TUNISIA: DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

TUNISIA ACCOUNTABILITY, DECENTRALIZATION AND EFFECTIVE MUNICIPALITIES PROJECT (TADAEEM)

The 2011 revolution was a powerful expression of Tunisians’ desire to have their voice heard in the economic and political life of their country. Following the 2011 Revolution, the Government of Tunisia embarked on a series of efforts to improve the quality of governance, advance administrative reforms, fight corruption, increase social inclusion, and reduce regional disparities. USAID Tunisia supports these efforts through economic and governance assistance programs that promote both economic participation and democratic consolidation.

The Tunisia Accountability, Decentralization, and Effective Municipalities (TADAEEM or “Consolidation”) Project supports the principle that an effective government that fosters collaboration between institutions and citizens will contribute to a more democratic and inclusive society. TADAEEM works with Government of Tunisia officials and other partners – especially at the local and regional levels – to help in developing more effective ways to provide public services, ensuring that essential amenities are provided in an inclusive, efficient and accountable manner.

- Implementing Partner: Deloitte
- Key Government of Tunisia Partners: The Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment, 11 Tunisian Governorates, and 31 Tunisian municipalities
- Duration: 2016-2021
- USAID Investment: $49.6 million
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Improved citizen participation in and oversight of key government functions.
- Improved municipal service delivery performance.
- Improved regional and national coordination and service delivery.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Increase the number of citizens and civil society organizations involved in public sector planning and decision-making processes related to service delivery.
- Build institutional capacity of newly-elected municipal governments to better fulfill their expanding mandates and deliver services to their citizens.
- Improve municipal service delivery performance in areas such as paving, solid waste collection and maintaining green spaces.
- Strengthen linkages between local, regional and national level government entities to better coordinate regional and national level service delivery.
- Enable Tunisia’s long-term decentralization process.

Through these activities, TADAEM will strengthen local governments to effectively address citizen needs while empowering Tunisian citizens and community groups to engage more effectively with their representatives. By strengthening both sides of this basic social contract, TADAEM will promote more accountable and inclusive governance and enable the Government of Tunisia’s long-term decentralization process.

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