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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SUPPORT TO KEY EMERGENCY ACTORS

TUNISIA

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) are implementing a 24-month disaster preparedness project in Tunisia, funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO). The initiative strengthens the ability of local authorities, civil society organizations (CSOs), and communities to anticipate and respond to crises driven by climate change and conflict, with particular focus on supporting people on the move and host communities.

By combining innovative predictive models with community-based disaster preparedness, the project helps local responders and decision-makers plan ahead, act earlier, and save lives when emergencies strike.

WHY PREPAREDNESS MATTERS

Tunisia is increasingly affected by overlapping risks:



CLIMATE SHOCKS

Climate is intensifying pressures on livelihoods and migration in Tunisia. Severe droughts and water rationing strain agriculture and households, while wheat production fell by 28% (2007 - 2016), threatening food security.

Rising sea temperatures disrupt fisheries, and environmental degradation is driving chronic internal displacement particularly in rural farming and pastoralist communities.



MIGRATION DYNAMICS

Tunisia has become a significant transit and departure point for migrants, influenced by economic challenges and broader regional instability.

OUR GOAL

Overarching Objective: Improve safety, protection, and resilience of vulnerable populations in North Africa through stronger national and local capacities to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to climate- and conflict-induced emergencies.

Specific Objective: Enhance the disaster preparedness and resilience of local communities, authorities, and organizations by equipping them with predictive tools, trainings, and resources for proactive, timely action.

KEY RESULTS

1

PREDICTIVE & RESPONSIVE SYSTEMS

- Multi-hazard early warning systems strengthened, providing timely alerts and information.
- Local authorities, CSOs, and first responders equipped with actionable risk analysis tools to guide planning and decision-making.

2

STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITIES

- Development of a comprehensive Training of Trainers (ToT) package on disaster preparedness and risk reduction.
- Local officials, CSO staff, and first responders trained and cascading knowledge within their communities.
- Increased ability of municipalities and local organizations to integrate preparedness into governance and service delivery.
- Supporting partners with practical business continuity measures and funding to strengthen their preparedness.
- Supporting partners with practical digital security measures and funding to enhance their protection.

3

RAPID RESPONSE THROUGH CRISIS MODIFIER

- A flexible Crisis Modifier mechanism ensures that the consortium can respond within 72 hours to a sudden crisis.
- Immediate support delivered through cash or in-kind assistance depending on context, covering shelter, basic needs, and protection services.
- Communities and local responders supported to adapt quickly and reduce the humanitarian impact of sudden-onset disasters.

WHO BENEFITS



Priority groups: People on the move and host communities — with a particular focus on vulnerable groups, including women, children, older persons, and persons with disabilities.

WHERE WE WORK

Greater Tunis

Sousse

Sfax

Gabes

Medenine

PARTNERS & COORDINATION

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Local and national Partners: Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) & Migrant/Refugee-Led Organizations (MRLOs)

Coordination with: Local and national Partners, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) & Migrant/Refugee-Led Organizations (MRLOs), National authorities, UN agencies, and regional disaster management bodies.