

PILOT ACTION « EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN IN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN DOUAR HICHER »

COORDINATING ASSOCIATION

Le chemin de la dignité (The road to dignity) (ACD)

TARGET AREA

Douar Hicher (Manouba Governorate), TUNISIA

CONTEXT

This pilot action is framed within the **project "Strengthening the capacities of actors working for gender equality"** led by the IEMed, in partnership with CAWTAR, FLDDF, FFM, RUSEMEG and the French State. It is **funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development**. The project sets up, each year, **local clusters of gender equality actors** in 7 countries, made up of associations, research and education institutions, local and regional authorities, companies, syndicates and media working in favour of gender equality in a specific territory. Each local cluster elaborates a **diagnosis of the situation** at the local level on a priority theme related to gender equality and, subsequently, defines a **project** to address the problems previously identified. Each local cluster of gender equality actors[©] is structured around an association that leads all its actions.

ACD is coordinating the Tunisian local cluster in 2017 (cycle 2) and is leading a mobilization pilot action of gender equality actors at local level consisting of consultations and carrying out a qualitative and participatory study to find out the obstacles hindering the women's participation in Douar Hicher's public and political life.

The participation of women in political and public life is one of the signs of their emancipation. However, despite the expectations of Tunisian women and in particular in the Douar Hicher delegation, the presence of women in decision-making positions remains weak. Although women represent 49.21 per cent of the population (41,384 women), their participation in political and public life is very limited and this is due to many factors, including poverty, marginalization and unemployment, which particularly affect women.

OBJECTIVE

- Identify the issues, challenges and solutions to increase the participation of women in public and political life and to promote their participation.

ACTIVITIES

- Meeting with the Municipality of Douar Hicher, the partner associations, the Center for Defense and Social Integration (governmental body), the media and the union of the Tunisian General Union of Labor.
- Collecting data and carrying out a survey to conduct a qualitative study.
- Presentation of the diagnosis to the local actors through a conference-workshop, in order to validate the results and to draw up recommendations for a better participation of women in political and public life, which will be the basis of a project which will be realized consequently.

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