**Call for Expressions of Interest:**

**Ma3an National Partners for Youth Leaders Network (YLN) Activities**

**Background**

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is funding the Ma3an project, a seven-year (September 2018 – August 2025) project that aims to increase Tunisian youth civic engagement and economic empowerment to advance progress towards sustainable and inclusive development in Tunisia. Ma3an is implemented by FHI 360, a non-profit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions.

Building on the success and feedback from participants at the Ma3an Youth Leaders Conference in September 2022, Ma3an is pleased to announce the release of this call for Expression of Interest to identify 5 local civil society organizations (CSO) partners to support a Youth Leaders Network (YLN) across Ma3an’s 15 target governorates. The selected partner organizations will work with over 1,000 youth leaders to cascade trainings for more than an additional 20,000 youth in Ma3an-supported safe spaces (such as community youth and cultural centers) where they exist.

Skills/services/opportunities will be provided around three thematic areas: (1) civic engagement, (2) economic empowerment, and (3) inclusion. The skills-building offerings will depend on the plan the YLN members have developed, but they are expected to include soft and life skills such as professional communications, digital content creation and social media, public speaking, social entrepreneurship, and advocacy. The YLN members will also actively coordinate with and connect to other youth-serving actors, youth safe spaces, and programs within and across governorates that can expand young people’s access to engagement and employment skills, resources, and opportunities. Finally, the YLN partners will also facilitate young people coming together to identify and act on common priorities and will provide support for youth-led initiatives.

Each of the 5 selected partners will support Ma3an by directly implementing activities in 3 of the 15 Ma3an governorates listed below:

Ben Arous, Tunis, Ariana, Mannouba, Zaghouan, Sousse, Kairouan, Sidi Bouzid, Kef, Siliana, Jendouba, Gafsa, Kasserine, Medenine, Tataouine

Following its review of submitted Expressions of Interest, FHI 360 / Ma3an will share the full Request for Applications (RFA) with all eligible organizations that submitted Expressions of Interest. The RFA will detail the scope of work and the final selection process. All organizations receiving the RFA will also be invited to bidders’ orientation sessions.

The value of each grant shall not exceed 400,000 TND (A maximum total of 2000,000 TND for the 5 grants) for implementation in the 15 Governorates (3 governorates per grantee). Successful Applicant(s) will be awarded grants for an anticipated 20-month period of performance.

**Application and Eligibility Criteria**

1. The organization is operational and a legally registered not-for profit non-governmental organization in Tunisia.
2. The organization is currently present in and/or demonstrates their ability to operate and launch activities in at least three Ma3an governorates by March 2023.
3. The organization must not be listed in any US Government and International excluded parties list due to their affiliation with unlawful activities.
4. The organization’s mission and past programming experience is relevant to the technical and programming areas related to the YLN process; relevant areas could include: the design and implementation of previous youth leadership activities, other youth-related work in the community, civil society capacity building, training design and facilitation.

To apply for this opportunity, please submit your application and the required supporting documents (see below) to FHI 360/Ma3an **by no later than December 11, 2022**.

Applications must be sent electronically to grantstunisia@ma3an.org . Applications can be submitted in English, French, or Arabic. FHI 360/Ma3an will confirm receipt of applications by email. Only eligible applicants will be contacted and receive the RFA.

Requested Documents: **JORT publication**, **Fiscal Registration and Current Address, and the completed Application Form.**