

IsDB - ISFD NGO Empowerment for Poverty Reduction Program

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# Uzbekistan

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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 Uzbekistan.

"We are very grateful to the Tadamon Academy for providing us with the knowledge to launch the campaign. We learned how to implement collection funds in the required direction to assist those in need."

Qalb Nuri Center, Jizzakh Region, 2024 Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy Participants

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CSOs trained through the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy

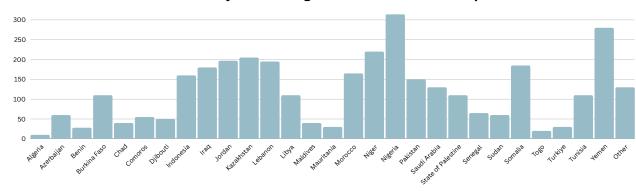
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## \$17.6 milion

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

\$72.8 milion





#### 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-toreach communities;

#### Showcase the benefits of an integrated approach to improve the socio-economic wellbeing of hard-to-reach communities.

## **Program activities**

# 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.

### 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: Uzbekistan \*



## **Civil Society in Uzbekistan**

Uzbekistan's civil society has seen significant growth and transformation in recent years, driven by reforms aimed at increasing civic engagement. The number of registered Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) has risen to approximately 11,000, with several hundred more working without registration.

The legal framework for CSOs has been strengthened through constitutional amendments and the adoption of new laws and concepts. A key milestone is the inclusion of a chapter on civil society institutions in the Constitution, highlighting their importance. The Concept for the Development of Civil Society (2021-2025) outlines priorities such as legal improvements, state support, and participation in governance. Presidential Decree No.124 (2024) further solidifies state support for CSOs, focusing on areas like public oversight and international cooperation.

Various state initiatives support CSOs, including the establishment of the Public Chamber under the President and public councils under state bodies.

Financial support is provided through public funds, and "Houses of Friendship and Public Organizations" offer space for CSO activities. Registration and funding processes have been simplified, and e-ngo.uz provides online government services.

CSOs in Uzbekistan work on diverse themes, including human rights, social issues, cultural preservation, youth development, and economic empowerment. While many CSOs are concentrated in urban areas, their presence in rural areas is increasing.

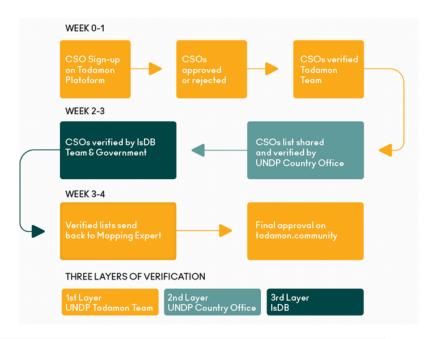
The relationship between CSOs and the government remains complex, with bureaucratic hurdles persisting. Capacity building and international collaboration are ongoing needs. Emerging trends include a focus on climate change, digital rights, and social justice.



# **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 Uzbekistan 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 threestep 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.

42 Number of

Number of CSOs from Uzbekistan in online database\* Verified CSOs from Uzbekistan\*

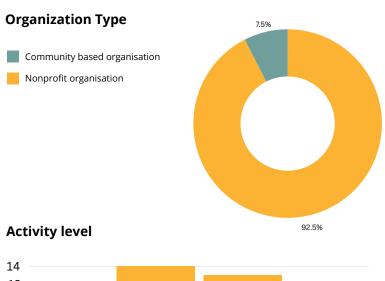
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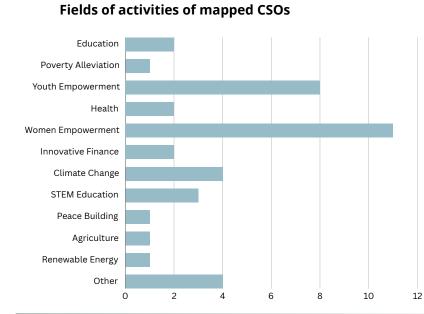
# **CSOs in Uzbekistan**

A total of 42 CSOs from Uzbekistan applied to the program and the data of these mapped organizations was collected through the <u>Tadamon sign-up</u> form and added to the online database.

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



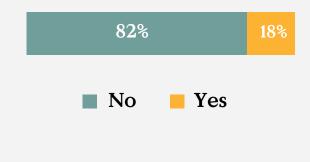


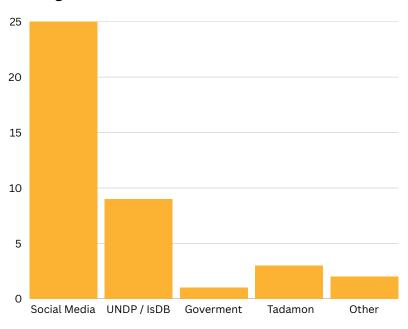


#### Reasons for joining Tadamon



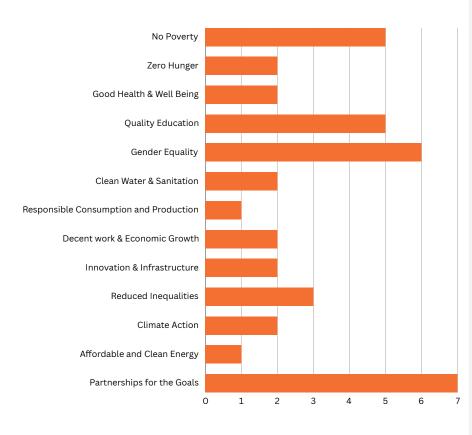
## Whether or not mapped CSOs have received previous funding from UNDP or IsDB

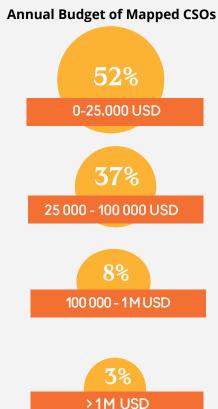




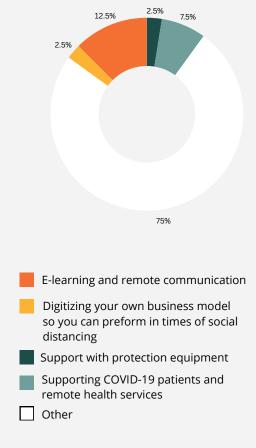
#### How organizations found out about Tadamon

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





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





## Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy in Uzbekistan

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

Karakalpak branch of Association of people with Disabilities	Health	ganievjaras88@gmail.com
Women in Agriculture" Association	Women Empowerment	muhtarama2007@gmail.com
"Mehr and Oqibat" Society for Animal Protection	Poverty alleviation	sturabekova@mehrvaoqibat.uz
"Mehr Kozda" NNT	STEM Education	mehr-kozda@mail.ru
Rahmdillik Society	STEM Education	bibisora2004@gmail.com
"Lider" Youth and Women's Center	Youth empowerment	kuvatovagulbanu@gmail.com
"Ezgu Niyyat" Center	Climate change	ezguniyat@bk.ru
"Mulokot" Community Association	Peacebuilding	idilshody@gmail.com
Konimekh Division of the Republic Nogironlar Society	Peacebuilding	narziyevasamiya1@gmail.com
Qalb Nuri Center, Jizzakh Region	Climate change	nodira_alimova@mail.ru
Tumaris Youth and Women's Center, Navoiy Region	Youth empowerment	narbekova1961@mail.ru
Yuksak Salohiyat Public Association	Education	yuksaka.2019@gmail.com
NIKHOL Initiative Development and Support Centre	Women Empowerment	center.nihol@mail.ru
Agroinnovation" Association for Supporting Innovations in Agriculture and Advancing Innovative Technologies	Women Empowerment	agroinnovatsiya@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.

### 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 milion
  - Other countries: up to US\$100,000 per year in research funding

### 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 milion to the CSOs operating in Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan and other countries according to mutual agreement.

### Al Awn Foundation for Development

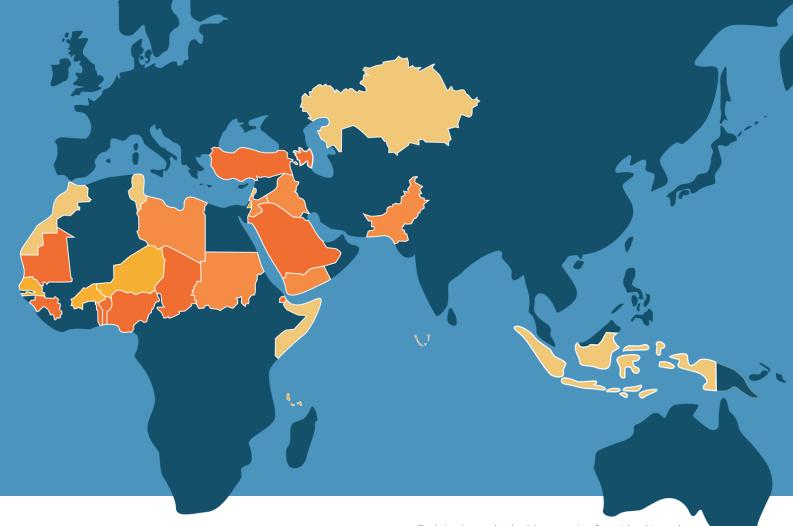


#### www.alawn.org

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 milion 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 Kazakhstan Lebanon Morocco Somalia Tunisia	Comoros Burkina Faso Niger Senegal State of Palestine	lraq Libya Jordan Pakistan Yemen Sudan	Maldives KSA Djibouti Azerbaijan Turkiye Nigeria Togo Mauritania Guinea Benin Chad Uzbekistan	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'ile 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

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UNDP IRH - United Nations Development Programme Istanbul Regional Hub





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