Over the past four decades, the American people, through USAID, have been partnering with the people of the Middle East to help young men and women gain marketable skills in areas such as technology, business, healthcare, agriculture and education.

**THE CHALLENGE**

Unemployment is a major problem for young people throughout the Middle East region. Rates of unemployment of 15-24 year-olds:

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Source: ILO Key Indicators of the Labor Market 2015

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**EDUCATION**

- **Lebanon**
  - Provided full scholarships to 600+ students.

- **Jordan**
  - Built or expanded 120+ schools and renovated 500 kindergarten classrooms.

- **Egypt**
  - Trained 80,000 teachers on reading comprehension, that impacted 4.5 million 1-3 grade students.

- **West Bank and Gaza**
  - Built or renovated 5,500+ classrooms, benefitting 500,000+ students. Added 375 computer and science labs, as well as 290 libraries in girl's schools.

- **Morocco**
  - Spent $17+ million in training 37K+ education professionals.

**TRAINING & SKILLS**

- **Egypt**
  - Facilitated 29K internships for agriculture students, created over 15K agriculture jobs.

- **Lebanon**
  - Provided job training, business development and microfinance lending to 15K+ women.

- **Morocco**
  - Improved the lives of 12K+ at-risk youth with skills training, academic support, extracurricular activities and community engagement.

- **Jordan**
  - Provided 20K+ hours of training in a variety of sectors including tourism, energy, and workforce development.

**INNOVATION & INVESTMENT**

- **Lebanon**
  - Provided ~15K loans to microenterprises and individuals, creating 3K new jobs.

- **Egypt**
  - Created short-term employment during the post-2011 tourism downturn for 1,000 workers to preserve three historical sites in Luxor.

- **Morocco**
  - Supported 5,737 first graders to participate in the experimental phase of the new reading approach in 90 schools.

- **West Bank and Gaza**
  - Created more than 4K temporary jobs for some 470K days of employment.

- **Jordan**
  - Facilitated $72+ million in loans to 316+ small and medium-sized enterprises.