

UNHCR MENA Regional Bureau

Strengthening Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP):

Grantees and Project Outcomes

Organization: Tafawol Association for Special Needs and Development

Country: Egypt

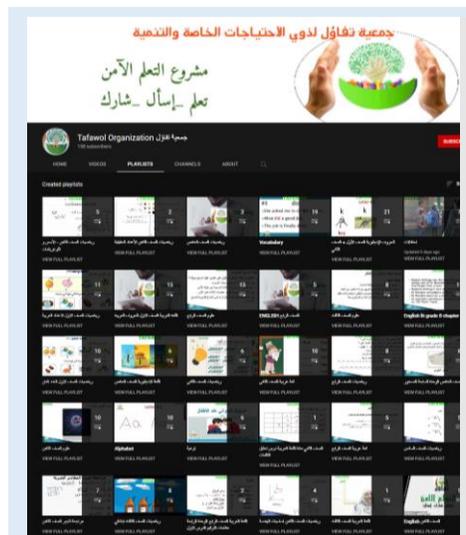
Profile: Tafawol is a Sudanese-Egyptian community-based and community-led organization based in Egypt, working with children and adolescents with disabilities in school settings.

Grant Period: 2021

Project: Safe Learning Project

Project Overview: Tafawol created a digital educational platform for children with disabilities and specific needs. The platform included educational videos on Sudanese curriculum, psychosocial support sessions and training for teachers. The platform enhanced participation and feedback of children, teachers, and parents while ensuring access to education and basic needs. A total of 33 online educational videos were produced as of January 2022 (*Tafawol Organization* - *جمعية تفاعول* - YouTube), and 95 mothers of children with disabilities and 24 teachers received support across the 20 sessions. The initiative enhanced UNHCR and communities' understanding of disability inclusion and provided tools to families to support the participation of children with disabilities.

Links: <https://tafawol-egypt.com> YouTube Channel: [Tafawol Organization جمعية تفاعول - YouTube](#)



Educational videos prepared by the *Tafawol* Organization, [Tafawol YouTube channel](#), September 2022.

Organization: Tunisian Refugee Council (CTR)

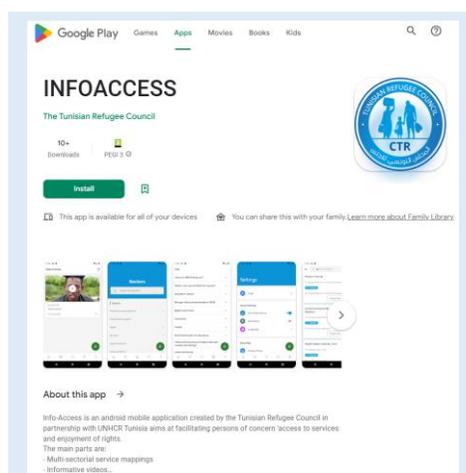
Country: Tunisia

Profile: CTR is a non-profit humanitarian organization whose main activity is to support refugees and asylum seekers in Tunisia.

Grant Period: 2021

Project: InfoAccess Mobile Application

Project Overview: CTR used the grant to develop the App "InfoAccess" to increase displaced communities' access to information and foster their participation and inclusion. Consultations with refugees and host communities were key to identify information needs and populating the App with relevant and up-to-date information. The App was launched in 2022 and has become a popular communication channel for refugees and asylum seekers, fostering support networks and learning exchanges. It is accessible to anyone with a smartphone for free and requires basic digital literacy to navigate. The Info-Access application has served as a valuable tool for enhancing two-way communication with more than 100 downloads by facilitating access to information and promoting a participatory approach in its design and ongoing maintenance.



CTR's INFOACCESS mobile application - Google Play, 2022

Link: <https://www.ctrefugees.tn/> Google Play store Link: [INFOACCESS](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ctrefugees)

Organization: Le`anak Insan Foundation for Development

Country: Egypt

Profile: The registered civil society NGO is dedicated to enabling vulnerable groups like refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt to access essential services, improve their standards of living, and empower them through training and integration programs.

Grant Period: 2021

Project: Our Future Together

Project Overview: The project established an online multi-layered communication network to empower families, children, and school personnel. From October 2021 to January 2022, this Refugee-led Organization provided training to 342 parents, 100 teachers, 64 community representatives on digital literacy from the Syrian, Yemeni, Sudanese and Eritrean communities, enhancing access to information, risk identification and referrals.

Link: <https://leankinsan.org> [Le`anak Insan Facebook](#)



‘Digital Marketing for Resilience and Community Empowerment’, Le`anak Insan Foundation for Development website,

Organization: Association Vivre Ensemble (Morocco)

Country: Morocco

Profile: Association Vivre Ensemble pour la Citoyenneté et le Développement is a refugee-led organization working in Rabat, Casablanca and Marrakech focusing on children, youth and women’s empowerment.

Grant Period: 2021

Project: Your Protection, Our Priority

Project Overview: Association Vivre Ensemble obtained the UNHCR MENA AAP Grant to raise awareness on digital risks and fraud reporting procedures, including data protection and the applicable legal framework in Morocco. The project targeted 30 people with specific needs and diverse profiles such as women at risk, GBV survivors, and LGBTIQ+ persons with training and awareness sessions in Rabat, Casablanca, and Marrakech. Mobile communication tools were also made available to community members to conduct referrals and share information safely. This initiative increased fraud identification and reception of feedback and complaints by UNHCR and partners.

Link: [Vivre Ensemble Facebook](#)



Social Media post about the project Digital Marketing for Resilience and Community Empowerment, NADA Facebook page, 2022.

Project Overview: The focus of the project was to contribute to the digital inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers, creating accessible digital communication channels and equipping refugee and asylum seekers with digital marketing skills. The project promoted financial empowerment of diverse communities through participation and social inclusion in Algeria. Digital risks and digital marketing training of trainers was provided to nine young refugees. The project led to the development of a community of practice on social and economic initiatives in Algeria.

Link: [NADA Facebook](#)

Organization: Femmes Ressources

Country: Mauritania

Profile: *Femmes Ressources* (FR) is a community-based women-led organization made up of 98 members from different ethnic origins (Tuareg, Peuhl, Arab, Bambara, Songhai) and different age groups in Mbera camp, Mauritania.

Grant Period: 2022

Project: Facilitating effective participation and access to basic and social services for persons with specific needs

Project Overview: The project supports and empowers FR to facilitate safe disclosure and referrals of people with specific needs and provide additional community-driven support services. The organization's volunteer members belong to different ethnic groups and reach most vulnerable community members through door-to-door activities and engagement. The CBO has already safely identified and referred more than 250 persons with specific needs within the camp during the project implementation period. Additionally, they have promoted access to school for children with specific needs, and revenue-generating activities for adults. It is expected that the organization will represent women refugees in the upcoming Global Refugee Forum.



Members of CBO *Femmes ressources* in Mbera Camp, Mauritania updating UNHCR on the progress of the project, 2023.

Organization: Gashbun Organization

Country: Iraq

Profile: Since 2015 Gashbun works with children with disabilities and their families in Dohuk, Iraq. The organization provides practical services, support and consultation in its designated centre.

providing services and awareness raising. Gashbun has been focusing on the lack of physiotherapy for

Grant Period: 2022-2023

Project: Physiotherapy Support for Children with Disabilities

Project Overview: Following an internal survey conducted in 2021, the organization identified that more than 800 children with physical disabilities had limited access to physiotherapy and other educational opportunities in the area of Dohuk. The grant was used to rehabilitate the Gashbun centre to operate as a reference point for children with disabilities and their families in Dohuk as well as to equip the centre with specialized physiotherapy tools and equipment to provide free of charge services. Engagement activities have included awareness raising and information campaigns as well as specialized group and individual sessions with children with disabilities with more than 300 children engaged and more than 960 physiotherapy sessions conducted. The project has promoted integration and social cohesion whilst also enhancing the physical safe spaces available to children with disabilities in the Gashbun centre.



Gashbun Organization has been working with people with disabilities in Dohuk, Iraq since 2015.

Link: [Gashbun Facebook](#)

Organization: Union Sportive des Jeunes Réfugiés (USJR)

Country: Morocco

Profile: USJR are a grassroots refugee-led organization primarily focuses on using sports and recreational activities as a means of positively impacting people through building social inclusion, social cohesion and wellbeing (physical and psychosocial).

Grant Period: 2022-2023

Project: Solidarité Active

Project Overview: The project specifically targets vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the areas of Rabat and Casablanca and focusses on providing support and awareness-raising for the targeted groups. During the project's activities, targeted communities are identified to participate through the RLO's outreach (including physical visits to communities in Rabat and Casablanca) and social media engagement and presence. The grant funding supports the implementation of sporting activities and events, aiming to congregate together displaced and stateless communities and the host population around sports to improve the physical and psychological well-being of refugee communities, particularly youth and children. The organization assisted 54 individuals with specific needs through the distribution of food baskets and by



USJR has been working with UNHCR and other organizations in Morocco promoting inclusion and participation through sports and recreational events.

organizing opportunities for sports and recreation in the summer of 2023. Participants of sport events included people with disabilities, women at risk and women single-headed households. The project responds to displaced communities' preferences identified through community dialogues with UNHCR and USJR asking for more sporting experiences, events and safe spaces for expression, interaction and inclusion. USJR's proposal capitalizes on sporting and cultural events to promote inclusiveness and participation, in line with ["More Than a Game" UNHCR's first-ever Sport Strategy](#) and the [UNHCR's Sport for Protection \(S4P\)](#) which 'approach builds on ...the unique capacity of sport to actively and meaningfully engage young people. They offer opportunities for better inclusion and protection to help young people to heal, develop and grow. Sport can also empower refugee communities and help forge closer ties with the communities that host them.' ([Link](#))

Link: [USJR Facebook](#)

Organization: Fallujah Women's Centre

Country: Iraq

Profile: Ensemble

Grant Period: 2021

Project: Capacity building for Children with Disabilities

Project Overview: The Falluja Women's Cultural Center's project addresses the lack of specialized services and accessible spaces for children with disabilities in Falluja, Iraq. The project uses the grant for the rehabilitation of the outdoor garden area/playground to introduce a safe and accessible outdoor activities space and shaping internal spaces oriented towards inclusive and accessible learning. The centre operates as a free, accessible and safe environment where children with disabilities at the kindergarten level can interact, play and learn with their peers from the community by building relationships,



Fallujah Women' Cultural Center's mainly works on women's empowerment and child protection.

understanding, and opportunities for participation. The result of the project is enriched social and learning interactions, communication skills development, personal growth and the promotion of overall development and well-being. The initiative serves as a significant step in recognizing, supporting and addressing the needs of children with disabilities in conflict-affected areas, promoting social change through participation and inclusion and empowering women-led initiatives in the region.

Organization: SOS NOMADE

Country: Mauritania

Profile: SOS Nomade are a grassroots refugee-led and volunteer-based organization in Mauritania's Mbera camp which primarily targets nomadic refugee communities from Mali.

Grant Period: 2023

Project: Fostering child protection and promoting education among the community of Malian refugees in Mbera Camp

Project Overview: The project aims at strengthening assistance, participation, and inclusion for women and children through volunteer-based activities in safe and child-friendly spaces in Mbera camp. The grant has been used to establish and outfit a community-run space, promoting a safe and inclusive environment for children and encouraging their active participation in various activities, learning and recreation. Activities and events held in the space will also focus on challenging traditional perceptions and stereotypes through culturally sensitive engagement and awareness-raising. This includes addressing gender-related issues like girls' education, early marriage, and child labor within the refugee community. The project will also include a monitoring and surveillance steering committee to ensure adherence to cultural sensitivities, safeguard the children's protection needs and coordinate the centre's work. The initiative is community-driven at its heart, enabling and involving over 150 community volunteers. The grant's funding is used to outfit the centre focusing on providing the materials support to fulfill the community's needs and allow the volunteers to foster greater participation, inclusion and engagement of children and youth.



The community-run child-friendly space established with the support of the MENA CBP/AAP Grant is supported by the organization's over 150 community volunteers.

Organization: Social Researcher Foundation for Development (SRFD)

Country: Yemen

Profile: SRFD is a grassroots refugee youth foundation comprised of 46 volunteers from different profiles, communities and backgrounds operating in Basateen-Aden, Yemen. They are engaged in protection interventions, education, youth and women's empowerment, peacebuilding, and support for people with disabilities.

Grant Period: 2023

Project: Advocate for Persons with Disabilities 2023

Project Overview: The SRFD project aims to enhance the capacity of the organization's volunteers to support people with disabilities in Basateen to find dignified income-generating opportunities, have access to services and reduce social stigma. Awareness campaigns will promote understanding and acceptance of people with disabilities in the community, while training on safe identification and referrals by the organization's volunteers will enable people with disabilities' to access relevant services and skills development opportunities. Through door-to-door mapping, SRFD volunteers will identify and engage individuals with disabilities, ensuring prioritized access to services and referrals. The



SOCIAL RESEARCHER FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

SRFD has its origins as student led volunteer-based community initiative in Basateen.

objective is ensuring that the organization's volunteers foster an inclusive community that provides equal opportunities and support for all its members.

Organization: Tunisian Refugee Council (CTR)

Country: Tunisia

Profile: CTR is a non-profit humanitarian organization whose main activity is to support refugees and asylum seekers in Tunisia.

Grant Period: 2023

Project: Consultation on protection response with local NGOs and forcibly displaced Communities

Project Overview: The organization has been supported to organize a series of targeted consultation workshops with local NGOs, community-based organizations, and directly engaging refugee and asylum-seeking communities. The workshops are conducted face-to-face with French and Arabic communities with an objective to gain insights into pressing needs, concerns, community-based solutions, and coping mechanisms related to challenges being faced. Additionally, the workshops aim to collect recommendations and suggestions for improving the response from organizations, as well as identifying potential community leaders or focal points for future engagement and collaboration. The grant supported project responds to the challenges of lack of trust and the sensitive and often unsafe nature of discussing sensitive issues in a context of severe government restrictions and backlash.



UNHCR and CTR consultation workshops with Arabic speaking community members.

Organization: Arab Institute for Human Rights (IADH)

Country: Tunisia

Profile: IADH is an independent Arab NGO in Tunisia founded with support from various human rights organizations and aims to promote a comprehensive understanding of human rights, democracy, and citizenship.

Grant Period: 2023

Project: Community Outreach Volunteer Program (COVP)

Project Overview: The Arab Institute for Human Rights and the Tunisian Scouts, in collaboration with UNHCR and with CTR support, are establishing the Community Outreach Volunteer program (COVP), engaging 20 volunteers from refugee, asylum seeker, and host communities from across Tunisia to enhance protection monitoring, community-led mechanisms, communication, and active participation. The COVP seeks to strengthen protection responses by fostering social cohesion and empowerment through strategic communication with refugees and host communities in Tunisia, particularly in the face of increasing xenophobia, tensions, evictions, and attacks on refugees and associated groups.



UNHCR staff visiting multiple Governorates in Tunisia to identify, train and on-board volunteers from the Tunisian Scouts.