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IsDB - ISFD  
NGO Empowerment for  
Poverty Reduction Program



# State of Palestine





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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 the State of Palestine.

***“The experience was more than excellent. We learned a lot in flexible, easy, and unconventional ways, which added to the association’s staff the experience and for sure the Academy helped us in the campaign, and all the credit to the Academy, and for its remnants, we were not able to launch our campaign. We would like to thank everyone who gave us this course and everyone who contributed to its success”***

*Al Waleed Charity Organization, 2021 - 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

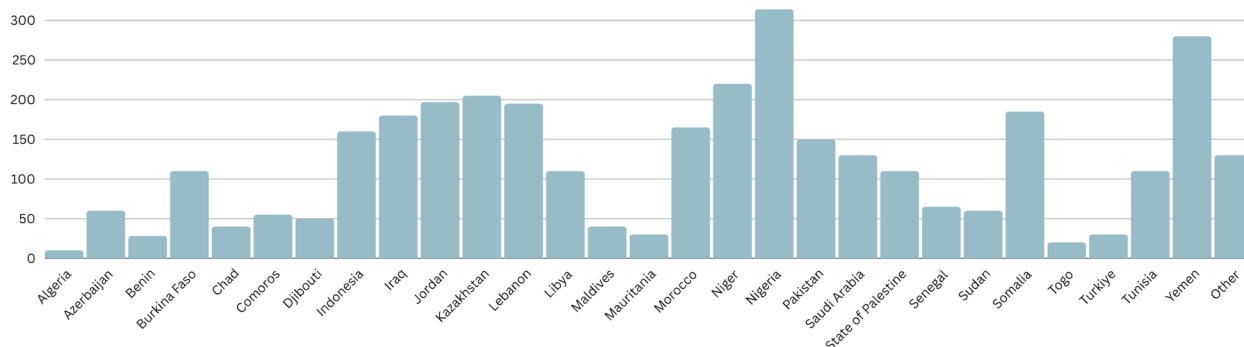
Total value of projects from successful campaigns and raised \$12,700,732 through crowdfunding academies

\$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: STATE OF PALESTINE \*

### OUTREACH

**103**

CSOs registered

**45**

Applications to the  
Crowdfunding  
Academy

**30**

CSOs selected

### TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT

**27**

Campaigns developed

**9**

Campaigns launched

**\$891,193**

Total project value

### RESOURCE MOBILIZATION & IMPACT

**\$45,051**

Raised via  
crowdfunding

**\$66,405**

Total value of projects  
from successful  
campaigns

**2,000**

Children provided  
with a new library

**500**

Therapy sessions for  
50 children on the  
autism spectrum

\* May 2024

# Civil Society in the State of Palestine

Civil society in Palestine has played a pivotal role in advocating for Palestinian rights, providing essential services, and filling gaps left by the Palestinian Authority (PA). However, the development of civil society has faced significant challenges, including restrictions imposed by Israeli forces and an increasingly authoritarian environment within Palestine.

Since 1948, Palestinian political agency has largely been expressed through grassroots organizing, particularly in refugee camps. Grassroots activism gained prominence during the First Intifada, with Palestinians engaging in civil disobedience, boycotts, and demonstrations. Numerous NGOs emerged, receiving funding from international donors, focusing on development-related issues and filling gaps in service provision left by the PA. One of the foremost challenges is the increasingly authoritarian environment within Palestine. Palestinian authorities in the West Bank and Gaza have tightened their grip on power, limiting the space for civil society participation and dissent. Israeli restrictions on Palestinian CSOs pose a substantial hurdle to their operations. In particular, CSOs operating in East Jerusalem face severe limitations imposed by the Israeli Occupation Authorities. These restrictions impede the

ability of CSOs to provide essential services and support to the Palestinian population in this region.

Furthermore, the indefinite postponement of legislative council and presidential elections has had profound implications for civil society in Palestine. This political stalemate has led to a complete deterioration in the space available to civil society, limiting its capacity to hold the government accountable and shape the decision-making process. Without clear legal frameworks, CSOs encounter obstacles in their efforts to address these critical issues.

Despite these challenges, civil society organizations in Palestine continue to play a vital role in advocating for human rights, providing essential services, and promoting gender equality. Their work is crucial in filling the gaps left by the Palestinian Authority and addressing the immediate needs of vulnerable groups such as women, youth, and persons with disabilities. The international community plays a vital role in supporting and protecting the work of Palestinian CSOs and ensuring the realization of a vibrant and inclusive civil society in Palestine.



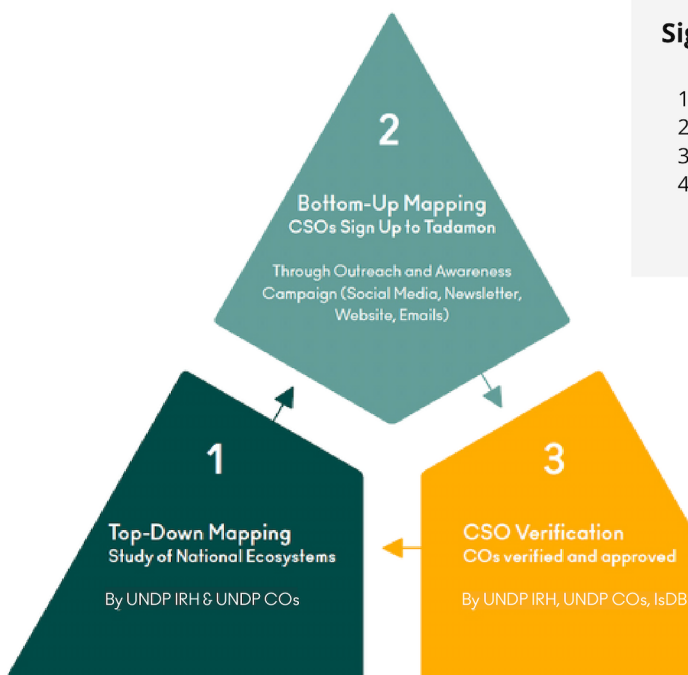
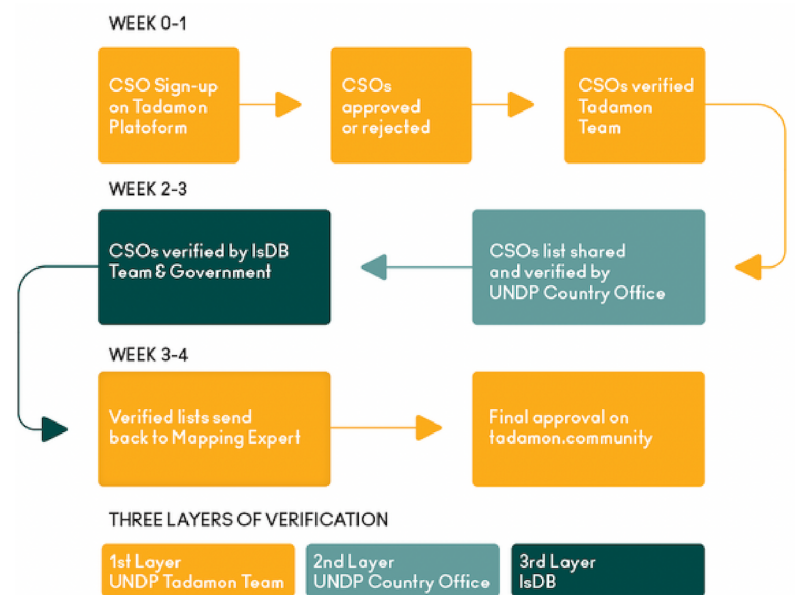


# Mapping of CSOs

Since 2020, the program has mapped, categorised and surveyed the civil society landscape across 33 OIC member countries. In 2021 The mapping was conducted in the State of Palestine 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.

**103**

Number of CSOs from the State of Palestine in online database\*

**72**

Verified CSOs from the State of Palestine\*

\*Data from July 2023

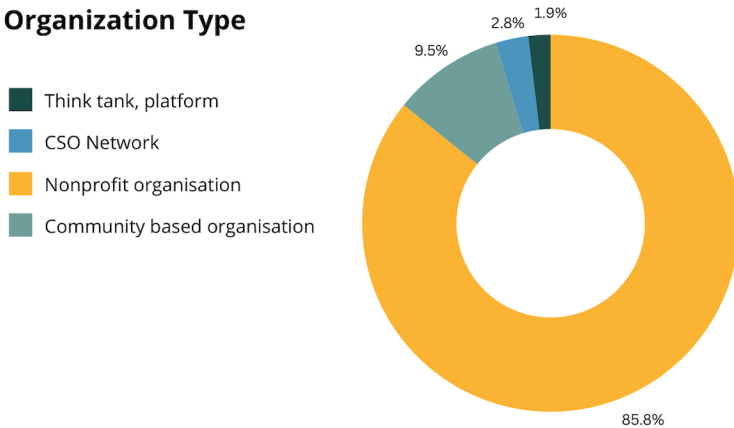


# CSOs in the State of Palestine

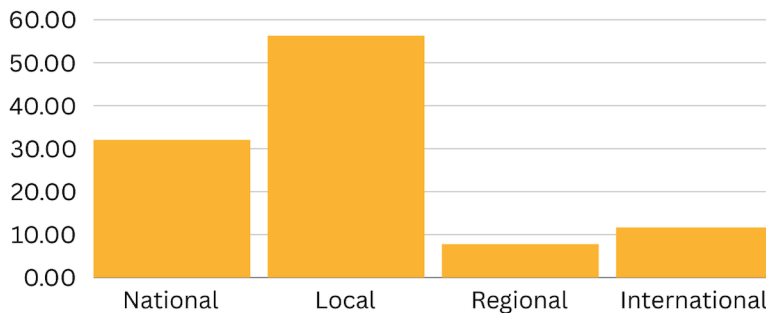
A total of 103 CSOs from the State of Palestine applied to the program and the data of these mapped organizations was collected through the [Tadamon sign-up](#) form and added to the online database.

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

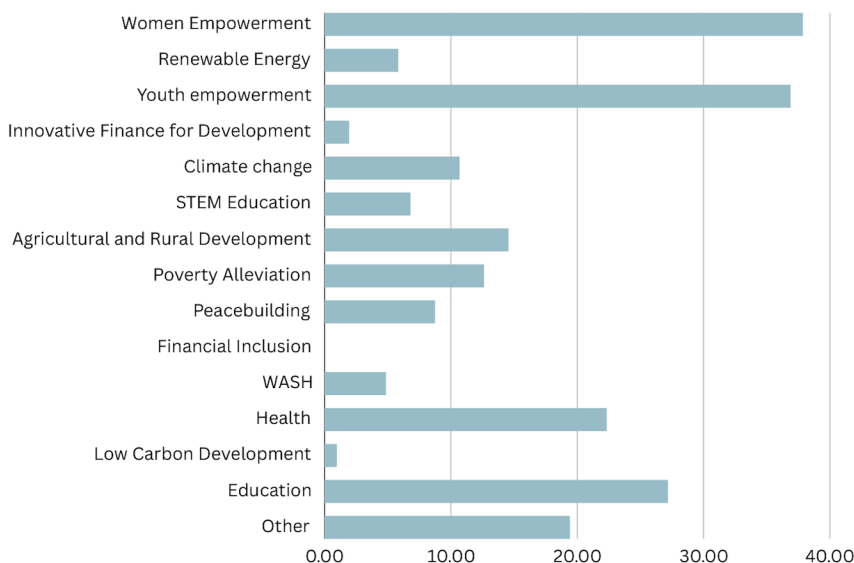
## Organization Type



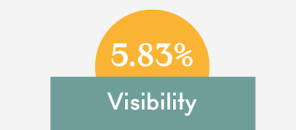
## Activity level



## Fields of activities of mapped CSOs



## Reasons for joining Tadamon

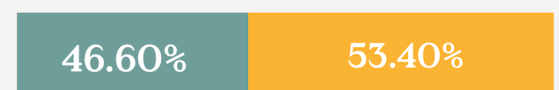


## Experience with Crowdfunding



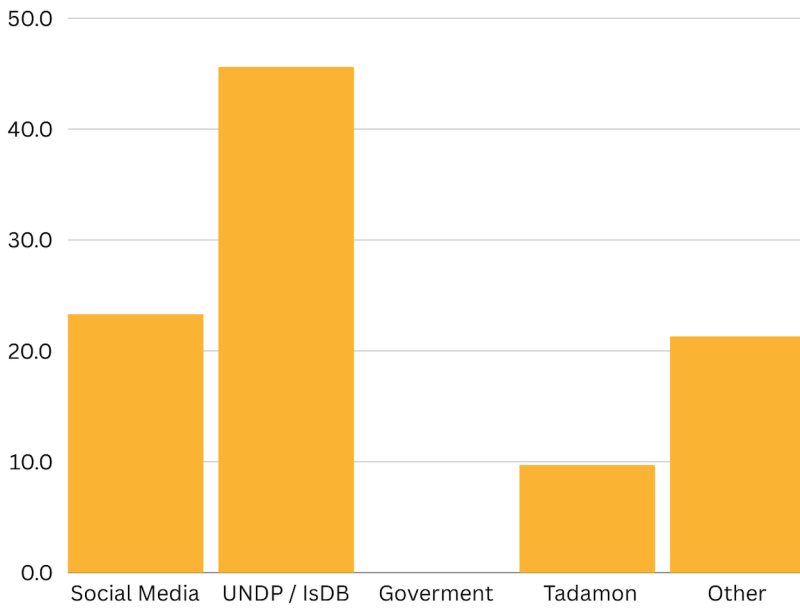
No Yes

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

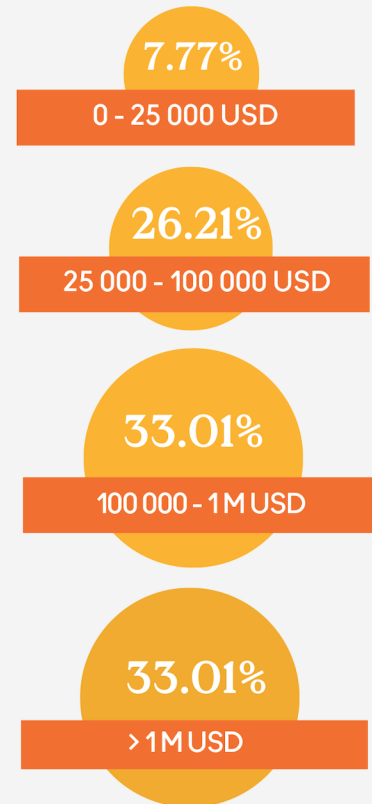


No Yes

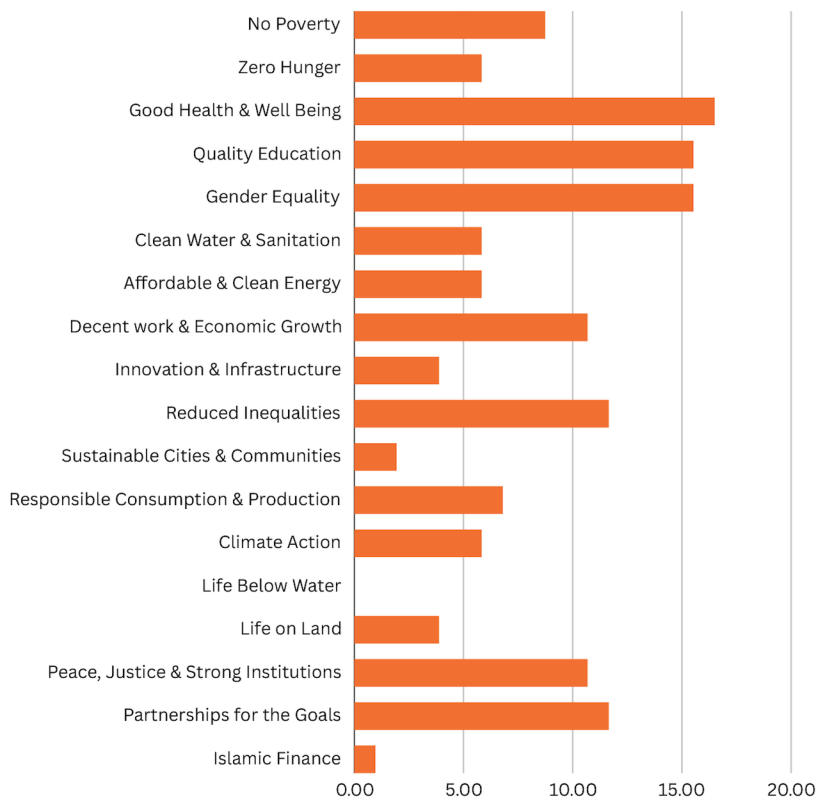
### How organizations found out about Tadamon



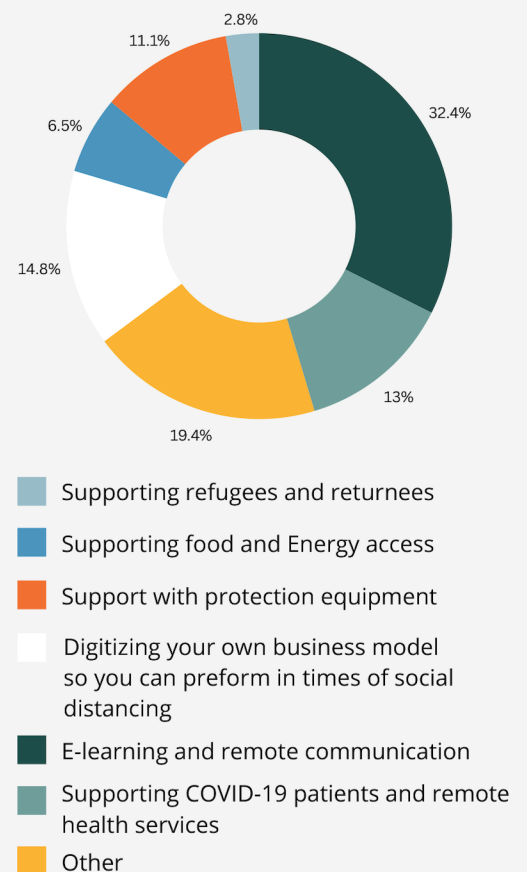
### Annual Budget of Mapped CSOs



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



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





# Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in the State of Palestine



Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in the State of Palestine took place between May and June 2022. During the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in the State of Palestine, 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 the State of Palestine as trustworthy and reliable partners.

<b>Riwaq</b>	Socioeconomic development and empowerment of local communities	E-mail:hiba@riwaq.org
<b>Tanweer Center</b>	Youth and children empowerment	muna.3ammar@gmail.com
<b>Raseel Association</b>	Health, Children	halayka.alaa@gmail.com
<b>Wadi ElJoz</b>	Youth Empowerment, Education, and Poverty Alleviation	info.wadieljoz@gmail.com
<b>Gaza Group for Culture and Development</b>	Women Empowerment, Poverty Reduction	engesra2009@gmail.com
<b>Al Waleed Charity</b>	Economic, Cultural empowerment of vulnerable populations	alwaleed1005@gmail.com
<b>Rural Association For Agriculture Development</b>	Agricultural, Rural Development	eng-anees@hotmail.com
<b>The Palestinian Circus School</b>	Women Empowerment	rana@palcircus.ps
<b>Local Communities</b>	Local development and local governance	local.communities.ngo@gmail.com
<b>Fares Al Arab for Development and Charity Work</b>	Education, Climate Change	projects@fares-alarab.com
<b>Women Beitillu</b>	Women's empowerment and Social Services	womenbeitillu@gmail.com
<b>Assirk Assaghir</b>	Health, Children empowerment	mh.shafee@yahoo.com
<b>Al Majd For Community Development</b>	Youth, social security	almajdsociety2019@gmail.com
<b>Arab Center for Agricultural Development- ACAD</b>	Environment and Agricultural Development	info@acad.ps
<b>The Arab Education Forum</b>	Community, youth empowerment	hussein.shejaeya@gmail.com
<b>El-Wedad Society for Community Rehabilitation</b>	Rehabilitation the local communities	projects@elwedad.org
<b>Give Palestine Association</b>	Cultural empowerment, Vocational training and Sustainable development	Abulatif.m.a@gmail.com
<b>The Freedom Theatre</b>	Education, Art	info@thefreedomtheatre.org
<b>Health Work Committees</b>	Health, Development	jehan.uhwc@gmail.com
<b>Women's Affairs Center</b>	Advocacy, Women's Empowerment	wac.info@wac.ps
<b>Gaza Urban Agriculture Platform</b>	Agricultural, Rural Development	info@gupap.org
<b>Shagaf For Digital Expression</b>	Education, Digitalisation	maysashaer@gmail.com
<b>PICTI</b>	Poverty Alleviation, Energy	info@picti.psgaza, info@picti.ps
<b>Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development</b>	Technology, Communication	development@pwwsd.org
<b>Agricultural Development Association (PARC)</b>	Agriculture, Development	nawras.ateeq@pal-arc.org

# 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



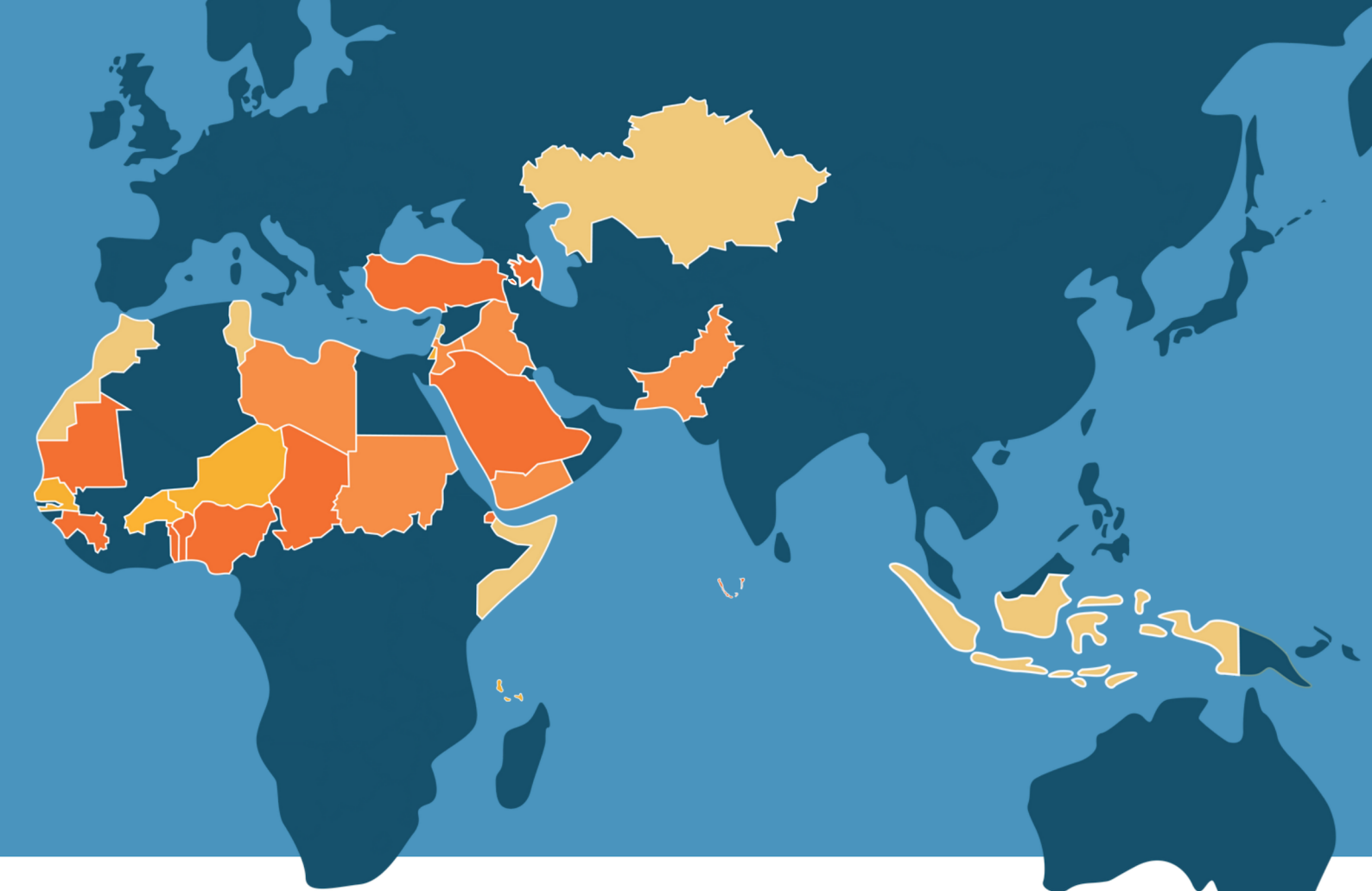
[www.alawn.org](http://www.alawn.org)

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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