

MENA MULTI-DONOR TRUST FUND

Accelerating economic and social transformation

The World Bank administered Middle East and North Africa Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MENA MDTF) was created in 2012 to accelerate economic and social transformation to build peace and stability across the region with strategic analytics and technical assistance.

As a first mover in some of the most challenging political and social environments in the world, the MENA MDTF provides seed funding to pave the way for policies, programs, and projects throughout the region, that renew the social contract, promote regional cooperation, increase resilience to refugee/IDP shocks, and catalyze recovery and reconstruction.



HIGHLIGHTS

\$20M

funding, of which \$12m closed (1st cycle), & \$5m active (2nd and current cycle)

55

activities in support of policies, projects, and regional programs that foster peace and stability

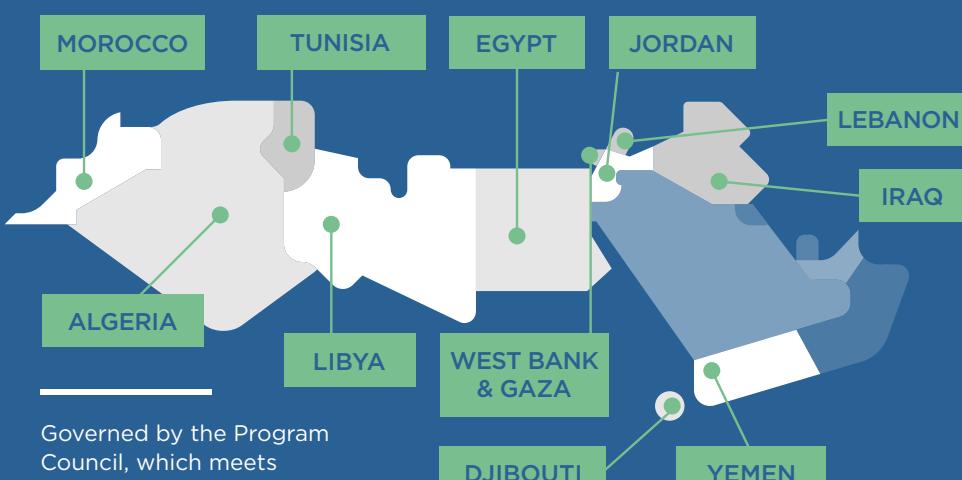
18,000

direct beneficiaries whose capacity and skills increased thanks to 200 MDTF supported knowledge sharing events

450

analytical or advisory pieces that informed or influenced policies and projects in the region

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES



Governed by the Program Council, which meets annually to approve changes to the structure and operations of the program

Activities include: analytics, technical assistance, dialogue/knowledge exchange, and regional cooperation initiatives.

Teams on the ground work with clients and partners to identify financing needs, and submit applications either ad hoc or through regular calls for proposals

Applications are rigorously evaluated for their relevance, technical quality, and additionality, in close coordination with the Bank's country and technical management

Leverages the World Bank's strategic country and regional engagements, implementation effectiveness, and rigorous fiduciary processes, to deliver results.

MENA Pillars of the Regional Strategy Solutions

- Renewing the Social Contract
- Regional Cooperation
- Recovery and Reconstruction
- Resilience to Refugee/IDP Shocks

WORLD BANK GROUP

DONOR COUNTRIES

United Kingdom

Norway

Finland

Denmark

THE MENA MDTF IS UNIQUELY ABLE TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES



One of few financial mechanisms that provides such seed funding for upstream strategic analysis, technical assistance, capacity building, and knowledge sharing work required to design, implement, and replicate transformational initiatives.

A reliable, effective and agile instrument that can deliver quickly, by efficiently channeling resources into strategic and high-quality operations, while ensuring rigorous fiduciary overview, and both enabling medium to long term engagements as well as immediate and urgent responses.

An instrument that leverages the World Bank's financing capacity to influence broad policy reforms, support transformational programs and large-scale projects, and build capacity across the region, in the service of a clear vision and strategic purpose of fostering peace and stability.

An instrument that leverages the World Bank's regional scope which gives it the ability to identify and build on regional cross-learning, to accelerate diffusion across the region, and to support the development of complex regional programs and projects for example in technology, jobs and education, or water, energy, and climate change.

A strong culture of partnership that builds on the Bank's convening power to leverage additional funding and resources as much as possible, reduce duplication of efforts and fragmentation of projects, and build the foundation of truly multilateral engagements.

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