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*Participation, Citizenship and Social Inclusion of Young People
in the MENA Region*



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INTRODUCTION TO INVENTORY

This Inventory is focused on identifying organisations that work with young people **in Middle East and North African (MENA)** region as well as the resources that they produce. The objective of the inventory is to catalogue the various youth organisations in the region as well as their projects, outputs and published resources in order to see the extent of community and social cohesion activities in relation to the benefit of young people and the region specific issues that they face.

The United Nations definition of MENA region include the following countries; **Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territory (referring to Arab populations living in Gaza and the West Bank), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen**. These countries are the focus of this inventory. The main languages spoken are **Arabic, French, English and Hebrew in Israel**.

It is unsurprising that there are many projects and organisations working for the benefit of young people in the MENA region considering the fact that the majority of the population are under the age of 25. What is also immediately obvious by looking at the theme of the projects, there is a stark contrast to the types of youth programmes being undertaken in the Europe. For example in countries like Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Israel, the main focuses of youth projects is on mediation and conflict resolution. The reasons for this are the political shifts in the region, war and humanitarian crises that have been affecting the region for the last decade.

The inventory has been split into two distinct sections. The first section contains the details of projects and project-related **web resources from international organisations that operate in MENA countries**. This information has been formulated into tables which clearly indicate the **organisation**, the various **countries in which they operate; names** and **general descriptions of regional projects**; this is usually followed, where possible, by a **document** that has been produced as a result of the programme, i.e. **Press Release, Evaluation or a Report**, which contain more information. Further to this **web-links** to both the home page of the organisation as well as to the individual, relevant, project pages are included. With regards to the documents, the majority of materials contained within this inventory are in English, however where possible, efforts have been made to include materials in the common languages of MENA countries and also include multi-language reports and multiple versions of reports across all languages (i.e. Arabic, French and English) in instances where they are available.

The second section of this inventory takes a regional approach to thematic grouping of youth organisations. These organisations are either national or they operate on a local grass roots level and the work that they do is directly relevant to the social, socio- economic and socio-political issues faced by young people in the specific locality. An example of this is the **Sharek Youth Forum in Palestine** that works with young Palestinians facing discrimination in **Gaza** and the **West Bank**. The structure of grouping sets out the geographic location of the organisations (country of base), their name and web-link and their overarching aim, followed by youth relevant projects with a general description of the organisation and links to specific project pages and documents.

The majority of the organisations tend to be small with limited resources. This means that their capacity to create resources and documents in relation to their projects is also limited; however

where reports have been found, they are listed below the corresponding project. Also in some cases there was lack of resources available online, particularly from countries such as Algeria and Yemen. This can be attributed to the very limited internet access and illiteracy due to political instability and poverty. There appears to be a very few local grassroots programmes and many organisations that were found had some link with larger supranational or governmental bodies. Again this can be attributed to political and economic factors. Whilst enquiring into the details of some grassroots organisations, it was often the case that they have no digital presence, but their names appeared in the evaluation efforts of larger organisations.

INVENTORY OF YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN THE MENA REGION

Organisation: Search For Common Ground (SFCG)				
Location	Title	General Description	Year	Documents, Resources & Press Releases
Jerusalem	EMPOWERING YOUNG PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI LEADERS (YALA)	leadership project to empower Palestinian and Israeli youth leaders	2012 & 2013	
Morocco	Increasing Civic Participation of Urban Youth	Encouraging the participation of young people in society and local governance through; competitions ; social media; radio; and TV	2014	<i>"Moroccan Youth Find Common Ground on Civic Participation"</i> , 24.04.14 - https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Civic-Participation-Conference-Release.pdf
	MediAction Project	The training of young mediators, Awareness raising campaigns and the creation of mediation centres	2008/09	<p>MediAction Project External evaluation, 03.2010 - https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/MAR_EV_Mar10_External-Evaluation-Report-MediAction.pdf</p> <p>Baseline reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/MAR_BL_May09_MediAction-Indicator-Baseline-Report-Fes.pdf - https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/MAR_BL_May09_MediAction-Indicator-Baseline-Report-Marrakech.pdf - https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/MAR_BL_Mar09_MediAction-Indicator-Baseline-Report-Rabat.pdf - https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/MAR_BL_Jun08_MediAction-Indicator-Baseline-Report-Yacoub-El-Mansour.pdf
	Youth	The project		Evaluation Report "MITIGATING COMMUNAL CONFLICT"

	Community and Mediation Centers Project	aimed to reduce conflict by training youth leaders to act as mediators, foster stability and cooperation within the targeted communities as well as offer coaching and training marginalized youth to enhance their employability		BY ENGAGING YOUTH CONSTRUCTIVELY IN LOCAL DEMOCRATIC AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH COMMUNITY & MEDIATION CENTERS IN CASABLANCA AND TETOUAN” https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/MAR_EV_Sep09_Mitigating-Communal-Conflict-by-Engaging-Youth.pdf
Yemen	THE TEAM: BUILDING ON SHARED INTERESTS, OVERCOMING DIFFERENCES	youth focus on conflict resolution and dispute management .	2013	Final Evaluation of “The Team” Search for Common Ground – Yemen https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/YEM_EV_Nov13_The-Team.pdf
Lebanon/ Syria	BETTER TOGETHER – A YOUTH LED APPROACH TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE	Social Cohesion project to create links between young Syrian refugees and Lebanese youth to tackle discrimination and resentment towards Syrian refugees	2013/14	BETTER TOGETHER A YOUTH-LED APPROACH TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN LEBANON - CONFLICT PERCEPTIONS AND BASELINE ASSESSMENT https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/SFCG_Better-Together-A-Youth-led-Approach-to-Peaceful-Coexistence-in-Lebanon.pdf -
Lebanon	KILNA BIL HAYY Program	TV program for children to build psychological		Evaluation of KILNA BIL HAYY Program: https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/LEB_EV_May10_Evaluation-of-Kilna-Bil-Hayy-TV-Programt.pdf

		foundations for a future of peaceful co-existence and prosperity in Lebanon		
Tunisia	YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - YOUTH LEADERS COUNCILS	a youth leadership development programme which created youth councils which worked parallel to local governance		

ORGANISATIONS REGIONALLY

Morocco:

- INDH - <http://www.indh.gov.ma/index.php/en/>
 - o Worked on MediAction Project

- Entraide Nationale - <http://www.entraide.ma/>
 - o Sports for children
 - o Child protection

- Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) - <http://www.isesco.org.ma/index.php?lang=en>
 - o Membership organisation for Islamic states

- Chouala Association for Culture and Education - <http://www.chouala.org/home.mvcx?lang=ar>
 - o Involved with the MediAction Project

- Organisation Marocaine pour l'Enfance et la Jeunesse - <http://omej-ma.e-monsite.com/>
 - o MediAction Youth Community Mediation Centres partner

- Le Centre Ahli pour les Enfants en Situation Difficile – http://www.ahli.ma/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=63:association-ahli&catid=49:articles&Itemid=89&lang=en
 - o Medication Partner
 - o Youth summer camps

- Moroccan Association for Educational Youth/ Association Marocaine pour l'Enfance et la Jeunesse (AMEJ Fes - French Acronym) - <http://amejfes.blogspot.co.uk/>
 - o Youth Participation

- Association Biladi - <http://www.e-joussour.net/en/node/2376>
 - o Youth training in socio-cultural themes and politics, and human rights

- Forum of the Young Moroccan Women for the Third Millennium - <http://www.annalindhfoundation.org/fr/members/forum-young-moroccan-women-third-millennium>
 - o Engage and capitalize on the talents of young people through programs emphasizing leadership, environmental protection, education, human rights, and mutual self-help and solidarity between young people.

Syria:

- Arab Youth Union (AYU) - <http://orgs.tigweb.org/arab-youth-union-ayu>
 - o Youth initiatives aimed at developing the youth movement in the Arab world and supports activities in the fields of technology, science, sports, voluntary service, literature, and issues related to the spirit of initiative and creativity among young people.

Lebanon:

- Nahar Shabab Association - <http://naharashabab.wordpress.com/about/>
 - o Youth involvement in public life initiative
- Université Saint-Joseph - <http://www.usj.edu.lb/en/>
 - o Opération 7ème Jour (Operation 7th Day) has transformed from an emergency relief effort to a large-scale development program with activities across Lebanon

Egypt:

- Alashanek ya Balady for Sustainable Development (AYB-SD) - <http://www.ayb-sd.org/ayb2/>
 - o Family-based development, integration of training and employment, changing stereotypes, and community participation and inclusion. In particular, women and young people are trained and offered opportunities for employment, and young people are asked to participate in a community council that acts as a consultant for other programs.
- Nahdet El Mahrousa (NM) <http://nahdetelmahrousa.org/search/node/youth>
 - o engages young people in the country's development, public work and decision-making arenas
 - o build projects in areas such as youth development, arts and culture development, health services, the environment and linking education to employment, by empowering educated, young Egyptian professionals.
 - o Youth Association for Population and Development (YAPD)
 - <http://www.yapd.org.eg/index.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>
 - o Youth and Development Consultancy Institute (Etijah)
 - <http://nahdetelmahrousa.org/who-we-are/our-partners/youth-and-development-consultancy-institute-etijah>

Israel:

- Agudah LeHitnadvut
 - o Volunteers union working in schools
- Shlomit: National Service Placement Organization - <http://www.ivolunteer.org.il/Eng/Index.asp?ArticleID=439&CategoryID=128>

- Training and placement of National Service Volunteers in areas such as health-care services, schools, care of unprivileged children and day-care centres
- Aminadav - <http://www.aminadav.org.il/>
 - Female volunteers in education roles
- Bat Ami - <http://bat-ami.org.il/>
 - Works with disabled children and young people
- Betar: Youth Organization in the Name of Yosef Trumpeldor - <http://www.betar.org.uk/>
 - Spiritual and moral education to Jewish youth

Jordan:

- The Jordan River Foundation - <http://www.jordanriver.io/>
 - “Fit for Life” initiative, which is a program that helps young people learn to balance health of body and mind
 - Youth Summer Voluntary program, which seeks to increase youth civic engagement

Kuwait:

- Injaz Kuwait - <http://www.injaz-kuwait.org/en/>
 - encourages entrepreneurship and helps Kuwaiti young people develop the economic and personal skills that they will need to succeed in a global economy

Palestine:

- Ruwwad (the Palestinian Youth Empowerment Project) (*no web link*)
 - Grassroots campaigns led by young people in their communities it seeks to spark community engagement and involvement among its participants while providing skills and experience important for future employment.
- The Sharek Youth Forum - http://sharek.ps/en/?page_id=83
 - Organisation of young people who work to create initiatives and programs for other Palestinian young people in both the West Bank and Gaza
 - *Situation report 2011: Winds of Change... Will they break down walls of oppression* - [http://www.sharek.ps/en/PYR2011 - E\[1\].pdf](http://www.sharek.ps/en/PYR2011 - E[1].pdf)
- The Arab-AmeriCare Foundation - <http://www.arabamericare.org/>
 - Set up pilot leadership programme which provides internships and mentors to Palestinian young people
- Al-Quds University Student Volunteer Bureau - <http://www.alquds.edu/en/> - (Community Action Centre) - <http://www.cac-alquds.org/>
 - provide training, coordinate volunteer groups and build community partnerships to ensure that participants have an effective and empowering experience
- Al-Quds University Human Rights Clinic - <http://www.legalclinic.alquds.edu/en/>
 - Law students gain practical experience while both providing legal services to the community and help local CSOs advocate for human rights

Saudi Arabia:

- The Jeddah Friends Program (JFP)
 - o community-based organisation engaging young people
- National Center for Youth Research - King Saud University
<http://ksu.edu.sa/ncys/Pages/About.aspx>
 - o promote youth participation at all levels of development in the country. It provides research and collaboration opportunities for young people between 15-30 years old

Tunisia:

- The Tunisian Scouts
 - o An organisation which focuses on education for all young people to prepare them to be active and engaged citizens

Turkey:

- Toplum Gönüllüleri (Community Volunteers, TOG) - <http://tog.org.tr/EN/>
 - o provides short-term opportunities in civic associations for young people
- Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı (The Educational Volunteers Foundation, TEGV) - <http://www.tegv.org/en>
 - o Engages young people in the education field. It is an NGO that was established in 1995 and provides short-term civic participation opportunities in education.
 - o *4th Progress Report of Global Principles Agreement* - http://www.tegv.org/i/Assets/pdf/Faaliyet_Raporlari/4th_progress_report_of_global_principles_agreement.pdf
 - o *Annual Report 2013* - http://www.tegv.org/i/Assets/pdf/Faaliyet_Raporlari/FR_2013_Ing.pdf

United Arab Emirates:

Emirates Foundation- <http://www.emiratesfoundation.ae/> :

- Takatof - <http://www.takatof.ae/en>
 - o Civic participation organization founded by the Emirates Foundation
 - o Its goal is to embed civic participation into the way of life in the Emirates by connecting people with volunteer projects and providing training and resources
- Kafa'at - <http://www.emiratesfoundation.ae/en/leadership-empowerment/leadership-empowerment-kafaat>
 - o The Kafa'at programme designs and delivers career development projects that help inspire and empower young nationals to choose the right field of education and pursue their chosen career

Yemen:

- The Media Youth Forum
 - increase awareness of the challenges young people face and prepare them to meet those challenges

- the Youth Leadership Development Foundation - <http://www.yldf.org/>
 - enable young people to identify their own and community needs and put forward solutions to address those needs
 - *Camera As Voice- Gender in Revolution* - <http://www.yldf.org/publications/07-10-2012-09-30-39.pdf>
 - *Youth Leadership Development Foundation_Profile – Future leaders gate* - <http://www.yldf.org/publications/19-03-2013-07-17-24.pdf>

GENERAL RESOURCES

Title	General Description	Year	Documents, Resources & Press Releases
Education for Employment (E4E): Realizing Arab Youth Potential	A project aimed at tackling youth unemployment in Arab countries	2012	http://www.wamda.com/doc_viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wamda.com%2Fdownload%2Fresource%2F330411%2FIFCBook_A4_Online_Complete.pdf&id=330411
Arab Youth Survey	This survey identifies the priorities of Arab youth	2012	http://www.e4earabyouth.com/en/newsresources/reports/arabyouthsurvey2012asdaabursonmarsteller
Dubai School of Government - Social Media Opens New Frontiers for Arab Youth:	Use of Social Media by Arab Youth	2012	http://www.wamda.com/doc_viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wamda.com%2Fdownload%2Fresource%2F408400%2Fdb-report-youth-socmedia.pdf&id=408400
MEDA-ETE	Work-based learning programmes for young people in the Mediterranean region	2009	http://www.etf.europa.eu/pubmgmt.nsf/(getAttachment)/F684C149B0C9658EC12575CA004F3463/\$File/NOTE7SNJWW.pdf
The World Bank - The Road Not Travelled Education Reform in the Middle East and North Africa	An in-depth study of education in the MENA region		http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTMENA/Resources/EDU_Flagship_Full_ENG.pdf
Education to Employment: Designing a System That Works	Analysis of education to employment initiatives across the MENA region		Available for download: http://mckinseyonsociety.com/education-to-employment/report/
Arab youth: missing educational foundations for a productive life? - Brookings report	a regional overview of children's and youth's ability to access, stay in and learn in school	2014	English: http://www.brookings.edu/~media/research/files/interactives/2014/arab%20world%20earning%20barometer/arabworld_learningbarometer_en.pdf Arabic: http://www.brookings.edu/~media/research/files/interactives/2014/arab%20world%20earning%20barometer/arabworld_learningbarometer_ar.pdf

TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN MENA

The International Youth Foundation (IYF) – MENA

- International Youth Foundation — Algeria Office - <http://www.iyfnet.org/country/Algeria>
- Egypt - <http://www.iyfnet.org/country/Egypt>
- Israel - <http://www.iyfnet.org/country/Israel>
- International Youth Foundation — Jordan Office - <http://www.iyfnet.org/country/Jordan>
- Lebanon - <http://www.iyfnet.org/country/Lebanon>
- International Youth Foundation — Morocco Office - <http://www.iyfnet.org/country/Morocco>
- International Youth Foundation - Palestine Office - <http://www.iyfnet.org/country/Palestine>
- Saudi Arabia - <http://www.iyfnet.org/country/Saudi%20Arabia>
- Tunisia - <http://www.iyfnet.org/country/Tunisia>

Young Arab Voices

<http://www.youngarabvoices.org/>

The 'Young Arab Voices' is a regional project, jointly launched by the British Council and the Anna Lindh Foundation, aims at developing skills and opportunities for youth-led debate across the Arab region.

- Egypt - Agora Youth Union - <http://www.youngarabvoices.org/agora-debate-club>
- Egypt - Anna Lindh Debate Club - <http://www.youngarabvoices.org/debate-clubs/anna-lindh-debate-club>
- Jordan - The Arab Foundation for Sustainable Development - <http://www.youngarabvoices.org/debate-clubs/ruwwad-youth-debate-club>

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