



TUNISIA*

She Leads

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In Tunisia, women with disabilities continue to face double marginalization at the intersection of gender and disability, encountering persistent barriers and social stigma that hinder their meaningful participation in political life, despite national and international legal commitments to inclusion. Article 27 of Décret-loi n° 2023-10 (March 2023) on local elections provides that each local council must have one seat reserved for a person with disabilities, assigned by lot among candidates with disabilities. Despite reserved seats, women with disabilities remain underrepresented in local councils and face limited access to leadership, civic engagement, and tailored capacity-building opportunities. This underrepresentation also weakens local authorities' ability to address their specific needs.



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This project aims to strengthen the leadership, advocacy, and political participation of young women with disabilities in Tunisia, contributing to increased representation and meaningful inclusion in decision-making spaces at local and national levels. Key strategies to implement this project are:



Strengthening knowledge and skills of women with disabilities on rights, political participation, leadership, and advocacy.



Promoting equitable political representation through advocacy for the revision of Article 10 of the electoral decree.



Fostering peer-to-peer learning and leadership through regional women ambassadors.



Generating evidence on barriers and opportunities for inclusive governance.



Increasing public awareness and visibility of women with disabilities in political life.

*Province of Tunis.

KEY TARGETS INCLUDE

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**YOUNG
WOMEN**

with disabilities trained and demonstrate improved knowledge, leadership, and advocacy skills for political participation

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**TRAINED WOMEN
AMBASSADORS**

deliver at least 10 peer-to-peer sessions, reaching at least 100 additional women with disabilities

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POLICY BRIEF

developed and at least 2 advocacy engagements conducted to promote revision of Article 10 for inclusive electoral representation

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**NATIONAL
ASSESSMENT**

conducted and at least 5 media outputs and campaigns increase visibility of women with disabilities in political life



KEY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Deliver capacity-building trainings on rights, political participation, leadership, communication, and advocacy for young women with disabilities
- ▶ Develop a policy brief and conduct advocacy meetings to promote revision of Article 10 of the electoral decree.
- ▶ Select and train regional ambassadors to implement peer-to-peer mentorship and awareness sessions.
- ▶ Conduct a national assessment through interviews with women with disabilities in elected positions.
- ▶ Organize a national press conference and implement media and digital campaigns to increase public awareness and visibility.



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