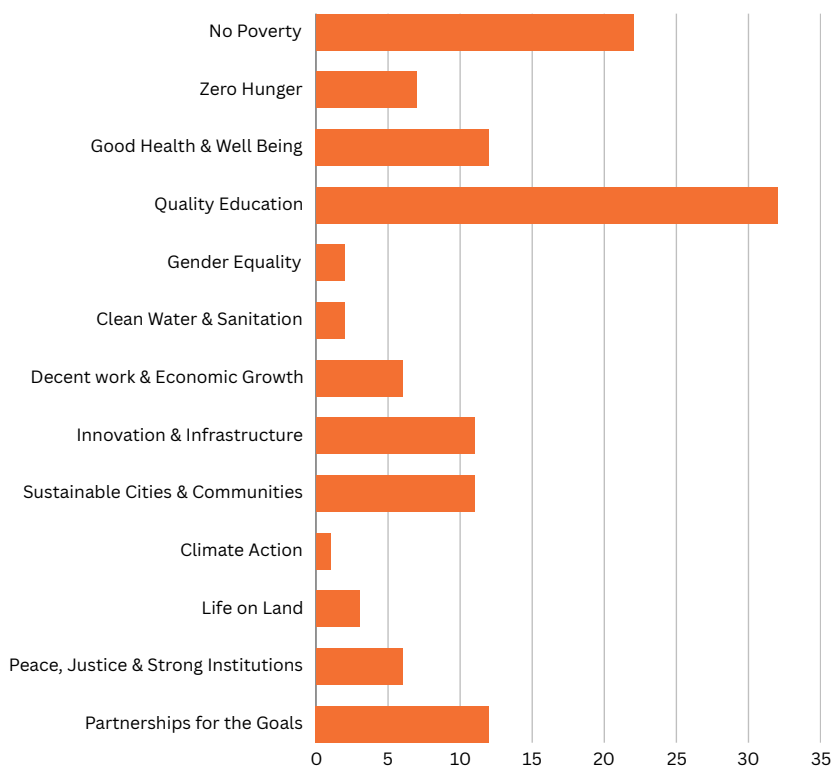
## How organizations found out about Tadamon



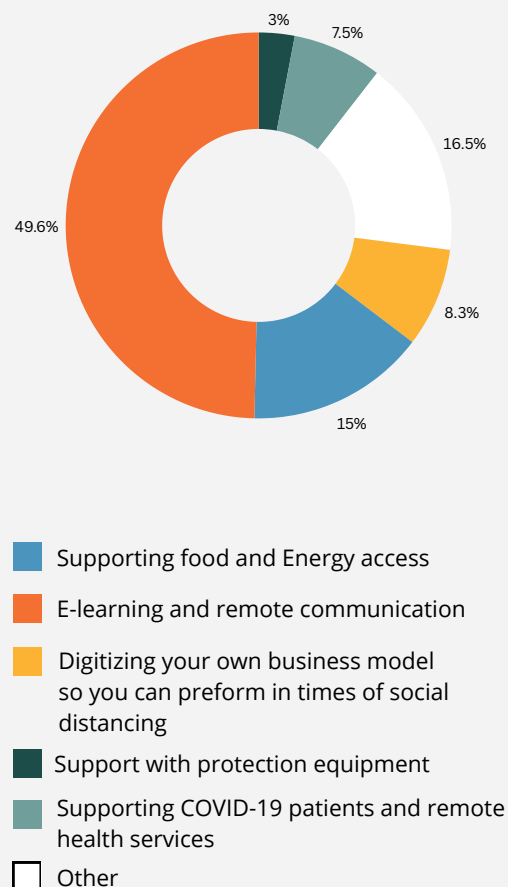
## Annual Budget of Mapped CSOs



## SDGs that best describe the activities of mapped CSOs



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





# Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Saudi Arabia

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

<b>Tanmia</b>	Youth empowerment	miarmohammed38@gmail.com
<b>Al Bir Society - Jeddah</b>	Poverty Alleviation	b-alharbi@albir.org.sa
<b>Ayash Development Association</b>	Youth empowerment	mousa.holal@outlook.com
<b>Zulfi infantry association</b>	Health	meshal2x2@gmail.com
<b>Onaizah Association for Development and Human Services</b>	STEM Education	alkuraydaa1@gmail.com
<b>Al Bayda Association for Development</b>	Poverty Alleviation	alfaris2030@gmail.com
<b>EBSAR Foundation</b>	Education	M.shoaiy6@gmail.com
<b>Kaynona</b>	Women Empowerment	eman.jeddah@yahoo.com
<b>Trees and Park Preservation Association</b>	Climate change	jarah50@gmail.com
<b>Environment Association in Medina</b>	Climate change	madinah.eco@gmail.com
<b>Oyoon Jeddah Association</b>	Health	gd@drsossa.com
<b>Ghada Environmental Association</b>	Climate change	ibrahimkh1090@gmail.com
<b>Azm Association for Recovery from Addiction in Najran</b>	Health	lsd90474@gmail.com
<b>Alfaisalya Women Welfare Society</b>	Women Empowerment	gbaqais@alfaisalya.org
<b>Charity Warehouse Association in Sharurah</b>	Poverty Alleviation	a.m.belobaid@gmail.com
<b>Ektifa'a</b>	Health	dr.adnan@ektifaa.net
<b>Awon Tech Charitable Society</b>	Youth empowerment	aleef114@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.

## 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

## 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.

## 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.





**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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