CREATING JOBS, **INVESTING IN POSSIBILITIES**

THE CHALLENGE

Unemployment is a major problem for young people throughout the Middle East region. Rates of unemployment of 15-24 year olds:

27% male 59% female Egypt unemployment unemployment 28% male 57% female Jordan unemployment inemployment 20% male 25% female Lebanon unemployment unemployment **20**% male 18% female Morocco unemployment unemployment West Bank **37%** male 41% female and Gaza

Source: ILO Key Indicators of the Labor Market 2015

Over the past four decades, the American people, through USAID, have been partnering with the people of the Middle East to help young men and women gain marketable skills in areas such as technology, business, healthcare, agriculture and education.

EDUCATION

Lebanon

Provided full scholarships to 600+ students.



Iordan

Built or expanded 120+ schools and renovated 500 kindergarten classrooms.



Egypt

Trained **80,000** teachers on reading comprehension, that impacted 4.5 million I-3 grade students.



West Bank and Gaza

Built or renovated 5,500+ classrooms. benefitting 500,000+ students. Added 375 computer and science labs, as well as 290 libraries in girl's schools.





Morocco

Spent \$17+ million in training 37K+ education professionals



TRAINING & SKILLS

Egypt

Facilitated 29K internships for agriculture students, created over 15K agriculture jobs.



Lebanon

Provided job training. business development and microfinance lending to I5K+ women.



Morocco

Improved the lives of I2K+ at-risk youth with skills training, academic support, extracurricular activities and community engagement.



Iordan

Provided 20K+ hours of training in a variety of sectors including tourism, energy, and workforce development.



West Bank and Gaza

Reached 347,048 youths through 300+ youth centers and provided training to 30K+ youth.



INNOVATION & INVESTMENT

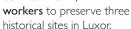
Lebanon

Provided ~15K loans to microenterprises and individuals, creating 3K new jobs.



Egypt

Created short-term employment during the post-2011 tourism downturn for 1.000





Morocco

Supported 5.737 first graders to participate in the experimental phase of the new reading approach in 90 schools.



West Bank and Gaza

Created more than 4K temporary jobs for some 470K days of employment.



Iordan

Facilitated \$72+ million in loans to 316+ small and medium-sized enterprises.



