

Mapping the organisations that address disability issues in North Africa

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Question

What organisations (DPOs, NGOs, multilaterals, international financial institutions, other national governments etc.) are working on addressing disability issues in North Africa?

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1. Overview

The available evidence on disability in North Africa suggests that people with disabilities are doing less well in comparison to people without disabilities because of factors including marginalisation, stigma, lack of awareness of disability prevalence, lack of comprehensive protection and enforcement of the rights of people with disabilities, and inaccessible environments, services and workplaces. In response a variety of local, national, regional and international organisations are working to improve the situation for people with disabilities across Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia, and to ensure that their rights and needs are met.

This organisational mapping of international, regional and national organisations working on disability in North Africa is based on an extensive online search effort. However, due to the restricted time of 5 days, this mapping is not exhaustive. Where possible, links to webpages, Facebook pages and email addresses and other contact details of organisations have been included.

As well as the time restriction, the search has been done mainly in English and to a lesser extent in French. No searches in Arabic were possible. This could have influenced the outcome of this organisational mapping.

The content is ordered from a multilateral level to the national level of the five countries involved: Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia, and begins with summaries of the situation for people with disabilities in the five countries.

2. Country summaries¹

Algeria

- **Prevalence:** Disability prevalence is estimated to be 5.5%, with concerns over underreporting of disability.
- **Legislation:** Algeria has ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). While Algerian law prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities it is not effectively enforced.
- **Attitudes:** People with disabilities face widespread social discrimination.
- **Education:** Few children with disabilities attend school past secondary level and most are educated in segregated rather than inclusive schools.
- **Employment:** There is a 1% quota for people with disabilities but few businesses abide by the law. People with disabilities have been paid less for doing the same work as their non-disabled colleagues.
- **Social assistance:** The government provides social assistance to people with disabilities with a disability card, runs centres supporting people with disabilities, and covers

¹ More information on the situation for people with disabilities in each of the five countries can be found in the companion paper: Rohwerder, B. (2018). *Disability in North Africa*. K4D Helpdesk Report 302. Brighton, UK: Institute of Development Studies.

expenses relating to reasonable accommodation and transportation for people with disabilities within education and vocational training facilities.

- **Infrastructure:** Many government buildings are inaccessible.
- **Political participation:** Voting centres are often inaccessible.
- **Organisations working on disability inclusion:** Disabled peoples organisations (DPOs) and national and international partners provide support to advance the rights of people with disabilities.

Egypt

- **Prevalence:** Estimates of disability prevalence range from about 12% to as low as 0.7%, although the lower figure is thought to be unrealistic due to questionable data collection methods.
- **Legislation:** Egypt has ratified the UNCRPD. While the rights of persons with disabilities are guaranteed in the constitution, laws prohibiting discriminations in various areas of life do not exist or have not been implemented.
- **Attitudes:** There is shame, stigma and prejudice around disability in Egypt preventing the full inclusion of people with disabilities.
- **Healthcare:** Health and rehabilitation services for children and adults with disabilities are lacking, of poor quality, and do not meet all their needs.
- **Education:** Children with disabilities struggle to access education, leading to high illiteracy rates (61% for males and 70% for females), and creating barriers to participation in higher education. Other barriers to education include inaccessible environments, inaccessible course material, lack of assistive technologies, and attitudinal barriers.
- **Employment:** The employment rate of people with disabilities is reported to be half that of the non-disabled population and they may face worse treatment at work. Barriers to employment include negative attitudes around disability; lack of relevant skills as a result of exclusion from education and/or professional training; and inaccessible working environments and transportation to work. There is a 5% quota for people with disabilities but it is not enforced.
- Companies have partnered with civil society organisations to employ people with disabilities, and have seen the return on the investment of time and resources is an effective, productive, and committed workforce.
- **Social assistance:** People with disabilities receive special subsidies on assistive products and services.
- **Transport:** Public buses are free to people with disabilities but are not wheelchair accessible.
- **Political participation:** The House of Representatives must include nine persons with disabilities and political representation has helped raise interest in disability issues.
- **Organisations working on disability inclusion:** DPOs and national and international organisations are working to enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities.

Libya

- **Prevalence:** Estimates of disability prevalence range from 2.9% to 14.3%. A third of disabilities were suggested to be linked to conflict related injuries.

- **Legislation:** Libya has only recently ratified the UNCRPD (13/2/18). There are provisions for “protection” of people with disabilities in the Constitutional Declaration but it does not explicitly prohibit discrimination.
- **Attitudes:** People with disabilities are subject to negative stereotypes and there is severe social stigma around mental illness.
- **Healthcare:** Service provision for people with disabilities is largely inadequate, including as a result of the conflict.
- **Education:** 54.8% of females with disabilities are illiterate compared to 28.8% of males and boys with disabilities are more likely to go to school than girls with disabilities.
- **Employment:** People with disabilities are economically disadvantaged.
- **Social assistance:** People with disabilities are entitled to pensions, entitlements and access to free treatment in the government rehabilitation centres, especially if their disabilities resulted from the 2011 conflict.
- **Infrastructure:** Few public facilities and communications are accessible.
- **Political participation:** DPOs have worked on the constitution and electoral processes.
- **Media:** People with disabilities are largely absent from media reporting but efforts have been made to train them to advocate for the equality of people with disabilities.
- **Organisations working on disability inclusion:** DPOs are demanding measures to improve the rights of persons with disabilities.

Morocco

- **Prevalence:** Estimates of disability prevalence range from 5.1% to 6.8%.
- **Legislation:** Morocco has ratified the UNCRPD. While the law goes some way to preventing discrimination against people with disabilities, it falls short in some areas and has not been effectively enforced or implemented.
- **Attitudes:** Stigma and negative perceptions are an issue for people with disabilities.
- **Age and gender:** Women with disabilities experience multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination. There are reports of abuse and abandonment of children with disabilities.
- **Healthcare:** 60% of people with disabilities struggle to access health services as a result of lack of accessible transport and health services.
- **Education:** 66.5% of people with disabilities have never been to school and most children with disabilities are in segregated special education. Barriers to education include inaccessible transport and schools, lack of teachers trained in inclusive education, and negative societal attitudes.
- **Employment:** People with disabilities were three times less likely to be employed due to discrimination against people with disabilities and few efforts to provide reasonable accommodation. There is a 7% quota for people with disabilities in public service but it has not been met.
- Lost income as a result of the exclusion of people with disabilities has been estimated to result in national-level losses of approximately 2% of the country’s GDP.
- **Poverty:** People with disabilities face a higher level and intensity of multidimensional poverty, with deprivation in employment the leading contributor to poverty. Women with disabilities were poorer than men with disabilities. Social exclusion results in a reduction in average life expectancy of 20 years for people with disabilities.
- **Social assistance:** Some aid is provided to people with disabilities. There are high levels of institutionalisation and a lack of community support services.
- **Infrastructure:** Many buildings and transport are inaccessible.

- **Political participation:** 75.5% of polling stations were not easily accessible, although efforts are being made to increase access.
- **Access to justice:** Barriers to justice include lack of accessibility and substantive procedural accommodations.
- **Organisations working on disability inclusion:** DPOs and organisations are working to promote the rights of people with disabilities.

Tunisia

- **Prevalence:** Estimates of disability prevalence range from 2.15% to 16.3%.
- **Legislation:** Tunisia has ratified the UNCRPD and the law prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities.
- **Attitudes:** Stigma and discriminatory attitudes restrict people with disabilities social participation.
- **Education:** The government provides segregated education for children with disabilities.
- **Employment:** People with disabilities were three times less likely to be employed and earned a 40% lower income than people without disabilities. There is a 2% quota for people with disabilities but it is not widely enforced.
- **Poverty:** People with disabilities face a higher level and intensity of multidimensional poverty, with deprivation in employment the leading contributor to poverty. Women with disabilities were poorer than men with disabilities. Social exclusion results in a reduction in average life expectancy of 18 years for people with disabilities.
- **Social assistance:** The government provides a disability card offering a range of benefits but people with intellectual disabilities and people with mental health conditions have limited access to the card.
- **Infrastructure:** There is quite a comprehensive accessibility strategy but more of a focus on specialised solutions than ensuring full accessibility.
- **Political participation:** People with disabilities have struggled to participate in political processes due to lack of accessibility and awareness.
- **Organisations working on disability inclusion:** Organisations are advocating for the rights and welfare of people with disabilities.

3. Multilateral organisations, specialised institutes, funds and partnerships working on disability

On the international level the following multilateral organisations and institutions work on issues related to people with disabilities. They might not all be actively involved in programmes and funding on disability in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia, but their work influences directly and indirectly policy and awareness in these countries.

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is an UN body of 18 independent experts that monitors implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the States Parties. It operates under the **UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR)**. Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt all signed the Convention and are obliged to submit regular reports to the Committee on how the rights are being implemented. After the submission of the initial report by the State Party, a participatory

process starts in which other parties, like NGOs and DPOs submit their reports and questionnaires. In the end the Committee sets out areas of improvement for implementation and provides recommendations to the States Parties and arranges follow-up procedures.

Activities and results for North Africa:

Egypt and Libya have not yet presented their initial reports to the CRDP.

Algeria:

- Initial report to the CRDP (November 2015)
(http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fDZA%2f1&Lang=en)
- End of March 2018 the CRDP hold a session in which the progress in Algeria was on the agenda.

Morocco:

- Initial report to the CRDP (September 2015)
(http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fMAR%2f1&Lang=en)
- Concluding observations by the CRDP for Moroccan government (September 2017)
(http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fMAR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en)

Tunisia:

- Initial report to the CRDP (July 2010)
(http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fTUN%2f1&Lang=en)
- Concluding observations by the CRDP for Tunisian government (May 2011)
(http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fTUN%2f1&Lang=en)

Website:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx>

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Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

Within the **UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)** houses the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SCRPD), which falls within the

Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD). SCRPD serves as a focal point on disability issues within the United Nations system. Priority issues are:

- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Disability;
- Disability, accessibility and sustainable urban development;
- Monitoring and evaluation of disability-inclusive development;
- Women and girls with disabilities;
- Disasters and emergency situations;
- Mental health and development;
- Refugees and migrants with disabilities;
- Accessible tourism for all;
- Indigenous persons with disabilities;
- Development and human rights;
- Disability and sports;
- Financing for disability-inclusive development.

SCRPD's global mission is to promote the rights and advancement of persons with disabilities within a broad mandate provided by the World Programme of Action (1982), Standard Rules (1994) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as other relevant human rights and development instruments. It is responsible for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December). The Secretariat works to:

- Support inter-governmental bodies such as the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
- Service the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- Promote the international normative framework on disability;
- Implement international norms and standards relating to disability at national, regional and international levels;
- Technical cooperation;
- Mainstream disability in the development agenda, including the SDGs and other internationally agreed development goals;
- Co-chair the United Nations Inter-agency Support Group on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (IASG).

UNDESA/DSPD also organises forums on Disability and Development to facilitate policy dialogues, exchange of expertise, good practices and solutions, innovative ideas on inclusive development, and through promoting international cooperation and partnerships.

UNDESA/DSPD forums are held in conjunction with annual sessions of the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD and also along with key regional and international conferences and meetings. (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/about-us/desa-dspd-forum-on-disability-and-development.html>)

There is a **Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility** and within the UN there are four Special Rapporteurs that work on disabilities: Special Rapporteur on

Disability of the Commission for Social Development; Special Rapporteur on the right to education; Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Website:

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UN Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

The UN Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) is a collaborative effort that brings together UN entities, governments, Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) and the broader civil society to fund initiatives with the aim to advance disability rights around the world. UNPRPD supports coalition-building and capacity-development at country level to facilitate the full implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The UN entities participating in the UNPRPD are the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The UNPRPD operates through the UNPRPD Fund, a Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) established by the participating UN organisations to generate and manage resources in support of the Partnership's work in the period 2013-2021. The goal of the Fund is to develop the capacities of national stakeholders, particularly governments and organisations of persons with disabilities, for the effective implementation of the CRPD, including through promoting disability-inclusive internationally agreed development goals. In order to achieve this goal, the UNPRPD focuses on the following enabling factors:

- Enabling legislation and policy frameworks;
- Empowering cultural norms;
- Capable and inclusive institutions;
- Access to services (mainstream and targeted);
- Access to justice;
- Application of accessibility standards to products, environments and processes;
- Access to rehabilitation and habilitation including assistive technologies;
- Adequate data and evidence.

The main donors to the partnership are: The governments of Finland, Australia, Norway and Sweden, and the Australian Agency for International Development and the DFID.

Activities and results for North Africa:

UNPRPD funded two projects in North Africa. One in Tunisia and one in Egypt.

- In Tunisia UNPRPD funded (2014) the project “The new Tunisia won’t be built without us” following the political changes. The programme’s main objective focused on the inclusion of persons with disabilities from a Human Rights perspective. It aimed at strengthening stakeholders’ capacities in advocating, respecting, and fulfilling the rights of people with disabilities as well as developing a common new national vision on Disability in Tunisia. The programme helped increase capacities of right-holders (people with disabilities and their representatives) and the duty-bearers (main institutional actors concerned with the rights of people with disabilities), in line with the CRPD on raising knowledge, improving social capital, developing political clout for individuals as well as organisations.
- In Egypt UNPRPD funded (2014) an 18 months project “Jobs and skills for persons with disabilities with a focus on ICT-based solutions” that aimed to empower people with disabilities through the use of ICT solutions, with a specific focus on the ICT and tourism sector. Capacity building of training and employment service providers facilitated people with disabilities’ employment opportunities in the labour market. The project was implemented by three partners: UNDP in Egypt, International Labour Organisation in Egypt and the Egypt-ICT Trust Fund. The project provided a baseline needs assessment study in the selected governorates, promoted the concept of entrepreneurship, empowered up to 600 people with disabilities through face to face training and e-learning solutions, raised awareness among employers of the benefits of hiring people with disabilities, capacity building for NGOs, training and employment service providers, and encouraged social innovation for enhancing the daily lives of people with disabilities.

Website:

<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/RPD00>

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United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability:

The United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability (UNVF) is administered by the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, within the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

The UNVF is a small grants fund. Priority is given to proposals seeking “seed-money” (as opposed to support for an organisation’s general budget) to be used for projects involving catalytic and innovative actions and projects whose successes can be further replicated in other areas.

- It promotes greater awareness of the CRPD and disability issues;
- Support the implementation of the CRPD, including through the mainstreaming of disability in regional, national or local development agenda;

- Build capacity of stakeholders to improve livelihood and well-being of persons with disabilities in developing countries through implementation of the CRPD (stakeholders include organisations of persons with disabilities, their networks, other civil society organizations, Governments, private sector organizations, international development donors, etc.);
- Relationship to national development strategies, policies and programmes, and the CRPD.

The Fund also fosters exchange of knowledge and experience, as well as dissemination of inclusive and accessible policies and practices. Other considerations include multi-stakeholder partnerships and multiple donors, gender inclusive, new and emerging disability issues, and replicability in other developing countries.

Activities and results for North Africa:

The Fund had not been used for specific country projects or programmes in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco or Tunisia. On a regional level it supported the first phase of the Arab Decade of Persons with Disabilities in 2004. It also promoted Human Rights of Women with Disabilities in the Arab region in support of the UN Disability Convention process in 2005, which was also promoted by the Fund on the inter-regional level to give voice to Persons with Disabilities in the development of a Convention concerning their Human Rights (2005).

Website:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/about-us/united-nations-voluntary-fund-on-disability.html>

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Inter-Agency Support Group (IASG) for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

At its 12th session in September 2006, the United Nations Chief Executives Board took the decision to establish an Inter-Agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The group is tasked with promoting compliance with the Principles of the Convention and increasing the scale and effectiveness of the United Nations' involvement in disability issues.

The General Assembly urged the United Nations system to make a concerted effort to integrate disability into its work and encouraged the IASG to continue working to ensure that development programmes, including internationally agreed development goals, policies, processes and mechanisms, are inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities.

IASG has an annual meeting where all UN programmes, bodies and funds, specialised agencies and the UN Secretariat come together to share information and discuss progress on the issue of disability. IASG's co-chair are UNDESA and OHCHR.

Website:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/about-us/inter-agency-support-group-for-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities.html>

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United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF):

UNICEF has a long history of working with children with disabilities. It advocates for mainstreaming approaches aimed at including children with and without disabilities together in equally supportive environments. UNICEF incorporates attention to their issues across the life cycle, including early intervention, family and community support. UNICEF strives to take into account the rights and needs of children and women with disabilities in both segregated and inclusive contexts by ensuring programmes are gender, age, and child-sensitive and take into consideration, their disability-specific needs and capacities.

UNICEF is also working in humanitarian situations and in refugee crises. It is committed to strengthening inclusive humanitarian action which is informed by and grounded in key principles and programming approaches of gender equality, human rights, humanitarian principles and participation. This means that emergency preparedness and response, including early recovery activities, promote and protect the rights of children with disabilities, as well as their families, to survive and to live with dignity, while benefiting the population as a whole.

Activities and results for North Africa:

UNICEF has a regional office in the Middle East and North Africa region located in Jordan. It has country offices in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.

- Morocco: The Country Office supported the Ministry of Health to screen in 2016 4,664 children in the Grand Casablanca region for congenital hypothyroidism and deafness. The Regional Academy of Education of Souss-Massa developed an inclusive education strategy, focusing on children with disabilities. The Country Office advocacy contributed to the development of an inclusive primary education model and a pilot secondary education model for children with disabilities, the latter reaching 739 teachers and 9,200 children across seven provinces. The first-phase evaluation shows a positive impact on perceptions about inclusive education within mainstream schools. The Country Office advocated for government funding to improve accessibility, including through specialised transport to school. A sub-regional evaluation on children with disabilities primary to secondary school transition and secondary completion was finalised, building the evidence base towards a national action plan. The Country Office helped develop minimum standards on alternative care. Major results comprise the inclusion of children with disabilities in national Education Management Information System (EMIS) and allowing for differentiation of pedagogical approaches in teacher training system. First phase of an evaluation found that the program has had a significant impact on learning practices and perceptions. The Country Office also used data on violence and disability to advocate for changes in regional policies.

- **Algeria:** With the NGO Handicap International, the Country Office conducted a survey on children with disabilities in Sahrawi refugee camp. It built the capacity of teachers to provide inclusive education in nine specialised centres. A new national early childhood development policy is being developed to improve services for children with disabilities. Algeria's new constitution calls for equity and special protection for abandoned children and those with disabilities. The Country Office contributed to the development of the child protection code, which emphasises the best interests of the child and the rights of children with disabilities. The country office also focuses on improving quality standards for children living in institutions of which 25% are currently children with disabilities. Country Office also works with the Ministry of Welfare and Handicap International to strengthen the effective management and pedagogical practices of centres catering to children with intellectual disabilities. The Country Office hopes that the approach may become part of a new model for child care for children with disabilities in Algeria.
- **Tunisia:** The Country Office provided technical support for a new national early childhood development strategy and communication materials for educators on inclusion of children with disabilities. Collaboration between public and private sectors actors, including civil society, has improved the early childhood development system, including the capacity of service providers. The Country Office contributed to improving equitable access to early childhood services and inclusive quality education for all children in mainstream schools, including children with disabilities. The rights of children with disabilities has been introduced in several components of the 2015-2019 programme of cooperation between UNICEF and the government. Efforts to enhance inclusive education for children with disabilities in regular schools has continued and is also being advocated for by UNICEF in pre-schools. A new child protection component also includes a focus on children with disabilities as does the working group on disability statistics. See UNICEF Annual Report Tunisia (https://www.unicef.org/about/annualreport/files/Tunisia_2016_COAR.pdf)
- **Libya:** More than 8,900 children in Benghazi, including 150 with disabilities, and 654 children in five marginalised cities in the south attended catch-up and remedial classes in safe learning spaces. School design considered the needs of children with disabilities, including through accessible WASH facilities. Construction of WASH facilities for 17,000 displaced families involved people with disabilities to ensure equitable access.
- **Egypt:** In 2016 the Country Office supported 1,326 children with disabilities to enroll in mainstream public schools. Schools received resources to improve inclusive teaching and create positive learning environments. 841 teachers, social workers and Ministry of Education staff were trained to diagnose disabilities and promote child-centred learning approaches, to detect special needs or developmental problems early and allow timely and appropriate responses by schools. The Country Office plans to support 2,923 refugee children across 16 public schools in Damietta and Alexandria by expanding inclusive education for Syrian and Egyptian children with disabilities. A referral and placement scheme linked 160 young people, including those with intellectual disabilities, with work opportunities. Technical assistance was also provided for the development of two teacher manuals. The Ministry of Education has agreed to pilot these guidelines and then ensure their national dissemination. Inclusive education is also being promoted for Syrian refugee children in 16 government schools with largest number of refugees. Life skills and vocational training is being provided to adolescents with intellectual disabilities.

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UNESCO:

UNESCO encourages the development and implementation of inclusive education policies, programmes and practices to ensure equal education opportunities for persons with disabilities. It promotes effective practices and knowledge sharing through various platforms, such as the "Inclusive education in action: Empowering teachers, empowering learners" website, developed in cooperation with the European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education and the online Knowledge Community on "Building Inclusive Societies for Persons with Disabilities".

UNESCO also supports countries in their efforts towards the inclusion of children with diverse learning challenges and children with disabilities in education through the development of guidelines and tools, teacher training and the use of ICTs in education. Advocacy and awareness raising are another area of UNESCO's actions to ensure the fulfilment of the right to education for persons with disabilities. UNESCO is committed to promoting inclusive quality education through the following approaches:

- Reviewing and monitoring education policies in selected countries to ensure the inclusion of disadvantaged children in quality basic education;
- Training education officials to promote improvement and implementation of education policies on inclusive quality education;
- Analysing and disseminating good practices on inclusive quality.

Activities and results for North Africa:

In 2015, UNESCO joined partners at the International Conference on ICT and Accessibility (ICTA-2015) in advocating for access to information for persons with disabilities in the Middle East and North Africa Region (MENA). Held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 21 to 23 December 2015, the conference was co-organised by the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), with support from the ENSIAS College of Engineering of Morocco, the Mohammed V University of Rabat, the University of Tunis, the Tunisian association of E-accessibility, and UNESCO.

Websites:
<https://en.unesco.org/themes/inclusion-in-education/disabilities>
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International Labour Organisation (ILO):

The ILO has a longstanding commitment to promoting social justice and achieving decent work for people with disabilities. It takes a twin-track approach to disability inclusion. One track allows for disability-specific programmes or initiatives aimed at overcoming particular disadvantages or barriers, while the other track seeks to ensure the inclusion of disabled persons in mainstream services and activities, such as skills training, employment promotion, social protection schemes and poverty reduction strategies. ILO efforts to include people with disabilities also cover the full spectrum of its activities, including its internal practices and partnerships with other UN agencies, as outlined in the ILO Disability Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan 2014-17.

It works together with trade unions and workers' associations, for example through ILO's Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) in promoting the rights of workers with disabilities. ILO also works with local institutions for better statistical data and monitoring tools for inclusive labour market interventions. It publishes several reports a year specifically focussing on the theme Disability and Work. The ILO created the Global Business and Disability Network that serves as a platform for companies for peer-to-peer support on disability inclusion policies and practices. Furthermore, it promotes social protection schemes that are made inclusive of people with disabilities and provide incentives for persons with disabilities to enter and stay in the labour market.

Activities and results for North Africa:

The ILO operates offices in North Africa in Cairo and Algiers. For example, the ILO partnered in the New Tunisia programme of UNPDPR in 2013 and 2014 with the aim to increase the % of young boys and girls 15-29 with disabilities to access university, vocational training and employment. In Egypt it was involved in the UNPRPD project (2014-2017) Jobs and Skills for Persons with Disability with a Focus on ICT-based solution. In the Maghreb region the ILO also partnered with the Union of Algerian Workers (UGTA) to organise several workshops on inclusion for decent work on 23-25 January 2017. Access to decent work for disabled people is an integral part of ILO's work and a focus point in the Decent Work agenda. In July 2017 the new Decent Work Country Programme for Tunisia signed by the ILO, the Tunisian Government and social partners including issues of disability.

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World Health Organisation Disability and Rehabilitation Team:

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has a Disability and Rehabilitation Team (DAR), which is situated within the Department of Injuries and Violence Prevention in the Cluster of Non-communicable Diseases and Mental Health. DAR works to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities through national, regional and global efforts to:

- raise awareness about the magnitude and consequences of disability;
- facilitate collection, conduct analysis and dissemination of disability-related data and information;
- support, promote and strengthen health and rehabilitation services for people with disabilities and their families;
- promote community-based rehabilitation (CBR);
- promote development, production, distribution and servicing of assistive devices and technologies;
- support development, implementation, measuring and monitoring of policies to improve the rights and opportunities for people with disabilities;
- build capacity among health and rehabilitation policy-makers and service providers;
- foster multi-sectoral networks and partnerships.

The WHO also published its global disability action plan 2014-2021 to achieve health and well-being and human rights for people with disabilities. The action plan was endorsed by WHO Member States and calls for them to (<http://www.who.int/disabilities/actionplan/en/>):

- remove barriers and improve access to health services and programmes;
- strengthen and extend rehabilitation, assistive devices and support services, and community-based rehabilitation;
- enhance collection of relevant and internationally comparable data on disability, and research on disability and related services.

Activities and results for North Africa:

The WHO country office in Algeria is part of the WHO African Region office. The WHO country offices of Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt are all part of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean office based in Cairo, Egypt.

Disability and Rehabilitation is one of the core working topics in the region. Prevention of disability, for example severe injuries related to traffic accidents, is currently high on the agenda of the Eastern Mediterranean office. For example, WHO supports the Egyptian Government in the reduction of key risks including speeding, drinking and driving, increasing seat-belt use and increasing child restraints.

Websites:
<http://www.who.int/disabilities/en/>

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World Bank Group:

The World Bank integrates disability into development through its analytical work, data, and good-practice policies. The Bank also integrates disability issues into its operations across a wide range of sectors, including promoting access to infrastructure facilities and social services, rehabilitation, skills development, creating economic opportunities, and working with disabled people's organisations, focusing on the most vulnerable among people with disabilities, such as women and children, and influencing policies and institutional development.

The World Bank Group (WBG) appointed a Disability Advisor in December 2014, and is preparing a new disability-inclusion and accountability framework for mainstreaming disability across WBG projects and practices. The World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) includes a strong provision designed to make sure that the interests of persons with disabilities are protected and included, requiring the borrower to look specifically at disability as part of any social assessments. It encourages them to undertake reasonable accommodation measures to adapt the workplace to include workers with disabilities, as well as to provide all information in accessible formats. Furthermore, the new ESF also requires borrowers to undertake meaningful consultations with stakeholders to learn their views on project risks, impacts, and mitigation measures.

In its publications the World Bank includes disabled people. In collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO), the World Bank published the World Report on Disability in 2011. Furthermore, the World Bank produces independent empirical studies on poverty and disability in developing countries, disability and education, and disability and labour markets (e.g., Disability and Poverty in Developing Countries: A Snapshot from the World Health Survey). The 2016 World Development Report: Digital Dividends underlined the importance of ensuring that information and communication technologies (ICTs) are accessible for persons with disabilities.

Activities and results for North Africa:

In Egypt, the Cairo Airport Terminal 2 Rehabilitation Project supported improved accessibility measures, some of which were included in the final project design. Today, the new airport is disability friendly.

As part of a Development Policy Loan, the Bank helped the government of Morocco elaborate an action plan on accessibility and urban transport with a specific focus on identifying priority interventions in select major cities, and review the construction code to promote accessibility. A national workshop was conducted to engage policy and decision makers at the ministerial level, and the recommendations of the national plan are now being integrated into transport projects and interventions.

The World Bank also published in June 2016 a study on income support and social insurance in the Middle East and North Africa.

(<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/547561472616001476/Income-support-for-persons-with-disabilities-in-Middle-East-and-North-Africa-MENA-social-insurance-and-beyond>)

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4. Bilateral and inter-lateral cooperation on disability in North Africa

Individual countries have established cooperation programmes and partnerships with local organisations as NGOs and DPOs in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia. Mentioned are the major donor countries with a focus on disability in North Africa.

United Kingdom:

DFID/UKAID

DFID runs a Disability team and will start in 2018 the Disability Inclusive Development (DID) Programme, which will deliver a set of interventions to support people with disabilities in a number of developing countries. The programme will deliver tangible outcomes for people with disabilities including access to education, jobs, healthcare and reduced stigma and discrimination, and encourage global actors to prioritise the issue. The programme will test innovative approaches to disability inclusion and generate high quality research to fill gaps and discover what works. Interventions that work will be scaled up, widening their reach, and new learning and evidence shared across the global development community and national governments. A Disability Policy Marker has now been put in place internally within DFID, which means that it is mandatory for all DFID programmes to reported on the percentage of the budget that is allocated to including people with disabilities (there is no information on this on the DFID website yet, they are planning to put something up after the election). Finally the Business Cases for all DFID funding now have to say how they are planning to include disabled people and if not, why not.

British Council:

The British Council work in the Middle East and North Africa is currently delivered in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Morocco, Tunisia and Libya while it was previously delivered in Algeria, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Yemen and Iraq.

In its Active Citizens programme the Council predominantly works in North Africa with marginalised communities including Women, refugees and hosting communities and people with disability. For example, it works with Deaf Communities to integrate them as active community members in their societies.

Activities and results for North Africa:

The British council has supported, hosted and organised initiatives/events related to the topic of educational inclusion of people with disabilities in the region. For example, British Council and Hornby Educational Trust launched an initiative to explore ways of supporting learners with Special Educational Needs (SEN) by hosting a Maghreb-wide training workshop and networking event in 2017. Delegations of top-level ministerial directors and leaders of national teaching and educational associations from Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Libya are participating in the first Hornby Regional Maghreb Summer School in Algiers. In their positions as decision-makers, the participants would support positive change and systemic reform in the area of Special Educational Needs in their respective Maghreb countries.

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Expertise France

Expertise France is a public agency of international technical cooperation created in 2014 working under the supervision of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and economic and financial ministries. It is very active in North Africa and work includes disability issues in the region. For example, in 2017 a two years project started funded by Expertise France in Algeria to support for capacity building of the Ministry of National Solidarity, Family and Women's Affairs in its global strategy to promote the integration of people with disabilities into the workplace. It also has funded some projects of Handicap International in the region.

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Agence Française de Développement (France Aid Agency)

AFD established La Mission Handicap, on which it is committed to the professional integration of people with disabilities, reinforced its commitment by signing an agreement for the employment of people with disabilities for direct and indirect employment. It works on several development projects on employability of people with disabilities and inclusive education for children with disabilities. It has a longstanding relation with Handicap International to work on disability issues in North Africa.

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France-Algeria Cooperation

As part of Algerian-French cooperation, the Maison du XXIe siècle in Paris is working with specialised establishments in Algeria to update and adapt the methods used to care for persons with pervasive developmental disorders.

Decentralised French regions

In France many regions have their own cooperation projects with regions in developing countries. Following the implementation of decentralised cooperation between the Adrar region in Algeria and the General Council of the Gironde, France, the two entities launched a cooperation project for improving the care of children with disabilities in the region. Also the Région Rhône-Alpes-Auvergne supported various projects of Handicap International in the North African countries.

Finland:

The **Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs** is one of the frontrunners on disability and development. It host several international meetings. Together with the Abilis Foundation it co-hosted the **Global Action on Disability (GLAD) Network** meeting from 31 January to 2 February 2018. More than 90 important international partners and donors engaged in development cooperation and humanitarian aid gathered in Helsinki.

Finland's thematic focus on its UNHCR funding is on people with disabilities. The country is contributing with multi-year funding to strengthen protection of people with various disabilities and impairments in refugee contexts, thereby reaching some of the most marginalised and vulnerable people worldwide. For example in Algeria (<http://www.unhcr.org/neu/government-donors/finnish-government>).

Website:

<http://formin.finland.fi/public/default.aspx?culture=en-US&contentlan=2>

Sweden

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) works with a Human Rights based approach on issues regarding people with disabilities. It is active in North Africa also on the issue of disability, related to human rights, inclusive development and education. It published its regional guidance notes on the human rights for people with disabilities in the Middle East and North Africa region (<https://www.sida.se/globalassets/sida/eng/partners/human-rights-based-approach/disability/rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-mena.pdf>).

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Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has a Thematic Guideline on Assistance for Persons with Disabilities. Its focus is on empowering and mainstreaming. It organises worldwide Disability Equality Trainings and includes people with disabilities in social protection programmes. It is active in North Africa, for example it supports empowerment projects for rural women with disabilities in Morocco within its overall gender and development programme. JICA has an office in Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

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USA:

USAID

USAID uses a twin tracked approach: supporting disability-specific programmes to address targeted needs, and seeking to integrate disability into all USAID programmes. USAID is working across several fields to further the human rights of people with disabilities including:

- Education
- Inclusion in political processes
- Economic empowerment
- Job training
- Improving design of health and emergency services

Across these fields, the programmes seek to:

- Improve the quality and accessibility of education for students with disabilities through the promotion of sign language, Braille, assistive technology and other inclusive education practices.
- Increase the participation of people with disabilities in political processes through national awareness campaigns, use of accessible polling stations and voter materials and open exchange between disability communities and politicians to rewrite election laws to be more inclusive and compliant with the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.
- Strengthen organisations run by and for people with disabilities to advocate on their own behalf, design and implement development programme and access direct funding.

- Support the economic independence of women with disabilities through microcredit programmes that provide seed grants to women to invest in their families and start new businesses.
- Integrate youth and adults with disabilities into the competitive workforce by facilitating job training, internship opportunities and educating employers on best practices for hiring people with disabilities.
- Ensure community health care providers and disaster response experts include people with disabilities in their programmes by employing the principles of universal design.

Activities and results for North Africa:

USAID is very active in the region, except from Algeria. For example in Tunisia disability issues (inclusive development) and people with disabilities are specifically mentioned in the Tunisia Country Cooperation Strategy Programme (2016)

(https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1870/Tunisia_September_2021.pdf)

In Morocco USAID supports the Career Centre: On December 7th 2017, the Career Centre of the Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakech dedicated an event to the employability of youth with disabilities. This topic is a major focus of Career Centre, which has adopted an inclusive approach to youth employability.

Website:

<https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/democracy-human-rights-and-governance/protecting-human-rights/disability>

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US-Middle East Partnership Initiative:

The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) fosters effective partnerships between citizens, civil society, the private sector, and governments in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to resolve local challenges and promote shared interests in the areas of participatory governance and economic opportunity and reform. It funds projects in the region, also related to people with disabilities.

For example, it funded several projects of Handicap International in North Africa. MEPI funded the Leadership and Empowerment Project for Action on Disability (LEAD), implemented in partnership by the Tunisian Organisation for the Defence of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OTDDPH) and Handicap International MEPI.

Website:
<https://mepi.state.gov/>

Australia:

Australia is internationally recognised as a leading donor in disability-inclusive development, for the United Nations Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD), UNICEF Partnership on Disability, supporting the institutional capacity of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics, World Health Organization (WHO) Partnership to Enhance the Lives of Persons with Disabilities, and as main funder for the Disability Right Advocacy Fund. **Australia Aid**, as part of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, has a Disability Inclusive Development Strategy 2015-2020. It is Co-Chair and member of the GLAD network. Australia Aid is not active in North Africa.

Website:
<http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/development-issues/disability-inclusive-development/Pages/disability-inclusive-development.aspx>

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Canada:

Canada supports the rights of persons with disabilities through its interactions with other countries, through advocacy in multilateral forums, and through international development assistance programming. Canada is an active supporter of resolutions relating to disability rights, including at the: United Nations General Assembly, UN Human Rights Council, World Health Organisation.

Website:

http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/index.aspx?lang=eng

Germany:

Since 2006 Germany emphasises the importance of taking into consideration the interests of persons with disabilities in connection with poverty reduction and achievement of the SDGs. Projects on disability issues are integrated within inclusive labour markets, social protection systems, education systems and inclusive health care systems.

The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) published its action plan in 2013 "Action Plan for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (2013–2015)". That plan has now been extended for another two years, taking it up to 2017. Its purpose was to lay the foundations, over this timeframe, for mainstreaming the interests of persons with disabilities in development cooperation. In 2018 the action plan will be evaluated. As well as cooperating bilaterally with individual countries, the BMZ is also joining forces internationally with others to campaign for more inclusion. It is, for example, actively engaged in the Global Action on Disability (GLAD) network and is also on its steering committee.

In the MENA region Germany has bilateral cooperation with Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt. One of the focus areas is on inclusive education and labour markets including for people with disabilities.

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European Union:

Part of the **European Union External Action**, the EU have delegations of the European Union to Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia. Cooperation is based on an Association Agreement signed as part of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (2005). Social-economic inclusion, vocational training and education, rights for people with disabilities is part of the cooperation agenda.

The **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)** programme supports civil society in its actions to support the protection and the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide. One of the key objectives of this programme is promoting and supporting the rights of persons with disabilities to promote and support the ratification, effective implementation and monitoring of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol, to foster partnerships between human rights civil society organisations and disabled peoples' organisations and/or civil society organisations working for persons with disabilities in order to integrate disability within their wider human rights work. (https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/33288/european-instrument-democracy-and-human-rights-eidhr-2017-global-call-proposals_en)

European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (European Commission), has announced new measures to tailor EU humanitarian aid to people with disabilities caught up in crisis situations. From now on EU-funded projects will cover the needs of people with disabilities

in a more structured way. In particular in Libya services are provided to vulnerable people with injuries and/or disabilities, while home-based care is available for extremely vulnerable disabled people. (https://ec.europa.eu/echo/where/africa/libya_en)

Activities and results for North Africa:

As part of the Programme to support the implementation of the Association Agreement between Algeria and the European Union (P3A), a new project of Institutional Twinning, for the benefit of the **Ministry of National Solidarity of the Family and the Status of Women** entitled "Supporting the Capacity Building of the Ministry of National Solidarity of the Family and the Status of Women in its Global Strategy to Promote the Inclusion of People with Disabilities in the Workplace", was launched between Algeria and France. Financed for € 1,200,000 by the European Union (EU) and managed by the Ministry of Commerce through the P3A Programme Management Unit (UGP3A), this twinning is part of the implementation of the Association Agreement. It thus participates in strengthening the capacities of the Ministry of National Solidarity, the Family of the Status of Women in the development and implementation of the mechanisms for the integration of People with Disabilities in the workplace. It is implemented by the Ministry of National Solidarity, Family and the Status of Women and France - through the Ministry of Labour, Employment, Vocational training and social dialogue. Launched for a period of 24 months, it will allow to provide, on the one hand, technical support in the promotion of the right to work of Persons with Disabilities and, on the other hand, a step forward in the respect in their right to live in dignity, like their fellow citizens. This twinning is also an opportunity to innovate on a practical level, notably by introducing the simultaneous support of the Person in Disability and his employer.

The European Union (EU) and partners launched "Taghyeer: Towards a Practical Change in the Rights of Youth and Women with Disabilities in Egypt" project that seeks to enhance the inclusiveness of Persons with Disabilities in Egypt. The EU has allocated a grant of 279,000 Euros for this project to empower the DPOs and young people with disabilities to undertake a prominent role in civil society and policy making strategies. This EU-funded project seeks to empower and effectively promote People with Disabilities of Greater Cairo especially youth and women. The project is implemented by **Handicap International** and **Nahdet Al-Mahrousa Association**. The project further endeavours to empower DPOs and policy making strategies.

The European Union also partnered with the **Moroccan Association for Support to People with Down Syndrome (AMSAT)** to create the training restaurant and the setting up of a vocational training curriculum focused on the food sector to promote the situation of young people with Down's syndrome. 36 young people are being trained.

Website:

<https://eeas.europa.eu/>

5. International NGOs, DPOs, Funds, partnerships and networks working on disability related to North Africa

At the international level international bodies of organisations (e.g. international federations, world unions, global partnerships) and international NGOs fund or work for and/or represent people with disabilities around the world, including in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.

Global Action on Disability:

The members of the Global Action on Disability (GLAD) network are international stakeholders (bilateral and multilateral donors and agencies, the private sector, foundations and others) contributing resources to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in international development and humanitarian action. Resources are primarily financial, but may also include technical expertise, provided internationally, either directly or through a partnership, to support disability inclusion in developing countries.

It works in several working groups and regional groups. The GLAD is hosted by the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and funded by Australian Aid.

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International Disability and Development Consortium:

The International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) is a global consortium of disability and development NGOs and DPOs supporting disability and development work in more than 100 countries around the world.

The aim of IDDC is to promote inclusive development internationally, with a special focus on promoting the full and effective enjoyment of human rights by all persons with disabilities living in economically poor communities in lower and middle-income countries.

Its main objectives are:

- To promote the inclusion of the disability dimension, as well as appropriate disability-specific approaches, in all development policy and practice;
- To improve the practice of the member organisations by collaborating and sharing experience about policy and practice;
- To support the exchange of information and knowledge about inclusive development, especially between people and organisations in economically poorer countries, by the wide distribution of information.

Several of the consortium members work in North Africa.

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Disabled Peoples' International:

Disabled Peoples' International (DPI) is the world federation of national organisations or assemblies of disabled people, established to promote human rights of disabled people through full participation, equalisation of opportunity and development. It has national assemblies in Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

The goals of DPI are to:

- Promote the human rights of disabled persons;
- Promote economic and social integration of disabled persons;
- Develop and support organizations of disabled persons.

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International Disability Alliance:

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) brings together over 1,100 organisations of persons with disabilities and their families from across eight global and six regional networks. With member organisations around the world, IDA represents the estimated one billion people worldwide living with disabilities.

Within the alliance they promote the rights of persons with disabilities across the United Nations' efforts to advance human rights and sustainable development. IDA supports organisations of persons with disabilities to hold their governments to account and advocate for change locally, nationally and internationally. Through the international representation, links are being made and collaborations encouraged at a country level.

An example is the development of guidelines for NGOs to prepare parallel reports through the CRPD monitoring process. Initiatives such as the development of this guideline document provide a means for NGOs to encourage its national members to work in collaboration with disability group in their countries.

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Global Campaign for Education:

Global Campaign for Education is a civil society movement working to end the global education crisis. One of the focus areas is to make sure that States act to deliver the right of everyone to a free, quality public education, including for people with disabilities. It raises awareness about the systematic exclusion of children with disabilities from education. And it runs the Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF) is a unique and ambitious global programme that supports citizen engagement in education sector policy, planning, budgeting and monitoring, in Global Partnership for Education (GPE) developing countries.

The Campaign is active in Egypt and Morocco, with the Afro-Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights in Cairo and Moroccan Coalition of Education for All working on the campaigns including the inclusion of children with disability.

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Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI):

DRPI establishes a Monitoring System to address disability discrimination globally. Numerous DRPI initiatives have been undertaken in North Africa. This international network of researchers is hosted by York University, Toronto, Canada.

DRPI's donors are the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), The International Development Research Centre (IDRC), The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) in Canada.

Activities and results in North Africa:

DRPI worked together with Handicap International, the **Collectif pour la Promotion des Droits des Personnes en Situation de Handicap au Maroc**, the **Organisation Tunisienne de Défense des Droits des Personnes Handicapées** and members of several local disabled persons' organisations in Bejaia, Algeria on a training seminar that kick-started a research study on the social protection of persons with disabilities in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia (2015-2016).

It also has worked on new disability rights monitoring studies in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

In Algeria DRPI with partners the **Fédération Algérienne des Personnes Handicapées** and **Handicap International** published a study that recommended a national disability strategy to be implemented in Algeria to facilitate the social inclusion of people with disabilities (2014).

DRPI also contributed to a study that was commissioned by **Stars of Hope Society** and sets out the findings and recommendations about the human rights situation of women and girls with disabilities in Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Sudan and Yemen.

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World Federation of the Deaf (WFD):

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is an international NGO representing approximately 70 million persons who are deaf worldwide. The WFD is recognised by the United Nations (UN) as the spokes-organisation of deaf people. It works closely with the UN and its various agencies in promoting the human rights of persons who are deaf in accordance with the principles and objectives of the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other general acts and recommendations of the UN and its specialised agencies.

Activities and results in North Africa:

WFD runs the Human Rights Project in the Maghreb region to meet the pressing need of reducing inequality and overcoming causes of exclusion faced by the deaf communities in the five target countries: Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia. The aim of this project is to mainstream Human Rights of deaf people in the target countries in all areas including the local disability plans and policies. It does this by organising training sessions for the selected 20 deaf leaders and seminars for deaf communities in Morocco and Tunisia with invitations to other stakeholders. The Human Rights Project in the Maghreb is funded by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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World Blind Union (WBU):

The World Blind Union (WBU) is an NGO, representing over 160 million blind and partially sighted persons in 177 member countries. It is the internationally recognised organisation speaking on behalf of blind and partially sighted persons at the international level. It brings

together major organisations of blind persons and those providing services and programmes to them from around the world.

WBU's donors are Vision Australia, CNIB, SightSavers, ONCE Foundation, CBM.

Website:

<http://www.worldblindunion.org>

Address:

World Blind Union Head Office

1929 Bayview Avenue

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Canada M4G3E8

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Inclusion International:

Inclusion International is an international network of people with intellectual disabilities and their families worldwide. On the global level they partner with several organisations, like the NGO Committee for UNICEF, within the World Health Organisation, ILO and the International Disability Alliance. It gives self-advocacy workshops for disabled people.

Inclusion International is active in North Africa, which is part of the Middle East (MENA) region and has its own self-advocacy representative for the region. Inclusion International has active members in Egypt and Tunisia.

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www.inclusion-international.org

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International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness:

The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) is an alliance of civil society organisations, corporate and professional bodies promoting eye health through advocacy, knowledge and partnerships. IAPB's mission is to eliminate the main causes of avoidable blindness and visual impairment by bringing together governments and non-governmental agencies to facilitate the planning, development and implementation of sustainable national eye care programs. IAPB promotes VISION 2020, its joint initiative with the World Health Organisation.

Algeria is member in the African Region office and the Eastern Mediterranean Region office includes: Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt.

The Eastern Mediterranean Region office activities and its staff are seconded by **IMPACT-EMR**, a regional NGO that has been sponsoring many regional programmes in prevention of blindness and all IAPB-EMR activities. IAPB-EMR organises annual workshops for national coordinators on strengthening eye care in the region, in collaboration with **WHO-EMR**. It also provides technical support in eye health and the prevention of blindness to the member countries.

Algeria is part of the African region activities.

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Address:

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International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment:

The International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) is a global association of individuals and organisations that promotes equal access to appropriate education for all children and youth with visual impairment so that they may achieve their full potential.

It has the objectives to promote and assist in building of local capacity to develop curriculum, to provide training and to identify and provide equipment and materials to children and youth with visual impairments and their parents, teachers and others in their communities.

ICEVI is initiating programmes at all levels to strengthen local capacity by facilitating training for professionals, facilitating access to equipment and developing distance education courses. They are linked to individuals and organisations in the North African region.

Website:

<http://icevi.org>

Address:

Via ICEVI president Frances Gentle

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Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC)

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International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES):

IFES works together with disability experts, NGOs and associations to create guides and conduct trainings on increased political participation of persons with disabilities, targeted at NGOs, political parties and government officials.

Activities and results in North Africa:

In April 2017, the IFES trained 17 Libyan journalists on inclusive media coverage of elections and political processes from a disability rights perspective. The Disability Rights, Media, and Elections training module – a component of the Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections (BRIDGE) programme – focused on rights-based reporting of elections with the aim of building skills of participants to create inclusive media coverage of the political participation of persons with disabilities. It was funded by the United States Agency for International Development Disability Fund.

It also released a documentary that highlights successful disability rights advocacy in Libya and the “Rights Unite” campaign. The documentary – which was made possible through the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) – explores how the Election Access Working Group, which was established with the support of IFES and USAID in 2013, began as a fragmented group of disability rights advocates and flourished as a successful advocacy group.

In Egypt, the IFES and **Egypt’s National Council for Disability Affairs** hosted a conference in Cairo on April 12 and 13, 2016 on electoral access for persons with disabilities, with over 180 participants in attendance. It also organised a roundtable in Cairo, Egypt (2014) as part of the development of the Building Resources in Democracy, Governance, and Elections (BRIDGE) training programme. The session focused on identifying key issues regarding inclusion of people with disabilities in the electoral process. Participants from various DPOs in Egypt discussed ideas with IFES staff and curriculum developers.

Website:

<http://www.ifes.org/middle-east-and-north-africa>

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Institute for Disabilities Research and Training Inc:

The Institute for Disabilities Research and Training, Inc. (IDRT) is a woman-owned small business in the USA. Approximately one-third of the staff is deaf. Over the past 30 years, IDRT has created 60+ assistive technology products for the benefit of people with disabilities, their families, and service providers.

It has launched a project called “All Children Reading” designed to provide access to education for deaf children throughout Morocco. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has funded the project for three years with additional support from other organisations. It includes documentation of Moroccan Sign Language, development of assistive software, creation of an Early Grade Reading and Sign Language Assessment for young deaf children, and teacher training. The pilot phase during 2016 has targeted 200 deaf children nationwide.

Website:

www.idrt.com

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Handicap International / Humanity & Inclusion:

Handicap International / Humanity & Inclusion is an international NGO that is very active in North Africa working on various projects in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia: "Inclusive Education and Inclusive Development" regional project and the "Social and Economic Inclusion and Political Inclusion" regional project that both run in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. It also runs country programmes through its country offices focussing on: Access to employment project; Empower and support to organizations of people with disabilities; Disability Rights project (particular focus on disabled women).

Activities and results in North Africa:

In Egypt the NGO works on early detection of disabilities, empowering and supporting disabled people's organisations. It also runs a project that seeks to improve access to social services and employment opportunities for young people with disabilities in the El-Warraq area, in line with their needs and potential. This project benefits 1,500 disabled youth. Another project aims at providing vulnerable young people, especially young women and young people with disabilities, with access to inclusive leisure and recreational activities by increasing their level of participation in local development planning.

In Tunisia it runs the "Independent Living Project and Social Participation", "Professional integration project", it partners with the **Tunisian Organisation for the Advancement of the Rights of People with Disabilities (OTDDPH)** and **Federation of Tunisian Associations working in the Disability Field (FATH)** on economic inclusion of people with disabilities.

In Algeria Handicap International gives project support to the **ANIS Centre** to improve care for children with disabilities and people with neuromuscular diseases. It has several activities in the Disability Rights project. It facilitates a dialogue between the associations working in the disability field, civil society organisations, and the public authorities in order to enable inclusive public policies aimed at advancing the rights of people with disabilities to be developed, implemented, and monitored. On Inclusive Education it enhances and broadens the access of children with disabilities to the education system in Algeria.

In Libya Handicap International works to raise awareness of accidents caused by anti-personnel landmines and unexploded devices in Libya. The organisation provides basic medical assistance, including rehabilitation care for displaced people, particularly children and people with disabilities. Handicap International also supports local health and rehabilitation centres.

In Morocco Handicap International works on universal accessibility to advance the rights of people with reduced mobility Disability. It promotes and implements the rights of disabled children without families and works on capacity-building for disabled people's organisations. It is involved in Go to the vote project, which encourages people with disabilities to vote and get involved in the legislative process (e.g. support to **Enfance Handicapée Association**, **Collective to Advance the Rights of People with Disabilities** in Morocco, **Association la Colombe Blanche pour la protection des jeunes handicapés de Tétouan**).

Handicap International has many financial partners for their North Africa activities, like French Development Agency (AFD); European Union; Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Luxembourg (MAE); UNICEF; Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland.

Handicap International / Humanity & Inclusion works from eight countries: Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, United Kingdom, Canada and USA, all with their own websites.

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Caritas Internationalis:

Caritas Internationalis is a confederation of over 160 members who are working at the grassroots in almost every country of the world. Caritas Internationalis has its headquarters in Rome – coordinating emergency operations, formulating development policy and advocating for a better world for everyone. All national Caritas organisations are members of their own regional Caritas networks and the international confederation.

Caritas has a long history of working with people with disabilities in North Africa.

Activities and results in North Africa:

Caritas Egypt runs the **Caritas SETI Centre** (Support, Education, Training for Inclusion), established in 1986, that works on improving the quality of life of persons with disabilities and their families. It makes use of a family and community oriented approach, which considers the immediate environment to be the main factor for the rehabilitation and integration process for people with disabilities.

Caritas Egypt also runs the **Caritas Refugee Centre**, in which they also work for improving condition of disabled refugees.

Caritas-Egypt has been active fighting against leprosy, in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Health and the German NGO GLRA (DAHW).

Website:

<https://www.caritas.org/where-caritas-work/middle-east-and-north-africa/>

<http://caritas-egypt.org/en/>

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Save the Children:

Save the Children is an international NGO that works with and for children in developing countries. To ensure that all children can learn and are protected, Save the Children focuses on reaching the most deprived and marginalised children, who are too often excluded due to poverty, geography, gender, ethnicity or disability. It runs projects in Egypt and Libya.

Example of one of the activities in Egypt: Rehabilitation and Early Screening for Children with disabilities in Upper Egypt.

Website:

<https://egypt.savethechildren.net/>

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Cairo Office
42, Road 17 off Port Said Street
Maadi Sarayat - Cairo, Egypt.
Tel: 202-2359-3702/3704/3706

Assiut Office

74 Mecca El Mukarrama Street of el Gomhoreya st.
Assiut, Egypt
Tel: +2 08 8228 6863/4/5
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PLAN International:

PLAN International is an international NGO that works with and for children in developing countries. In North Africa it only operates in Egypt. Main focus is on health, education, protection and economic empowerment. In Egypt PLAN International also works with Syrian refugee children. Disabled children are an integral part within the projects. Some projects only focus on disabilities.

Plan International, with support from the European Commission, started implementing a project in Egypt focusing on improving the attitude of community members (both individuals and institutions) towards children with disabilities and disability issues in general, by raising awareness and creating opportunities for direct interaction between those with disabilities and the rest of the community.

Website:

<https://plan-international.org/egypt>

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E-mail: egypt.co@plan-international.org

Italian Association Amici di Raoul Follereau (AIFO):

AIFO has chosen to focus its activities in supporting leprosy affected persons and persons with disabilities through integrated development projects, with particular attention towards the poorest and vulnerable groups of persons, in a spirit of partnership. AIFO uses community-based rehabilitation; most recently influenced by the 'social model of disability'. In the North African region, it only works on several projects in Morocco.

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Christian Blind Mission International (CBM):

CBM is an international NGO with a special focus on people with disabilities. Its work includes medical services, education, and rehabilitation for people with disabilities. Wherever possible, it is the aim to provide these services within the communities through community-based Rehabilitation programmes. The focus of CBM's work is to enable local and national partners to implement services for people with disabilities, mainly for people with: Visual disabilities, Hearing disabilities, Physical disabilities, Mental disabilities, or Intellectual disabilities.

In addition, CBM runs interdisciplinary programmes, for example the vocational training and employment for persons with disabilities, as well as disaster relief, in case a project is affected. Core activities in this mandated field include the following: awareness creation and advocacy, pre-vocational training, skill and vocational training, self-employment, and mainstreaming.

In North Africa it mainly works in Egypt, but also in Morocco.

Activities and results in North Africa:

CBM partner with the **Coptic Evangelical Organisation for Social Services (CEOSS)** that provides and facilitates services for children and adults with visual impairment in Minya Governorate, Egypt. For example, a mobile wheelchair maintenance team operated by mechanics with disabilities provides services to the local communities. The mobile repair unit is well equipped to adapt and maintain and repair prosthetic devices for persons with disabilities.

Website:

<https://www.cbm.org/index.php>

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Germany
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Leonard Cheshire Disability:

Leonard Cheshire Disability is an UK based NGO and on the international level one of the leading NGOs specialised in disability. Its overseas department works in 5 regional offices. It works alongside a wide range of partners including DPOs and the private sector and through its Global Alliance partners, which are operational in 54 countries. Its Inclusive Development Centre (LCDIDC), which is based at the University College London, undertakes applied research in the field of disability and international development. LCDIDC currently is a key partner of the Global Disability Innovation hub, which provides an extensive network of knowledge and collaboration on wider inclusive employment work including developing and using technology.

In North Africa Leonard Cheshire Disability works only in Morocco, through its East & North African regional office based in Nairobi.

Website:
<https://www.leonardcheshire.org/international>

Address:
Leonard Cheshire Disability
66 South Lambeth Road
London
SW8 1RL
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Human Rights Watch:

Human Rights Watch is a global watch-dog that does research and awareness on human rights abuse. One of the priority topics is disability rights, through its disability rights division. It reports on the progress of the implementation and abuses of disability rights in North Africa.

Website:
<https://www.hrw.org/topic/disability-rights>

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OVCI La Nostra Famiglia:

OVCI promotes the development and autonomy of the people in developing countries with particular attention to integrating people with disabilities. In the North African region it only works in Morocco.

OVCI established the **Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Disabilities 'Casa Lahnina'** (house of tenderness) in Morocco - a socio-educational centre for boys with moderate and severe disabilities. It also runs the Service of Orientation for families with persons with disability. And it carries out a series of activities in the field of inclusive education.

Website:

<http://www.ovci.org>

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OVCI la Nostra Famiglia
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National Democratic Institute (NDI):

NDI supports and strengthens democratic institutions worldwide through citizen participation, openness and accountability in government. Including disabled people in democratic and political processes and to participate in elections is one of the topics this US-based NGO works on. Also in North Africa where it works in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco (field office) and Tunisia.

Website:

<https://www.ndi.org/>

Address:

National Democratic Institute
455 Massachusetts Ave, NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20001-2621
Tel: 202.728.5500

Rehabilitation International:

Rehabilitation International is a global organisation and network that empowers persons with disabilities and provides sustainable solutions toward achieving a more inclusive society for them. It works in the areas of Accessibility, Disaster Management, Rehabilitation and Habitation, Poverty Reduction, Empowerment and the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). It works with several thematic global working commissions and has representatives from geographical regions, like the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

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New York, New York 10017, USA
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Sœur Emmanuelle (Asmae):

French based NGO that works in the North African region in Egypt. It focuses its activities around children with a special focus on children with disabilities. Asmae supports community initiatives

and also supports the quality care of children with disabilities (Basmat Amal and SETI projects) as well as advocacy initiatives for the rights of these children and removing barriers to education for disabled children in Egypt.

Website:

<https://www.asmae.fr/country/egypte/>

Address:

Immeuble le Méliès
259-261 rue de Paris
93100 Montreuil
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Disability Rights Fund:

The Disability Rights Fund (DRF) is a grant-making collaborative between donors and the global disability rights community that empowers persons with disabilities to advocate for equal rights and full participation in society. It resources organisations led by persons with disabilities, primarily in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the Caribbean, that are leading efforts to secure rights for all. As a pooled fund, the Disability Rights Fund:

- Combines the resources of multiple governmental, private, and public donors;
- Enables donors to harmonise their efforts towards disability-inclusive funding;
- Reaches grassroots organizations that larger donors cannot reach;
- Facilitates feedback about donor investments in this neglected area of human rights and development;
- Demonstrates results of disability-inclusive development.

The main donors of the fund are: UKAID, Open Society Foundations, Ansara Family Fund. Until now there were no grantees from Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco or Tunisia. It had several projects in the Arab region, in particular, in Lebanon.

Website:

<http://disabilityrightsfund.org/>

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Boston, Massachusetts
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Tel: 1-617-261-4593
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Disability Rights Advocacy Fund:

The Disability Rights Advocacy Fund (DRAF) is the sister fund of the Disability Rights Fund. Its mission is to support persons with disabilities in the developing world to advance legal frameworks to realise their rights. The grants support country-level Disabled Persons' Organizations to participate in treaty ratification and implementation efforts. It also supports efforts to advance the rights of persons with disabilities at regional and cross-movement levels.

The main donor is Australian Aid. Until now there were no grantees from Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco or Tunisia. It had several projects in the Arab region, in particular, in Lebanon.

Website:

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Drosos Foundation:

The Drosos Foundation (private endowment) commits itself to enabling disadvantaged people to live a life of dignity, to take control of their lives and make a positive contribution within their community. One focus group is youth with disabilities. The Foundation mandates a partner organisation (national NGOs) with the implementation of projects, requiring them to meet high standards in terms of social entrepreneurship, fairness, transparency and willingness to learn.

The strengthening of partnerships and capacity building is a key part of the project support. Projects that are implemented through international non-governmental and United Nations organisations also aim to develop capacities and transfer specialised knowledge to national partners. Drosos Foundation also collaborates with government entities and line ministries to support long-term strategies and to ensure the sustainability of its supported projects.

Drosos Foundation has in particular a focus on projects in North Africa and Arab countries. It has been active in Morocco since 2007 and has a local office in Casablanca. Drosos Foundation has been active in Egypt since 2005 and has an office in Cairo. Drosos Foundation has been supporting independent organisations in Tunisia since 2013 from its Morocco office.

Activities and results in North Africa:

For example it runs in cooperation with Handicap International a vocational training for young people with disabilities in the Casablanca region. Next to trainings, this job placement programme involves employers to target 200 young people with disabilities to benefit from fair job offers.

In Egypt the Drosos Foundation partners as well with **Handicap International** to give people with disabilities and particularly young people in marginalised areas better access to social services, vocational training and work. Partnerships with private companies are encouraged to create jobs for people with disabilities.

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Muslim Hands Disability Fund:

This fund of the UK based NGO Muslim Hands focusses mainly on improving the access to healthcare and hospitals for people with disabilities and life-limiting injuries from conflicts and natural disasters. It provides them with specialised care, like physio-therapy, vocational skills training, free medication and ambulance services.

Website:

<https://muslimhands.org.uk/donate/greatest-need/disability-fund>

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NG7 5JE, United Kingdom.
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Email: mail@muslimhands.org.uk

Stars Foundation:

Stars Foundation (private endowment) invests in organisations and ideas that transform the lives of disadvantaged children, young people and their communities globally. Founded in 2001 by Al-Dabbagh Group and based in London, Stars is an independent charity committed to reaching 20 million people by 2020.

The Foundation works with local partners in the North African region, and gave funding in Morocco and Egypt.

Activities and results in North Africa:

The Stars Foundation partners in Morocco with the **Anais Association**. It funds activities for Down syndrome children from birth to adulthood so they achieve their maximum potential. It also helps medical staff to prepare expectant parents.

Also in Morocco it partners with **L'Association Errahma des Handicapées Azilal** (Errahma Association for the Disabled in Azilal), which works with people with disabilities in the High Atlas Mountains region of Azilal. Errahma offers disability screening services, medical services and supports those who need surgical interventions. It runs vocational training sessions for girls and women with disabilities and provides educational classes and speech therapy. The organisation also promotes collaboration between the various stakeholders, such as **I'Entraide Nationale**, that work on disability in the area and carries out advocacy activities to sensitise local communities. To date, it has reached over 1,600 people.

Website:

<http://www.starsfoundation.org.uk/>

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Open Society Foundations

The Open Society Foundations tackle deeply entrenched discriminatory laws, practices, and attitudes that hinder full equality and inclusion of persons with disabilities in their communities. In its disability projects it focusses on Human Rights and Health. It also has the Open Societies Disability Rights Scholarship Programme, with the purpose to empower disability advocacy. It currently supports the work of civil society in Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia (where it has opened a satellite office).

Website:

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/>

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6. Regional institutions, NGOs, DPOs and networks working on disability in North Africa

On the regional level in North Africa several networks, unions and federations of organisations are active to bundle their forces to increase impact (i.e. socio-economic, political, education, health) for people with disabilities in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.

African Development Bank:

The African Development Bank initiated in 2017 their Social Bond Programme, in which one of the focus groups are people with disabilities. The programme is a response to increasing demand for investments that have significant social impact for marginalised groups and greater transparency on impact of investments targeting these groups, including people with disabilities.

Over the previous years the African Development Bank invested in some initiatives that benefited people with disabilities, however, not structured within a specialised programme or social framework.

An example of support from North Africa:

The African Development Bank finances an initiative in Tunisia – Souk At-tanmia – with the goal to foster youth employment, particularly in disadvantaged regions that are struggling with high levels of unemployment in the aftermath of the revolution. Launched in July 2012, Souk At-tanmia (“market for development” in Arabic) seeks to support a new generation of innovative and talented Tunisian entrepreneurs. One of them is Leyla Gasmi who founded a therapeutic farm for disabled children in Sidi Thabet in the governorate of Ariana, situated about 30 kilometres northwest of Tunis. Her latest project: to provide disabled youth from poor families the opportunity to learn about agriculture at her organic poultry farm. Leyla’s goal is to provide care for these disabled youngsters who suffer from exclusion due to their disability and their poverty. 74 young people will receive training in agricultural techniques at the farm. Her organic poultry farm is projected to create five jobs per year.

Website:

<https://www.afdb.org/en/countries/north-africa/>

Address:

Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery Office (RDIB)
African Development Bank Group
Immeuble Zahrabed
Avenue du Dollar, Les Berges Du Lac II, Tunis 1053, Tunisia
Tel: (+216) 71102953

African Disability Forum (Algeria only):

The African Disability Forum (ADF) is the continental membership organization of Disabled Persons’ Organizations (DPOs) in Africa. Formally established in 2014, ADF seeks to strengthen and unify the representative voices of Africans with disabilities, their families and organizations. In order to support the development of ADF, including strengthening the role of its member DPOs, ADF is initiating an ADF Internship Program with the support of the International Disability Alliance (IDA). ADF is a full member of IDA. The ADF Internship Program will provide training to young disability activists from ADF member DPOs in each of the five sub-regions of Africa.

It is funded by the UNPRPD.

Website:

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

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ADF Office
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Addis Ababa Ethiopia
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African Union Disability Institute:

The African Union established the Continental Plan of Action for the extended African Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2010-2019), which outlines 8 strategic thematic areas for

implementation at national level to achieve the goals of the Decade. The African Union Commission (AUC), through its Department of Social Affairs has the primary mandate to coordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of AUC policies and programmes on disability. The African Union Disability Institute (AUDI) works on the technical element to support Member States' efforts to ensure disability rights and promote disability inclusive development. The AUDI promotes and assists national implementation of the Continental Plan of Action and facilitates implementation of AUC policies and programmes in the area of disability, including the provisions of the Protocol on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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African Union of the Blind (AFUB):

AFUB is a continental non-governmental organisation (NGO) of national organisations/ associations of and for blind and partially sighted people in Africa. We strengthen member organisations and create unity of purpose among them through capacity building and advocacy in partnership with governments, international agencies and other stakeholders. The North African division includes Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.

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E-mail: info@afub-uafa.org / admin@afub-uafa.org

African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR):

ACHPR established the Working Group on Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities with the mandate to: hold comprehensive brainstorming sessions to articulate the rights of older persons and people with disabilities; draft a Concept Paper for consideration by the African Commission that will serve as a basis for the adoption of the Draft Protocol on Ageing and People with Disabilities; facilitate and expedite comparative research on the various aspects of human rights of older persons and people with disabilities on the continent, including their socio-economic rights; collect data on older persons and people with disabilities to ensure proper mainstreaming of their rights in the policies and development programmes of Member States; identify good practices to be replicated in Member States; submit a detailed Report to the African Commission at each Ordinary Session.

Website:

<http://www.achpr.org/mechanisms/older-disabled/>

Address:

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Western Region P.O. Box 673 Banjul
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African Youth with Disabilities Network (AYWDN) - (Tunisia only):

The African Youth with Disabilities Network (AYWDN) is a continental voice for Youth with Disabilities in Africa. It envisions an inclusive and barrier free society where all Youth with Disabilities exercise their rights, live with dignity, independence, and as equal and full participants in all spheres of life. AYWDN advocates for the equalisation of opportunities and enjoyment of rights for Youth with Disabilities through its work, community partnerships, research and publications. The African Youth with Disabilities Network (AYWDN) headquarters is in Nairobi, Kenya, where it works with National Youth Chapters to support their work through building their capacity and facilitating partnerships with other stakeholders including governments, civil society and the private sector. In North Africa AYWDN National Youth Chapter is located in Tunisia.

Its main funder is the Open Society Foundations (OSF).

Website:

<http://aywdn.org/>

Address:

The African Youth with Disabilities Network (AYWDN)
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P.O. Box 5837 00200,
Nairobi, Kenya.
Tel: +254 20 268 7223 / +254 771 665 814
E-mail: info@aywdn.org

Arab Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (AOPD):

An independent non-profit organisation founded in 1998 in Cairo, Egypt. It is a regional organisation composed of DPOs operating in the different Arab Countries. AOPD's main objectives are to promote the rights of people with disabilities, to empower people with disabilities and to represent Arab people with disabilities in the world at large.

Website:

<http://www.aodp-lb.net/>

Email: aodp@cyberia.net.lb

Euro-Mediterranean Women's Foundation:

The Euro-Mediterranean Women's Foundation is an NGO launched in 2013. It is structured as a Network of networks bringing together all gender equality actors in the Euro-Mediterranean space with the aim of: Advancing in the common fight for equal rights of women and men to participate in political, economic, civil and social life. Eradicating all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls. Encouraging a change in attitude and behaviour in favour of gender equality. The Foundation was created with a clear will to be closely linked to the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), which comprises the 28 EU Member States and 15

Mediterranean Partner Countries, through a multi-issue and multi-actor approach. One of its key topics is on disability, for example employment for disabled women and political participation of disabled women in the region.

Website:

<https://www.euromedwomen.foundation>

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European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)
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African Disability Alliance (ADA):

African Disability Alliance (ADA) has used international diplomacy / relations to solve complex problems faced by persons with disabilities. It uses this approach to influence commitment to provide resources and implementation of policies and strategies in a manner that benefits persons with disabilities. The organisation has implemented a broad range of demand-led programmes and projects that have placed disability at the centre of planning, implementation and evaluation strategies at both national and Africa continental level. This includes adding value to policy formulation and implementation processes within the African Union (AU) system, Regional Economic Committees (RECs) and African governments.

ADA works as an interlocking agency that provides policy-level expertise and examples of good practice to support disability policy formulation, programming and implementation processes. It catalyses the disability programming process by developing tools to achieve objectives of policy and legislation related to disability. It brings together different governments, political structures, networks and organisations thus building consensus and cohesion on complex decision-making processes. And it is a reservoir of information and best practices related to all aspects of disability work (including research/ gathering of evidence, formulation of sectorial disability objectives/ output/ indicators, and strengthening of advocacy/ lobbying ability of DPOs and other civil society organisations).

Website:

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

Address:

Block 5A, Sanwood Office Park
379 Queens Crescent
Menlo Park, 0081, Pretoria
South Africa
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Pan African Federation of the Disabled (PAFOD) – (Algeria only):

PAFOD is a continental organisation of disabled peoples' organisations, which constitutes 53 National Assemblies organised within five sub-regional federations (WAFOD, West Africa; SAFOD, Southern Africa; CAFOD, Central Africa; EAFOD, East Africa; NAFOD; North Africa). NAFOD is the smallest sub-regional federations with two active national assemblies from Algeria and Mauritania. **Fédération Nationale Algérienne des Personnes Handicapées** (FNAPH) is full member of PAFOD and as such also works within the Africa Disability Forum.

Arab Women Solidarity Association (AWSA):

The Arab Women's Solidarity Association is a progressive organisation founded in Egypt in 1982 by Nawal El Saadawi to give voice to the Arab women. One of the issues it works on is disabled women and girls and their equal participation in Arab societies.

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Cairo, Egypt
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Arab League of Countries:

The Arab League of Countries initiated with the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) the Arab Decade of Disabled People and commissioned a special report on the issue in 2014

(https://www.unescwa.org/sites/www.unescwa.org/files/page_attachments/disability_in_the_arab_region-_an_overview_-_en_1.pdf).

Website:

<http://www.lasportal.org/en/Pages/default.aspx>

7. Algerian national institutions and organisations (NGOs and DPOs) working on disability

In Algeria many institutions, organisations and networks are dedicated to advocate for the rights and welfare of persons with disabilities. In the list below are mentioned the most prominent NGOs and DPOs in Algeria and the governmental institutions with which they cooperate.

Social Development Agency (Ministry of National Solidarity)

The Social Development Agency plays a central role in reporting about the Convention through the outreach work of local solidarity units. These units work closely with regional welfare offices, the official bodies responsible for ensuring implementation of the rights as set in the Convention. The reports that solidarity units regularly submit to welfare offices highlight cases of ill-treatment and provide information on the events and acts requiring punishment and their physical, psychological and economic consequences. Civil society organisations play a major role in uncovering and raising public awareness of situations of mistreatment.

Social Development Agency is also involved in implementing the Government's policy of promoting occupations in the field of social work. A project for the development of such occupations has been proposed as part of cooperation with the European Union (financial support for new projects in the MEDA II programme). The technical assistance expected under this project should make it possible to formalise plans for the development of these occupations (strategic and operational plans).

The Social Development Agency is also planning to focus on persons with disabilities in its project for a social monitoring mechanism. The mechanism would cover various aspects of social monitoring, such as:

- Finance: budgetary allocations for persons with disabilities;
- Demographics: structure of the population of persons with disabilities (age, sex, type of disability);
- Education and training: schooling for persons with disabilities and problems encountered;
- Society: social status of persons with disabilities and their involvement in the various social mechanisms (Social Development Agency, National Microcredit Management Agency, National Youth Employment Support Agency, etc.);
- Civil society activities: involvement of persons with disabilities in civil society activities.

The Ministry has established several National Commissions, for example on the translation of books into Braille, for Special Education and Vocational Guidance, for the national survey on disability. Some more commissions are mentioned below.

Website:

<http://www.msnfcf.gov.dz/fr/>

La Commission Nationale d'Accessibilité des Personnes Handicapées

A National Commission on Accessibility was established in 2012 by the Ministry of National Solidarity, the Family and Women, in view of the huge importance that the Government attaches to the question of accessibility for persons with disabilities in the different areas of daily life. The Commission was set up to improve different aspects of the situation of persons with disabilities, such as access to transport, communication and public buildings and spaces (schools, universities, hospitals, cinemas and markets must be made accessible to persons with disabilities).

La Commission Nationale Consultative de Promotion et de Protection des Droits de l'Homme (CNCPPDH)

The National Consultative Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights is an independent institution, which enjoys administrative and financial autonomy, placed with the President of the Republic. The members of the commission are chosen among citizens with proven skills, of high moral character and known for their interest in the defence of human rights and the safeguarding of public liberties. The National Commission ensures a monitoring, early warning and evaluation role in respect of human rights. It assumes the following tasks:

- to examine any situation of human rights violations noted or brought to its attention and to take any appropriate action in this respect in consultation and coordination with the competent authorities
- to issue opinions, proposals and recommendations on any question relating to the promotion and protection of human rights,
- to carry out all awareness, information and social communication actions for the promotion of human rights,
- to prepare an annual report on the state of human rights that it sends to the President of the Republic.

Website:

<http://www.cncppdh-algerie.org/>

Commission Nationale de Sport Scolaire Adapté

The National Commission for Adapted Physical Activity is responsible to develop an environment where sport at school is accessible for children with disabilities. It prepares the strategy and evaluates the necessary financial means and materials.

Agence nationale de gestion du micro crédit

National Microcredit Management Agency, through the microcredit mechanism, helps combat inequality and all forms of exclusion or discrimination in access to work. It also provides a way to ensure the autonomy and personal, family and occupational development of persons with disabilities. To permit their inclusion, persons with disabilities are treated in the same way as persons without disabilities by giving them the opportunity to create their own economic activities and their own jobs and to generate a decent income. Persons with disabilities are offered activities in line with their skills. The funding available is between 100,000 and 1 million dinars. Training in creating and managing micro-activities and/or micro-businesses is offered to persons with disabilities on the same basis as to persons without disabilities.

Fédération Nationale Algérienne des Personnes Handicapées (FNAPH)

The FNAPH engages in the defense and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities in accordance with the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified by Algeria on May 12, 2009. Respect for the inherent dignity of persons with disabilities, individual autonomy (including the freedom to make one's own choices) and non-discrimination. The participation of persons with disabilities and their full and effective integration into society. Respect for difference and acceptance of people with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity. Equal opportunities for all; Access to public services Equality between men and women. It ensures capacity development for children with disabilities and the right to respect for their identity. Main activities are capacity building of associations in defending the rights of persons with disabilities.

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Fédération Nationale des Sourds d'Algérie (FNSA)

The National Federation of Deaf People is an organisation that consists of a general assembly, which meet once a year. The federation aims to improve the living conditions of the hearing impaired, defense of their most basic rights, such as socio-professional integration, extension and promotion of sign language as an extremely important means of communication. It runs a national training centre in sign language.

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Centre Familial de la CNAS.

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Fédération des Associations des Handicapés Moteurs (FAHM)

The association is located in the city of Asphodeles in Algiers. The federation's mission is to defend the rights of people with disabilities. It set itself the mission of intervention on the one hand at the institutional level to advocate for a more inclusive society and on the other hand at the level of associations and structures in order to develop pilot experiments to improve the work of associations in promoting and developing the rights of people with disabilities activities.

Organisation Nationale des Aveugles Algériens

The national organisation for the Blind.

Address:

4 Boulevard Mohamed Khemisti
Alger Centre, Alger (16), Algérie

Réseau des association Algérienne pour l'autonomie des personnes en situation de handicap (AMENA)

The Network of Algerian Associations for the Autonomy of People with Disabilities is a collective network of associations based on values of exchange, sharing, consultation, complementarity, transparency, accountability and availability is strongly encouraged by legislation. It is driven by the desire to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities, including schooling of children with disabilities in an inclusive system. AMENA was established by several associations to get more impact.

Website:

<http://reseauamena.e-monsite.com/>

L'association nationale de soutien aux personnes handicapées EL BARAKA

The national Association for the support of disabled people EL BARAKA is one of the association in AMENA and has the goal to support people with disabilities in order to improve their living environment.

- To fight against any discrimination, marginalization or degrading treatment affecting their well-being.
- The establishment and / or participation in campaigns, education, awareness, information and prevention to reduce disabling causes.
- The dissemination of the regulations in force relating to the disabled person, ensuring its application and improvement.
- The advocacy to adapt the environment.
- Listening, guidance and support for the quest for autonomy and the development of life projects.
- The creation and management of a reception centre, sports, recreation, culture, functional rehabilitation or any other structures that may be of interest to people with disabilities.
- The implementation of a sponsorship programme.

Website:

<http://elbaraka.e-monsite.com/>

Disabled Sports Federation

Algerian Disabled Sports Federation, which covers a range of sports (athletics, basketball, wheelchair basketball, judo, swimming, table tennis, weightlifting etc.). It assists persons with various types of disabilities and meets their needs in several regions and municipalities through its 90 sports clubs and 28 regional leagues. The participation of these athletes in disabled sports has led to important successes, especially at the Paralympic Games and World Championships.

Others:

- Network of Algerian Muscular Dystrophy Organizations (RAAM)
- El Wyam (Concord) Association – which runs a craft shop and training centre for disabled people.
- El Amel association in Beb El Oued.
- Le DEFI association pour Enfants Inadaptés Mentaux.
- Association Culturelle et d'Insertion des Handicapés Moteurs de la wilaya de Becha.
- Algerian Deaf Persons Sports Federation.
- ANIS Pedagogic Centre.

8. Egyptian national institutions and organisations (NGOs and DPOs) working on disability

In Egypt many institutions, organisations and networks are dedicated to advocate for the rights and welfare of persons with disabilities. In the list below are mentioned the most prominent NGOs and DPOs in Egypt and the governmental institutions with which they cooperate.

Ministry of Social Solidarity:

This Ministry is the most important governmental department involved in disability affairs. It provides an establishment grant for a few numbers of associations, funds projects that are part of the ministry's plan and assign them to associations, according to Article No.75 of the 2014 Egyptian constitution that states:

"All citizens shall have the right to form non-governmental associations and foundations on democratic basis, which shall acquire legal personality upon notification. Such associations and foundations shall have the right to practice their activities freely, and administrative agencies may not interfere in their affairs or dissolve them, or dissolve their boards of directors or boards of trustees save by a court judgment."

Website:

<http://moss.gov.eg>

National Council for Human Rights:

The Egyptian National Council for Human Rights was established by Law 94 of 2003 and operates under a broad mandate to investigate human rights as they pertain to social, economic, civil, and cultural rights. Rights for people with disabilities covered by the council.

Website:

<http://www.nchregypt.org>

Address:

69 Giza St. (next to the Embassy of Saudi Arabia)
Arab Republic of Egypt
Tel: +202 37624850 / +202 37624851

National Council for Disability Affairs:

The council was established in 2012 to be a council with advisory, coordination, and supervisory roles. It presents proposals of disability laws for community dialogue and representatives of persons with disabilities are involved and some of their representative organisations. It has the following terms of reference:

- Propose policies, strategies, programs and projects for community and health awareness to avoid the causes of disability and provide early detection for it.
- Participate in national policies and strategic plans for the inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- Proposing the state public policy in the fields of development, rehabilitation, inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities, and follow up their implementation, and developing a national strategy for the advancement of people with disabilities, and follow up its implementation.
- Coordination with all competent ministries and bodies concerned with people with disabilities to deal with the obstacles and difficulties facing them for the application of the provisions of the UN Convention for the year 2007 and any other agreements relevant to people with disabilities, and to prepare annual reports to be presented to the President of the Republic, the Parliament, and the Prime Minister.
- Propose and express an opinion on draft laws and decrees related to people with disabilities before being presented to the competent authority, and express an opinion on all international conventions related to them.
- Supervising the activities of the associations and organizations of people with disabilities and report the results of supervision to the Ministry of Social Solidarity.
- Representation of people with disabilities in all forums concerned with disability inside and outside Egypt, and holding conferences, seminars, panel discussions, training courses, and awareness on the role of persons with disabilities in community and their social, political rights and duties.
- To establish a documentation centre for information, data, statistics, studies and research relating to disability affairs, and the issuance of bulletins, magazines and publications related to the Council's objectives and terms of reference.
- To issue an ID smart card for people with disabilities recognized by all authorities and entities.
- Receive complaints about people with disabilities, discuss and propose appropriate solutions to them, and inform the competent authorities of any violation of the rights of persons with disabilities and dwarves.
- Follow the implementation of laws and decisions issued on the educational and community inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- Preparing the studies of sign language and the accreditation of its interpreters.

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National Council for Persons with Disabilities:

In February 2018 the government of Egypt approved to establish a new National Council for Persons with Disabilities, while the National Council for Disability Affairs will be dissolved. (<http://www.egyptindependent.com/cabinet-approves-establishment-national-council-persons-disabilities/>)

National Women's Council:

The National Women's Council was established by Presidential Decree 90 of 2000 with the mandate to investigate matters pertaining to the social, economic, cultural, health, and educational rights of women throughout Egypt. It works with the National Council for Disability Affairs to improve the position of women and girls with disabilities.

National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM):

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) established a hotline to report abuse regarding disability and also provides training and mentoring programmes related to childhood disability policies and laws.

It runs the Children with Disability programme. The programme is set up to create awareness on the rights of disabled persons; promote social inclusion; decrease prevalence rates; raising awareness of prevention, early detection and intervention; decrease the gap between the needs and services provided; and mainstream disability as a developmental issue.

Website:

http://www.nccm-egypt.org/index_eng.html

Address:

NCCM is located on the third floor of the Ministry of State for Family and Population, Kournish El Maadi.

Tel: 02-25240288 / 02-25240406

E-mail: nccm-eg@hotmail.com

Women's Ombudsman Office:

The Women's Ombudsman Office was established by the National Council for Women in fulfilment of Presidential Decree 90 of 2000. The office has a mandate to consider complaints of human rights violations against women. This office has received training on the rights of women and girls with disabilities.

Assiut Federation of Organisations of People with Disabilities (AFOPD):

It is the national union of DPOs in Egypt. It comprises of 40 associations for persons with disabilities in all Egypt. It is a member of the **Arab Organisation for People with Disabilities**, and was member of the currently inactive Disability Council International.

It seeks to enable persons with disabilities to access all services. It empowers persons with disabilities in the economic and political fields. It provides training in the field of IT, entrepreneurship and human rights, women with disabilities empowerment, legal and right assistance for persons with disabilities, monitoring the reality of disability in Egypt compared to the International Convention with the Arab Organization for people with disabilities, participating in the development of national plans for persons with disabilities with the National Council for Disability Affairs.

It participates in projects with Handicap International and the Arab Organization for Persons with Disabilities on violence against women with disabilities with the National Council for Women.

Egyptian Association for the Deaf:

It works nationwide toward a better education for people with hearing disabilities. It enables and includes deaf people in the education and community. The association works on right and cultural awareness; provides various trainings in sign language; prepares research and studies on the hearing impairment; organises sport activities and internal and external trips and camps; facilitate the customs and legal exemptions procedures for deaf members; holds exhibitions of art and handicraft products for deaf people.

NAS Foundation for Persons with Disabilities:

NAS Foundation for Persons with Disabilities supports the rights of persons with disabilities and their families within their communities. At the national level, NAS designs and implements workshops and capacity building training of NGOs working in the field of disability and/or issues related to disabilities, and carries out activities related to the political participation of persons with disabilities, including a polling station audit study for accessibility. NAS developed the first legal sign language manual for persons with hearing disability in an access to justice project.

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22 Al Obour Buildings, Apt.6,
13th Floor, Salah Salem Street,
Cairo, Egypt
Tel: (2)(02)24049029

Egyptian Institution for the rights of the Deaf and Sign Language Interpreters:

It is one of the non-profit associations that works nationwide. The institution enables deaf people to get all the rights to achieve equality between the rights of persons with disabilities and hearing impairment.

It enables people with hearing impairment to:

- get their rights to achieve justice and equality; holds educational seminars in sign language and human development and train deaf people in art, photography and theatre;
- rehabilitate deaf people and teach them Arabic;
- provide legal consultation and assistance translated into sign language;
- train trainers of deaf people in Graphic design, Photoshop and montage;

- prepare deaf people for the political participation through seminars and workshops;
- hold and market art exhibitions;
- prepare recreational and educational trips; carries out empowerment and advocacy campaigns including "the right to express will in sign language" campaign.

Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR):

The Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR) was established in 2002 to strengthen and protect basic rights and freedoms of the Egyptian people through advocacy, research, and litigation in the field of civil liberties, economic and social justice, democracy and political rights. The Initiative specifically addresses issues related to disability.

Website:

<https://www.eipr.org/>

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Egyptian Society for Developing Skills of Children with Autism and other disabilities "ADVANCE":

"ADVANCE", aims to help create a culture of attention to people with special needs. It works on integrating people with special needs in the public life. The idea is that inclusion is a broader concept which focuses on changes that must be created in the policy of the community, and should be implemented to stop the isolation of certain groups of people (such as these with special needs) so that all members of the community have the same rights, and have the right to participate in society. To achieve the above, the society develops programmes and provides services that enhance their life skills and basic coping skills as well as academic and vocational education. The society also provides lifelong services for people with special needs through full-day programmes for the age group of 2-21 years.

The ADVANCE Centre also work son changing the behaviour of individuals dealing directly or indirectly with people with special needs, such as their parents, individuals in the field of medical care, teachers and specialists, and even the society. It also provides the parents, teachers and professionals with the essential information and skills necessary to deal with individuals with special needs in an appropriately and structured various means such as workshops, seminars and training courses for the trainees.

The Centre also holds conferences, campaigns and national awareness of the rights of people with special needs and awareness of their right for full integration in the society.

Website:

<http://www.advance-society.org>

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El Mosher Ahmed Ismail st, fifth district
El Narges 5, area 14, 200 meters from Narmer, beside wall intellinence,
New Cairo

Tel: +29297487 - 29297846- 29298715

E-mail: contactus@advance-society.org

Coptic Organisation for Social Services (CEOSS):

CEOSS is an Egyptian development organisation headquartered in Cairo, Egypt, and is dedicated to social and cultural development, individual well-being, social justice and inter-cultural harmony. It runs programmes on eye care and rehabilitation of people with disabilities.

Website:

<http://en.ceoss-eg.org/rehabilitation-of-persons-with-disabilities-program/>

Address:

Block 1331 Dr. Ahmed Zaki Street,
Elnozha Elgedida, Cairo, Egypt.
P.O. Box 162-11811, El-Panorama, Cairo, Egypt.
Tel: 002.02.2622.1425/6/7/8
Email: info@ceoss.org.eg

HELM:

Helm, translating to “Dream”, is a non-profit organisation that aims to promote the full inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in all aspects of life, by supporting companies to develop effective disability employment initiatives, and to ensure an inclusive work culture and environment. Since 2014, Helm has worked with a network of more than 250 companies.

Website:

www.helmegypt.org

Address:

1 street 272, New Maadi
Tel: (002) 01156522643
Email: info@helmegypt.org

Helwan University:

Helwan University has recently established a university-wide Disability Centre in which one division is devoted to disability rights. The Centre is working nationally, regionally and internationally on advancing research and inclusive programming. It also works with students on technical solutions for people with disabilities. For example, Helwan University mechanical engineering students created a solar-powered car for disabled people, a three-wheel car that would allow the disabled to travel alone for long distances.

Website:

www.helwan.edu.eg/english

Address:

Al Sikka Al Hadid Al Gharbeya,
Al Masaken Al Iqtisadeyah,
Qism Helwan, Cairo Governorate,
Egypt

Hope Village Society for Social Development and Rehabilitation for the Disabled:

A non-profit organisation for persons with disabilities established in 2000. It works for persons with intellectual disabilities and integrate them in the Egyptian society. The association is a strong developed institution capable of sustainability by self-resources and influential at the local, national and Arab levels to achieve its vision.

It enables persons with disabilities and their families to enjoy all their rights; adopt advocacy campaigns on persons with disabilities rights; raise the awareness through seminars, conferences and celebrations; carry out social, art and sport activities, network with other associations of the same field and rehabilitate persons with intellectual disabilities through workshops (automatic bakery – greenhouses - carpentry – herding – carpets).

It set up the Al Amal Academy for Disabled Children, a centre for supporting persons with disabilities and their families, and it organised family counselling sessions, classes hosting non-disabled children above the age of 12, residence and hosting house for persons with disabilities, hold seminars and conferences of awareness. It trains and employs shadow teachers, provides health care and physical therapy through its clinic, and youth employment project.

7 Million Association for Persons with Disabilities:

A non-profit association for persons with disabilities that envisions dignified, independent and fair life for persons with disabilities in accordance with the principles of equality, non-discrimination and equal opportunities through active positive participation in the community.

It enables persons with disabilities through community awareness rising and their rehabilitation to be integrated and actively participate in the community. It also provides persons with disabilities with access to social services. It runs a centre for supporting persons with disabilities and their families. It facilitates recruitment and issues identity cards and person with disability card procedures and train the assistant teacher of children included in the elementary education.

Very Special Arts:

Very Special Arts is a national NGO affiliated with the International Organisation of Special Arts and Disability. Very Special Arts trains people with disabilities in all forms of art and organises annual national and international exhibitions focused on raising awareness about the abilities of people with disabilities.

ADDAA Association for Serving the Hearing Impaired:

Asdaa's is a national association based in Alexandria which was established by self-efforts for the deaf and hearing-impaired persons and the teachers and experts interested in the deaf and hearing-impaired persons. Asdaa's is aiming to develop the hearing impaired people in order to match the life challenges and to be real partners in the society. It aims to present the educational services and the deaf illiteracy eradication through teaching the illiteracy eradication curriculum using Sign Language, to establishing computer centres for the hearing impaired and teaching the different computer programs by using the Sign Language, to prepare the transformation training and qualification programs for the hearing impaired persons, to give care to the personal interests and providing the legal protection for the hearing impaired, to provide the social services and sponsoring the deaf orphans and their families, and to present employment, providing vacancies and creating jobs for the deaf and hearing impaired persons.

Others:

- Association of Rehabilitation for Youth with Disabilities (ARYD).
- Association of Human Rights for Social Development in Asyut (HRACDA).
- The Future Association for Persons with Physical Disabilities in the new Valley.
- Almustaqbal Association for Persons with physical disability.

- Association Basmat Amal.
- Almustaqbal Association for Persons with Physical Disability.
- Alasdiqaa Association for People of Special Needs.
- Al-Haya Association for Persons with Disabilities.
- Al-Amal Association Beni Suef.
- Inclusive Education Network in Egypt (IENET).

9. Libyan national institutions and organisations (NGOs and DPOs) working on disability

Due to the situation in Libya it is difficult to verify what organisations still work on disability in the country. The list below gives some names of organisations that have been mentioned in reliable sources, like IFES, Handicap International and Caritas. But no further information about the organisations' activities in the country could be found online.

Libyan Forum for People with Disabilities

The goal of the forum was to introduce international laws pertaining to accessibility and implementation mechanisms as well as working on an electoral law that would guarantee the right of participation for people with disabilities which would be presented to the High National Election Commission. The forum was funded by IFES.

Others:

- Libyan Organisation for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Libyan Red Crescent
- Centre for the Affairs of Persons with Disabilities
- Ministry of Education, Benghazi, Department of Persons with Special Needs
- League of Persons with Disabilities
- Association of the Friends of Persons with Mental Disabilities
- Al-Mawada Association for the Protection of Children with Disabilities
- Al-Qardhabiya Association for Persons with Mental Disabilities
- Dignity Association for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Al-Benyan Association for Persons with Disabilities
- Association Al-Mokhtar for Mobility Impairments

10. Moroccan national institutions and organisations (NGOs and DPOs) working on disability

In Morocco many institutions, organisations and networks are dedicated to advocate for the rights and welfare of persons with disabilities. In the list below are mentioned the most prominent NGOs and DPOs in Morocco and the governmental institutions with which they have to cooperate.

Ministry of Solidarity, Women, Family and Social Development

This ministry is the main provider of funding through its investment fund. It has several programmes: Programme to help to provide better opportunities for persons with disabilities to access information, training and employment; Programme to support the establishment of centres for persons with disabilities; Programme to help to improve the physical and mental health of persons with disabilities; National festival programme for children with special needs; Programme to enhance the physical capacities of persons with disabilities to access means of transport and communication.

Website:

<http://www.social.gov.ma/en>

Haut Commissariat aux Personnes Handicapées

The Office of the High Commissioner for Disabled People is a national umbrella organisation which advocates for rights, mobilises persons with disabilities, identifies needs and priorities, and contributes to public awareness. The committee reports to the Prime Minister's office and includes representatives of the commission of planning.

Collectif pour la Promotion des Droits des Personnes en Situation de Handicap

The largest and most active disabilities rights collective in Morocco is the Collective for the Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (300 associations). It is organised as an umbrella organisation that consists of five organisations which represent the North, South and centre of Morocco. These organisations work to strive for equal civil, social, economic, and cultural rights of persons with disabilities. Since 2005 it has worked to promote the implementation of the provisions of the Constitution of Morocco related to the application and the respect of the rights of people with disabilities and the fight against discrimination and exclusion on the basis of disability.

National Union of Associations working in the field of mental disability in Morocco (UNAHM)

The union aims to capitalise and use the resources of experts in the field of mental disability in Morocco to work together on the protection of the human rights of persons with mental disabilities, to advocate for the full participation of people with mental disabilities in society, and to fight against all forms of exploitation and discrimination suffered by the person with mental disability.

Mohammed VI Centre for the Disabled

This centre, located in Salé, is funded by Mohammed V Solidarity Foundation. It is a multidisciplinary institution for the benefit of persons with disabilities. It has set up regional branches in Safi, Marrakech, Oujda and Fès

Association l'amitié marocaine des handicapés

Organisation working to promote the rights of people living with disabilities and contribute to their professional and social integration. For example, it operates a computer and literacy centre for people with disabilities. It has established 12 schools (6 primary schools, 4 colleges, 2 high schools). It runs a rehabilitation and orientation centre for children with disabilities. Furthermore, the organisation has created a rural production cooperative in the region of M'dakra and a workshop to manufacture orthopedic materials.

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/UNAHM-452484798214773/about/>

Association Anaïs

The association provides appropriate activities for Down syndrome children from birth to adulthood so they achieve their maximum potential. It also helps medical staff to prepare expectant parents.

Website:

<http://www.anais-maroc.ma/>

Groupe AMH - Amicale marocaine des handicapés

The organisation operates through two medical facilities (NOOR Centres in Casablanca and Khourigba), educational and vocational training with the Institution Tahar Sebti, and a social action centre in Casablanca. Its projects are separated in access to health, access to education, and autonomy for disabled people.

Website:

<http://groupeamh.org/en/>

Espoir Maroc

The association works for the integration and maintenance of people with disabilities in the socio-professional environment in Morocco. It also aims to support the various initiatives promoting the insertion and use of skills with different types of disabilities namely motor, visual, auditory and other disabilities. It runs Handi Emploi the first platform for the employment of people with disabilities in Morocco with a goal to favor access to employment for people with disabilities in private and public sector enterprises. It also organises the annual Handicap Maroc Forum. This Annual Employment Forum supports exchange of information and awareness improvement on employment and entrepreneurship that aims to promote the integration of people with disabilities in the workplace.

Handicap Maroc is funded by Moroccan and international businesses (Renault, Total, Danone, HP etc.) and institutes, like the French networks for employing people with disabilities (L'Adept and Agefiph); It runs several projects that are funded by several private sector actors, and national and international programmes like US-Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI).

Website:

<http://handiemploi.ma/>

L'Association Amal Marocaine des Handicapes

An association that helps people with disabilities by giving them the necessary support in equipment, technical aids, advice, guidance, support for education, training, employment, sport, and leisure. AAMH also works on advocacy to defend people with disabilities by introducing laws for the protection and promotion of the human rights of people with disabilities. Furthermore, AAMH contributes to the construction of infrastructures necessary for the rehabilitation and reintegration of people with disabilities: construction of rehabilitation centres, training structures and professional integration.

Website:

<http://handicapamal.ma/>

Fédération Royale Marocaine des Sports pour Personnes Handicapées

This is the Royal Federation for Sports for People with disabilities. The federation works on organisation, encouragement, promotion, development, democratization and regulation of all types of sports for persons with disabilities throughout the national territory by all available means. It also establishes and promotes interlinkage of regional groups of amateurs and professionals, as well as sports associations and clubs.

Website:

<https://www.marochandisport.ma/>

L'Association Horizon des Handicapées

The Association implements actions aiming at the integration and the para-medical, medical, social and economic treatment of the handicap, whether by the help to the handicapped people or by actions of prevention and awareness. It has more than 3,200 members, and employs 17 people in the centre of Amnouggar, and Ouarzazate, 40 people, including 18 women. 83% of employees in all departments are disabled. In addition three people are detached by the Ministry of Health.

Website:

<http://www.association-horizon.org/>

Association Marocaine des déficients Moteurs (AMDM)

M is an association of disabled people, founded in 1988 in Rabat Morocco by people with disabilities. Its mission is focused on the socio-professional and economic integration of disabled people, their material support and advocacy for the promotion of their rights and training for associative action. AMDM has a socio-educational centre with the aim of strengthening its field of action and developing its service of access, rehabilitation and training.

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/amdmhandicap>

S.O.S Handicap Moteur Maroc

The association based in Tanger has activities on prevention of diseases and accidents that are the causes of motor disability. Furthermore it operates and supports rehalilitation and reintegration centres and gives trainings to medical staff on motor disability.

Email: soshmm@yahoo.fr

Alaouite pour la Protection des. Aveugles au Maroc (OAPAM)

The organisation opened a centre for the rehabilitation of blind and visually impaired persons in Témara. The centre's objective is to rehabilitate and improve the academic level of blind and visually impaired persons, so that they can be enrolled in vocational training centres, and to complete their education in foreign languages, Braille and information technology.

Address:

8, rue Hussein 1er
RABAT

ROA

ROA means vision in Arabic. It is an association for blind and visually impaired people. In future articles we will speak in detail about this association, because we had the opportunity to visit it in Rabat.

Centre for autistic and psychotic persons in Témara

This centre in Témara provides preventive, early diagnostic and therapeutic medical and socio-educational care for children with mental disabilities, like autism and psychism, also offer sports activities, parental counselling and vocational training.

Al-Masar Down Syndrome Centre

This centre in Rabat provides preventive, early diagnostic and therapeutic medical and socio-educational care for children with Down Syndrome, also offer sports activities, parental counselling and vocational training.

Others:

- l'Association des Paralysés du Sud du Maroc (APSM).
- Association de l'Enfance Handicapée (AEH - Agadir) [Association for Disabled Children].
- Club des Handicapés [Club of the Disabled] of the Bouregreg Association (CHAB - Salé).
- Al-Hamama/Colombe Blanche Association for the Protection of Young Persons with Disabilities.
- Alliance for the Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Hanane Association for the Care of Children with Disabilities in Tétouan.
- Socio-Educational Centre for Children with Disabilities.

11. Tunisian national institutions and organisations (NGOs and DPOs) working on disability

In Tunisia various organisations that advocate for rights and welfare of persons with disabilities are active. There are, in Tunisia, 87 associations working on the rights of the disabled, with 228 regional networks, and overseeing 269 specialised centres providing a number of educational, social, health and entertainment services (Kanter et al, 2015).

Tunisian Ministry of Social Affairs:

The most recent version of the Tunisian constitution includes an article stipulating that “every disabled citizen has the right to benefit from ... all the measures that guarantee him full integration into the society” (Article 48 of the Tunisian Constitution, 2014). Ministry of Social Affairs is responsible for implementation of disability laws and covers children with mild intellectual disabilities who participate in the special education system. Since 2013 the Ministry pays directly the salaries of employees working in specialised centres, as well as some of the running costs. The ministry has adopted a five-year plan that expands funding each year, especially regarding specialised education and the recruitment of specialised staff.

Website:

<http://www.social.gov.tn/>

Address:

27, Boulevard Bab Bnet 1006 Tunis

Email: masste@rnas.gov.tn

High Council for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities:

Established in 2005 the High Council supports State efforts to undertake national policies and sectoral strategies relating to prevention and care for, the integration and advancement of persons with disabilities. The Council also undertakes research into disability and coordinates programmes and the various disability-related interventions of ministries, institutions, organisations and associations. The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Higher Council, which comprises all the ministers, delegates from the Chamber of Deputies and the Chamber of Councillors, the Chairman of the Economic and Social Council, the leaders of the political parties represented in the Chamber of Deputies, and 10 heads of disability-related associations and national organizations.

l'Organisation Tunisienne de Défense des Droits des Personnes Handicapée

OTDDPH is an organization created by young citizens with disabilities following the revolution of January 14, 2011. Its aim is to guarantee and defend the rights of people with disabilities in Tunisia, to promote the right approach on the issue of disability as well as to follow up and contribute to the implementation of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRDPH). It seeks to change the perspective on disability based on a charitable and purely medical approach towards an approach of equality and rights.

Website:

www.otddph.org

Address:

55 rue sakiet sidi yousef bardo ,

2000 tunis

Tél : +(216) 71514 115

Email: contact@otddph.org

Basma Association for the Promotion of the Employment of Persons with Disabilities:

The Association works on integration of the disabled, particularly by contributing to their training and employment, offering them assistance in finding jobs in both public and private sectors and allowing them to participate in various trade fairs and events. It seeks also to offer different types of services including health and leisure in order to help persons with specific needs to merge within the society and pull them out from the state and feeling of loneliness and marginalisation. Basma also promotes the use of ICTs for disabled people. The BASMA Computer Centre for the blind and the partially sighted which offers training sessions. The Tele-servicing Unit (e-services) to leverage persons with disabilities knowledge of ICT's; this unit allows persons with disabilities to have remote access to various administrative and social services, next of course to Internet access.

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/association.basmaa/>

Address:

Rue Enozha zone touristique Gammart

2078

Tel: 71914110

L'Union Nationale des Aveugles (UNAT):

The National Union of the Blind of Tunisia is a recognized NGO. It ensures socio-economic integration and aid to persons with total or partial blindness. It does this through education and training. UNAT has established 5 educational institutions for the blind, it also runs a vocational rehabilitation centre in Sidi Thabet and agricultural training centre. UNAT has an external ophthalmic consultation and a mobile ophthalmology clinic. It is present throughout the country with 23 Regional Unions (one in each governorate) and local offices.

Address:

21, avenue Bab Bnet
1006 Tunis

Fédération Tunisienne des Sports pour Handicapés

Created on 3 Dec 1987, the Tunisian Federation of Sports for the Disabled - F.T.S.H. is the national organisation responsible for the management and organisation of sports activities for the benefit of people with mental, visual, motor or hearing disabilities.

Address:

4 Avenue de la ligue Arabe, 1002 le Belvédère, Tunis
Tel : 71 793 731
Email : Ftsh@planet.tn

L'Association des Parents et Amis des Handicapés Tunisiens

This national association composed of 22 sections, almost one section per region. Each section is managed by a regional office and includes a nursery school for children and a vocational training centre. The Association of Parents and Friends of Disabled People in Tunisia was the first structure to launch a programme of school integration of children with disabilities. In this framework, it signed an agreement with the Ministry of Education. The Association is responsible for children from early childhood to ensure their social integration in nursery schools that are composed of one-third of children with disabilities, one-third of "normal" children and one-third of children of disadvantaged families.

Address:

45 résidence Maison Blanche Immeuble 50 app N° 1
Cité Romana
2 Le Bardo 2000 BP
189-1059 Tunis

Association Tunisienne d'Aide aux Sourds

This is the Tunisian Association for the Welfare of the Deaf. It runs awareness campaigns and educational centres across Tunisia.

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Atas-tunis-622903117891747/>

Address:

6 Rue Sidi Ali Azouz, 1000 Tunis

Fédération des Associations Tunisiennes œuvrant dans le domaine du Handicap (FATH)

This is the Federation of Tunisian Disability-Related Associations.

Address:

1 Rue Des Vergers Khaznadar
Le bardo

Institut de Promotion des Handicapés

The Institute for the Promotion of Disabled is a public administrative institution with civil personality and financial autonomy. It is under the administrative supervision of the Ministry of Social Affairs and benefits from the scientific and pedagogical co-supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education for Scientific Research and Technology. It is attached to the University of Manouba.

Facebook page:

<https://fr-fr.facebook.com/Lnstitut-de-Promotion-des-Handicap%C3%A9s-150100338376008/>

Nadi Al Bassar

Nadi Al Bassar is a nonprofit medical, scientific, educational and social association whose objective is to fight against blindness and visual impairment and to contribute to the continuous scientific training of ophthalmologists in Tunisia.

Website:

<http://www.nadi-al-bassar.org/fr/index.php>

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Rue 13 Août – 2000 Le Bardo TUNISIE

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E-mail: nadi.albassar@ophtalmo.com.tn

L'Association Générale des Insuffisants Moteurs de Tunisie (AGIM)

The Association of Persons with Motor Disabilities helps of the motor handicapped so that they benefit from the best conditions of care and participate in all social, educational, sports and leisure activities.

Facebook page:

<http://facebook.com/agim.khaznadar>

Association de Cooperation en Tunisie

ACT-Tunisia is an NGO working with marginalised, vulnerable and disadvantaged people groups in Tunisia. One of their priority groups is people with disabilities. The activities include: Shared refresher courses; Publication of guides and teaching aides; Establishment of livelihood projects for people with disabilities; Support for professional training workshops; Promotion of networks advocating the rights of people with special needs.

Website:

<http://actdev.org/actdev/en-en/>

El Imtiez:

The oldest disability-related centre in Tunis. It specialises in education for deaf children aged 3-15 who have recently received hearing aids. The centre focuses on pre-school education and integration into standard schools, as well as vocational training for those who cannot be integrated.

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/nihed.fersi>

Le Centre pour les Handicaps Mentaux

The centre has students ranging from 6-30 years old, usually with rather severe mental disabilities. Its focus is on giving their students autonomy, and they provide several workshops on activities such as ceramics, sewing and woodworking with the hope that this will lead to employment.

Centre EI Walid

The centre is runned by **L'Association des Parents et Amis des Handicapés Tunisiens** (APAHT), has 197 students with 'medium' to 'severe handicaps'. Unlike the other centres, which are public and funded by the government, parents of the students pay an admission fee. The parents therefore almost entirely fund EI Walid.

Website:

<http://centreelwalid.com.tn/>

La Ferme Thérapeutique pour Handicapés de Sidi Thabet

Using a hands-on approach to achieve professional and social integration, rather than integration in schools. It has 90 students, most of whom have mental disabilities, and is funded by donors and parents, in addition to the subsidies given by the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Website:

<http://www.fth-gaia.com/index.html>

Others:

- Association for the Support of Persons with Hearing Loss.
- Tunisian Union for the Support of Persons with Mental Disabilities.
- Association for Home Care for Persons with Severe Disabilities.

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