

# CURRICULUM VITAE – Nidhal BEN CHEIKH

## Proposed role in the project:

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## 7. Education:

	<i>Institution - Dates</i>	<i>Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained</i>
A.	University of Paris Cité : 2016-2021	PhD in economics Thesis title "Social Protection, informality and Poverty in Tunisia"
B.	Laval University, Canada: March 2013	Certificate of completion, Multidimensional Child Poverty and Inequality Measurement Course
C.	Bradford University, United Kingdom: January – April 2008	Chevening Fellowship Program Certificate Economic Governance and Reform
D.	Faculty of Economics and Management of Tunis: 2003 – 2005	MSc (Research) Economics
E.	Ecole Nationale d'Administration de Tunis (ENA of Tunis) : 1998 – 2001	High Diploma of the ENA of Tunis
F.	Faculty of Law and Economics of Sousse – Tunisia: 1993 - 1997	BSc (Economics)

## 8. Language Skills: *Indicate competence on a scale of C2 to A1 (C2 – excellent; A1 – basic)*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Writing</i>
Arabic	C2	C2	C2
English	C2	C2	C2
French	C2	C2	C2
German	B2	B2	B2

**9. Membership of professional bodies:** Research Associate at the Economic Research Forum - ERF. Member of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Social Policy Network, University of Bath, UK

**10. Other skills:** Advanced skills in Microsoft Environment, STATA 15, Adept (World Bank Poverty Analysis Software), CSPro, Kobo Toolbox

**11. Present position:** International Consultant in Social protection, informal economy, Labour Market Governance analysis and evaluation of development programmes

## 12. Key qualifications (relevant to the project)

### *Qualification and skills*

**Assessment of the performance of Social Protection Delivery Systems, Labour Market Analysis and Youth employment, Migration policies analysis, Gender mainstreaming, Informality and transition to formal jobs, Child Protection, Design Evaluation of Information Systems and Social Registries of Social Protection Programmes, Implementation and Monitoring of Household Surveys, Monitoring and Evaluation Development Programmes, Measurement and analysis of Informal Employment.**

**13. Specific experience in the region**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Sultanate of Oman	05/2015-08/2015
Iraq (Baghdad, Erbil)	02/2016 ; 2023 - 2024
Tunisia	01/2001-to date
Libya	06/2020-10/2022
Kuwait	06/2019 – 07/2020
Morocco	05/2019-09/2019

## 14. Professional experience

	Dates (year and month)	Location	Company & reference person contact details (name and email OR phone number)	Position	Description
1.	April 2023 – April 2024 120 days	Baghdad	Deah Mohamed UNDP Iraq <a href="mailto:deah.mohammed@undp.org">deah.mohammed@undp.org</a>	Labour Market Analysis and Observatory Expert	<p>UNDP project : Establishing a Labour Market Observatory within the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) in Iraq</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare an initial baseline report as pre-feasibility for the Labor Market Observatory : (1) A general assessment of the current preparedness for a labor market observatory and the related data and interested stakeholders ; (2) A matrix that captures global and regional best practice examples and conduct comparative assessment of effective labor market observatory initiatives ; (3) List of all necessary stakeholders required for in-depth follow up.</li> <li>- Prepare a detailed, full feasibility study for creating the labour market observatory, and identify the key strategy for development : (1) Draft suggested structure for the labour market observatory with estimated needed financial and human resources ; (2) Support the IT specialists at MoLSA in determining the needed information systems for the suggested observatory, and how to improve the quality data on labour market ; (3) Support the identification, sharing of the labour market indicators, especially from skill development, jobs supply and demand sides,</li> <li>- Capacity Building and technical Support to Ministry of Labour &amp; Social Affairs to develop its staff – with the aid of the initial baseline and full feasibility report to be conducted, the Expert will support MoLSA.</li> </ul>
2.	March – September 2023 10 days	Baghdad/ Erbil	Aan Associates Faisal Shahzad <a href="mailto:faisal.shahzad@aanassociates.com">faisal.shahzad@aanassociates.com</a>	Consultant in Social Protection	<p>WFP Project : Revamping Social Protection Schemes in Iraq</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presence in inception mission meetings with WFP</li> <li>- Take part in the discussions on the concept note with WFP and draw an agreement on which model/s method would be used for poverty/food insecurity assessment with the Social Protection Expert;</li> <li>- Review and understand the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Poverty/food insecurity index/map (region-wise),</li> <li>- Food insecure/vulnerable households/groups and proportions and vulnerability assessment,</li> <li>- Poverty/food insecurity criteria for future assistance;</li> <li>- Re-targeting of PDS</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Take part in the presentation of the findings to WFP technical team and agree on revised targeting criteria for reformed PDS</li> <li>- Co-facilitate/moderate Baghdad and Erbil workshops (2 days each max), take note of feedback and suggestions on revised targeting criteria and rationale and update targeting criteria and allied financial calculations.</li> </ul>
3.	May 2023 3 days	Tunis	Réseau Amen Enfance Tunisie (RAET) Nizar Fares <a href="mailto:Niz.fares@gmail.com">Niz.fares@gmail.com</a>	Consultant in Youth Protection	Preparation of RAET's annual work plan on alternative care, improving the welfare of children without family support in residential associations and expanding the existing network of foster families.
4.	December 2022 – June 2023 40 days	Tunis	World Bank Mohamed Aziz Ben Ghachem <a href="mailto:abenghachem@worldbank.org">abenghachem@worldbank.org</a>	Consultant in Social Protection and Jobs (SPJ)	Provide technical and operational expertise to selected projects within the Tunisia Social Protection and Jobs (SPJ) portfolio. This focuses on (i) providing best practice operational and project management support particularly M&E support, and (ii) providing policy briefs, international lessons, knowledge and good practices on Case Management in Social Work and assessments of Social Protection Delivering systems, related to SPJ sector.

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5. June 2022 – October 2023 80 days	Tripoli	Expertise France Julien Schmitt <a href="mailto:julien.schmitt@expertisefrance.fr">julien.schmitt@expertisefrance.fr</a>	Consultant in Statistical Capacity Development	Assess statistical capacity of the Libyan Ministry of Economy and Trade (data availability, current data collection & analysis if any, studies, statistics, relationship with National Bureau of Statistics, etc.): Technical Assistance (TA) is provided to assess system on economic data production, data availability and data analysis. This work is closely implemented with internal department, the center for documentation and information, National Bureau of Statistics, and other relevant department/agencies.
6. February – October 2022	Tunis	ILO Ahlem Amri <a href="mailto:amri@ilo.org">amri@ilo.org</a>	Consultant in Social Protection and migration	Evaluation of the effective functioning of bilateral social security agreements between Tunisia and France, Germany, Egypt and Morocco and the extent to which these agreements are covering the needs of migrants..
7. March – June 2022 (20 Days)	Tunis	World Bank Mohamed Aziz Ben Ghachem <a href="mailto:abenghachem@worldbank.org">abenghachem@worldbank.org</a> Vision Development Yosr Abid Fourati <a href="mailto:yosraf@tpadoffice.com">yosraf@tpadoffice.com</a>	Consultant in Social Protection and Jobs	Expertise in the field of social protection within the framework of the inception phase of the WB / UNDP joint project "Reinforcing Social Services for poor and vulnerable household, groups and individuals in Tunisia through the strengthening of legal aid mechanisms and the implementation of an integrated delivery System. Assessing the performance of the Tunisian two Social Protection flagship programmes delivery systems : Results chain for delivery systems that builds on a theory of change ; Performance indicators along the delivery chain (Outreach, Intake and registration, Assessment of Needs; Eligibility and enrollment decisions, Service Package, notification and onboarding, Provision of benefits, Beneficiaries compliance and grievances, Exit decisions).
8. November 2021 – June 2022 (80 Days)	Tunis	UNDP Asma Bouraoui Khouja <a href="mailto:asma.khouja@undp.org">asma.khouja@undp.org</a>	Consultant in Informal Economy	A consultation to elaborate a strategic report on the Informal Economy in Tunisia. - Produce an interim report including: (1) a review of the quantitative and qualitative approaches to measuring the informal sector and employment as well as a literature review on the issue, both national and international; (2) an estimate of the size of the informal economy in Tunisia as a % of GDP, total employment and loss of tax and social security revenues ; - Elaborate a final report integrating, in addition to the content of the interim report, a focus on informal employment in Tunisia based on an in-depth analysis of the characteristics of informal employment according to socio-demographic characteristics (age, gender, region, level of education), employment characteristics (sectors, type of production unit, place of work, size of enterprises), factors favourable to formalisation, obstacles to formalisation (institutional, economic, social) and the effects of current public policies.
9. November 2021 – January 2022	Tunis	EuroMeSCO – Iemed Justine Leïla Belaïd <a href="mailto:jbelaid@iemed.org">jbelaid@iemed.org</a>	Peer reviewer of Policy Study	Peer Review the EuroMeSCO's policy study on Boosting Social Protection Reforms in The MENA region (Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan and Tunisia)

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10.	July 2021 – April 2022 (30 Days)	Tunis	ISTIS (Survey Firm) Hosni Nemsia <a href="mailto:hosni.nemsia@gmail.com">hosni.nemsia@gmail.com</a> UNDP Claudia Assmann <a href="mailto:claudia.assmann@un.org">claudia.assmann@un.org</a>	Consultant in Labour Market Analysis and Youth Employment	Participation in a study on the NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) population in four governorates in Tunisia - Developed the questionnaire of the survey including different modules: identification of NEET (15-29 years old), dropout and school pathways of NEET, social coverage and health profiles of NEET, Inactivity of NEET, Unemployed NEET, Perceptions and representations)
11.	January 2021 – October 2021 (30 working days)	Tunis	ISTIS (Survey Firm) Hosni Nemsia <a href="mailto:hosni.nemsia@gmail.com">hosni.nemsia@gmail.com</a> UNICEF Remy Pigois <a href="mailto:rpigois@unicef.org">rpigois@unicef.org</a>	Consultant in Social Protection and Child Protection	Conducting three waves of panel surveys for the project "Investing in children's human capital through a sustainable and inclusive social protection system" for UNICEF. - Participated in the design of the questionnaire for households receiving child cash transfers; - Participated in the implementation and monitoring of the survey - Participated in the elaboration of the different survey reports
12.	February – May 2021 (20 working days)	Tunis	ISTIS (Survey Firm) Hosni Nemsia <a href="mailto:hosni.nemsia@gmail.com">hosni.nemsia@gmail.com</a> World Bank	Consultant in Labour migration	The project : Secondary Cities and migration in Tunisia Carried out four qualitative surveys (Focus Groups) in two cities (Tunisia) to identify the main reasons and determinants underpinning migratory flows (Education, <b>labor market analysis, working conditions</b> , etc.). Used the data from the individual questionnaire of participants in the focus groups to draft the modules of the quantitative questionnaire. Participated in the monitoring of the household survey in each selected city to provide a representative database of internal migrants (1 600 household surveys). Participated in the analysis and elaboration of the final report
13.	01/02/2021 – 31/03/2021 (25 working days)	Tunis	OECD Sarah Hermanutz <a href="mailto:Sarah.hermanutz@oecd.org">Sarah.hermanutz@oecd.org</a>	Consultant in Social Protection and Gender	- Design and implement a questionnaire ( <b>Labour market module, Working conditions module, informality, social security module, attitudes to social security module</b> , etc.) for the assessment of the <i>Ahmini</i> rural women's social security programme. This initiative was launched to encourage informal women working in the agricultural sector to join a social security scheme. - Supervise the field survey (Sidi Bouzid, Kairouan and Sousse) - Cleaning of the database and sharing of the preliminary results with the Ministry of Social Affairs in Tunisia and the OECD - Elaborate the final evaluation report including the analysis the of the survey's results - <b>Elaboration of a Policy Brief</b>
14.	16/11/2020 – 30/01/2021	Tunis	European Training Foundation (ETF) Mariavittoria Garlappi <a href="mailto:Mariavittoria.Garlappi@etf.europa.eu">Mariavittoria.Garlappi@etf.europa.eu</a>	National Expert in Labour Migration	- Mapping the main institutional actors on the issue of migration in Tunisia; - Organize FGD and KII with the main stakeholders - To analyse the main trends in terms of migration and labour market in Tunisia

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15.	23/06/2020– 30/09/ 2020 (43.5 working days)	Tunis - Tripoli	UNDP Libya Emmanuel Maduike <a href="mailto:Emmanuel.maduike@undp.org">Emmanuel.maduike@undp.org</a>	Lead Economist	The purpose of the consultancy was to coordinate, develop and draft the UN Libya Socio Economic Impact Needs Assessment and Response regarding the COVID-19 outbreak in Libya. Reviewed existing assessments already done by UN Agencies; Coordinated UN Task Force to follow up on each Agencies' contribution; Drafted <b>Methodology for the Socio Economic Impact Needs Assessment and Response</b> ; Supported UNDP to develop and draft Economic Response and Recovery section and <b>Labour market analysis</b> ; Compiled, edited, drafted and finalized the Assessment and Response on behalf of UN Task Force.
16.	05/06/2020 – 31/12/2020 (15 Working days per year)	Tunis	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Tunisie <a href="mailto:Thomas.Claes@fes.de">Thomas.Claes@fes.de</a>	Member of the Scientific Committee	The project will be implemented over 3 years, from January 2020 to December 2022 and aims to support critical analysis, civic engagement and regional and international advocacy on the <b>social justice</b> implications of the IMF loans in the MENA region post 2011 with a focus on <b>social protection, social spending and services</b> . Reviewed of the ToR for <b>trainers responsible of training/mentoring</b> civil society organizations and of researchers/officials for country studies regional (MENA) Studies. Commented the content of the training materials and suggest themes; Reviewed drafts of studies and other publications on their scientific quality, coherence of Arguments and relevance in relations to other publications.
17.	15/08/2019 – 31/12/2021 (132 days)	Kuwait	UNDP and ISTIS <a href="mailto:ali.elmuntaser@undp.org">ali.elmuntaser@undp.org</a>	Survey analyst Expert	<b>Elaboration of the Household Income and Expenditure Survey in Kuwait.</b> Contributed to the <b>design of the questionnaire and the different modules</b> ; Enhance the module on household income and their resources, particularly social transfers (government transfers, retirement, <b>health insurance, social assistance transfers</b> ), <b>Migration and labour market</b> ; Contributed to the <b>launching of the pilot survey</b> and the drafting of the Phase II report; Wrote and elaborated <b>survey analysis</b> report with a focus on <b>income inequality analysis</b> , the <b>impact of social assistance programmes</b> on inequality, household debt, subjective minimum income. Caoching and training of the officials working in the Central Statistical Bureau (Kuwait).
18.	19/05/2019 – 30/09/2019 (84 Days)	Morocco	European Commission <a href="mailto:Cecile.Tron-Muratori@gopa.de">Cecile.Tron-Muratori@gopa.de</a>	Gender-Based and Budgeting Specialist	<b>Projet 1004211 – PGégalité (Délégation de l'Union Européenne au Maroc)</b> - Conducted literature review of studies on gender inequalities in the sectors of <b>social development, education, industry and administrative reform</b> ; Conducted and facilitated meetings with ministerial partners to translate the <b>measures of the Government Plan for Equality</b> into operational actions; Developed results-oriented action plan for various ministerial departments; Drew up estimates of budgets to be associated with medium-term action plans; Submitted final report including four Medium-Term Action Plans prepared using a <b>results-based management and human rights-based approach</b> .
19.	14/05/2019 – 24/07/2019 (10 days)	Lebanon	The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) <a href="mailto:safao@un.org">safao@un.org</a>	Consultant - Economist	"Leaving No One Behind: Reaching the Most Marginalized in Selected Arab States". Drafted "Chapter 3: A Case Study in Tunisia: Geography as a Root Cause for Exclusion"; Conducted FGD based on methodology proposed by lead regional consultant, and integrate the findings of the FGD into Chapter 3; Contributed to "Chapter 5: <b>Policy recommendations to Overcome Social Exclusion and Enhance Enjoyment of Fundamental Rights and Basic Freedoms</b> "; Participated in Expert Group Meeting (peer review) to present preliminary work and integrate peer reviewers comments.

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20.	01/0/2019 – 30/09/2019 (45 days)	Tunisia	ISTIS <a href="mailto:samir.lazaar@tunisia.gov.tn">samir.lazaar@tunisia.gov.tn</a>	National Consultant in Local Development	Project <b>evaluating impact of the Programme</b> of Regional Development on the wellbeing of rural populations. With GIZ & Ministry of Development, Investment & Int Cooperation. Conducted desk review on the PRD; <b>Developed and implemented external evaluation and sampling methodology</b> ; Prepared questionnaires and interviews guides; Analyzed results of qualitative and quantitative surveys; <b>Evaluated impact of social programme on the living standards of the beneficiary populations, labour market and migration</b> ; Drafted final report of the <b>evaluation</b> .
21.	01/12/2018 – 31/12/2018 (20 days)	Tunisia	Ministry of Social Affairs & UNICEF <a href="mailto:gabadjian@unicef.org">gabadjian@unicef.org</a>	National Consultant in Child Protection	As National Consultant in <b>Child Protection and Strategic Planning</b> , elaborated an Annual Work Plan and budget for 2019-2020 to implement the new <b>childcare and family support reform strategy</b> . Role included organising and facilitating meetings with key stakeholders, elaborating the annual work plan and budget for 2019 2020, facilitating a workshop to present and receive endorsement of the AWP.
22.	Nov 2017 – June 2018 (75 days)	Tunisia	Oxford <b>Policy</b> Management & UNICEF Chris Rayment <a href="mailto:Chris.Rayment@opml.co.uk">Chris.Rayment@opml.co.uk</a>	National Team Leader (Social & Child Protection specialist)	Situation analysis and strategy development (childcare and family support reform strategy) – <b>Evaluation of the Child Protection Policy</b> in Tunisia. Coordinated implementation of fieldwork (group consultations and key informant interviews), data cleaning and data entry and conducted key informant interviews or focus group discussions; Drafted situation analysis of the children in danger in Tunisia and the whole system of alternative care; Established bridges between <b>social protection</b> programmes and <b>child protection/alternative care</b> in Tunisia; Drafted national child care and family support reform strategy; Supported stakeholder analysis; Reviewed drafts of communications strategy and provided contributions based on knowledge of <b>social protection</b> sector stakeholders and policy priorities. <b>Coaching and mentoring staff working in the area of child protection</b> on the use of statistics in undertaking situations analysis.
23.	08/09/2017 – 31/12/2017 (30 days)	Tunisia	UN WOMEN Walid Said <a href="mailto:walid.said@unwomen.org">walid.said@unwomen.org</a>	Economist/ Statistician and Gender mainstreaming expert	Preparation of national report on women's access to decision-making positions in Tunisia. The analytical part was based on an <b>analysis of public service human resources management databases</b> and the processing of data from the launch of a qualitative survey conducted with a sample of public servants and interviews and focus groups with women who have reached decision-making positions. Conducted informative qualitative interviews with senior civil service officials and organize focus groups; Developed qualitative questionnaire on professional gender inequalities in the civil service; Launched survey with a representative sample; Analyzed data collected and highlighted main features of gender-related occupational inequalities in relation to profiles and position in the administration; Elaborated final report including three year operational action plan.
24.	01/12/2017 – 15/12/2017 (10 days)	Tunisia	ISTIS and UNDP Guluzar Celebi <a href="mailto:guluzar.celebi@undp.org">guluzar.celebi@undp.org</a>	Expert in Surveys Analysis	Ensure the analysis of the survey undertaken for UNDP to collect information on citizens' knowledge, attitudes and perceptions of transitional justice in Tunisia. The sample size was 1550 households and 4000 people aged 18 and over.
25.	01/11/2016 – 30/09/2017 Full time	Tunisia	Ministry of Social Affairs Mohamed Trabelsi <a href="mailto:ministre.sa@social.gov.tn">ministre.sa@social.gov.tn</a>	Economic Advisor to the Minister of Social Affairs	Provided strategic advice and guidance to the Minister of Social Affairs in designing and implementing a single registry and a MIS to identify the poorest in order to improve the targeting accuracy of social assistance programmes in Tunisia; Provided <b>strategic advice to the Ministry of Social Affairs on the processes for social protection reform</b> ; Strengthened capacities of the Ministry in promoting the Solidarity and Social Economy (SSE). <b>Implemented Evidence-based Social protection policies</b> ; <b>Coached and trained top officials of the Ministry on the analysis of informal employment, M&amp;E of Social Safety nets and the reform of social protection programmes.</b>

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26.	05/02/2016 – 28/02/2016 (8 days)	Iraq - Kurdistan	ILO Regional Office for Arab States – Beyrouth Ghassen Al-Saffar <a href="mailto:alsaffar@ilo.org">alsaffar@ilo.org</a>	Expert in Results Based Planning & Management	Developed detailed gender-sensitive <b>participatory actions plans to implement employment policy</b> in Kurdistan; Developed capacities of Kurdistan Ministerial focal points to develop an action plan for the <b>employment policy</b> (ILO Guidelines); Strengthened capacities of the Ministerial focal points in Results based Planning and <b>Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E)</b>
27.	01/10/2011- 31/10/2016 Full time	Tunisia	Centre for Research & Social Studies (CRES) Ministry of Social Affairs <a href="mailto:Hedi.bouker@cres.tn">Hedi.bouker@cres.tn</a>	Director of Research	Initiated and directed performance <b>evaluation of the social assistance program</b> with key focus on the challenges of informality in partnership with the African Development Bank; <b>Prepared and launched call for tenders and the ToRs</b> for the recruitment of consultants and a Survey Firm for conducting the household survey; <b>Piloted Evaluation Survey</b> (6000 households) on the performance of two social assistance flagship programmes (PNAFN & AMGII) in reducing poverty in Tunisia; Member of the ESCWA's Expert Group working on "rethinking Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) for Arab countries; Provided regular strategic guidance to the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) on the reform of <b>Social protection</b> Programmes; <b>Piloted Evaluation Survey</b> (3000 households) of the impact the cash transfer on educational outcomes of children living in poor families; Advised the President of the Government (M Mahdi Jomaa - 2014) on implementation of a National Integrated Management Information System and the adoption of a Unique Identification Number and the reform of <b>social protection</b> system including food subsidies; <b>Provided coaching and mentoring to the researchers in the CRES on the implementation of Impact Evaluation of Social Programmes</b> ; Participated in a study on the Impact of Food subsidies on Poverty in Tunisia; Conducted studies on <b>social protection</b> floors in the MENA region; Coordinated research in the CRES on extension of Social Security (Social Coverage) to the informal economy (prepared ToRs and drafted the final report); Developed statistical approach to gauge/measure informal employment dynamics in Tunisia ( <b>social protection</b> approach); Participated in many seminars and workshops on informal economy, informal employment, underground economy, and pension reform.
28.	10/05/2015 – 31/08/2015 (90 days)	Sultanate of Oman	UNICEF Ossama Makkawi <a href="mailto:omakkawi@unicef.org">omakkawi@unicef.org</a>	International consultant <b>Social protection and Child Protection</b>	To develop, draft, compile, revise and finalize the pillar on <b>Social protection</b> and <b>Social Care services</b> within the National Strategy on Social Work. Conducted analysis of the HIES survey in coordination with National Center of Statistics and Information in the Sultanate of Oman : analysis of Poverty trends and inequality; Provided guidance and conduct additional research and analysis in areas related to <b>Social protection</b> ; and follow up on research and analysis conducted by the relevant expert in areas related to Social Care; Led and facilitated dialogue to develop pillar on <b>Social protection</b> ; worked closely with the relevant expert in order to develop the sections related to Social Care; Drafted the chapter related to <b>Social protection</b> , and worked closely with the relevant expert to draft the Section on Social Care in the Strategy on Social Work; Compiled Pillar on <b>Social protection</b> and Social Care within Strategy Work including costing and <b>M&amp;E plan</b> ; Supported technical negotiations within the Ministry in areas of <b>Social protection</b> and Social Care. Finalized Pillar on <b>Social protection</b> and Social Care for endorsement.



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29.	01/03/2015 – 30/11/2016 (10 days)	Tunisia	UNRISD Ilcheong YI <a href="mailto:YI@unrisd.org">YI@unrisd.org</a>	Expert in Social <b>Policies</b> in the MENA region	New Directions in <b>Social Policy</b> : Alternatives from and for the Global South: A UNRISD Research Project. The main aim of this research proposal was to map out the institutional frameworks for social <b>policy</b> in the case study countries and to critically examine key developments in a specific number of <b>policy</b> areas for each country. Undertook extensive desk review of qualitative and quantitative data, supplemented by interviews with policymakers and stakeholders within the policy areas chosen. Conducted micro-data analysis (household-level) including DHS surveys for health and demographic outcomes and LSMS to assess the levels of household consumption and poverty. Comprehensive report addressing the main questions and offering a descriptive overview of <b>social policy changes</b> in the five countries under study as well as <b>summative evaluation of policy impact in reducing social inequalities and income-poverty</b> .
30.	01/03/2013 – 15/08/2013	Tunisia	CNRS and CIST <a href="mailto:beckouch@univ.paris1.fr">beckouch@univ.paris1.fr</a>	Consultant/Statistics Expert	<b>Building a database for Tunisian governorates and delegations</b> within the ESPON ITAN project. Undertook data collection ( <b>demographics, education, living standards, labour market and migration</b> ); Compiled clean database; Harmonized datasets for population core data and social and economic core data to be integrated in the ITAN Database; final data analysis and technical report.
31.	Nov – Dec 2011 (Deliverable)	Tunisia	IACE – Arab Institute of Business Leaders Majdi Hassen <a href="mailto:majdi.hassen@iace.org.tn">majdi.hassen@iace.org.tn</a>	Expert in Local Development	Towards of a new development model for Tunisia. Prepared study note on industrial development in Tunisia and the demography of microenterprises in the various governorates of Tunisia. Elaborated a strategic orientation note for a better redeployment of the industrial base in the disadvantaged regions of Tunisia to improve economic density, attractiveness for private investment and reduction of <b>youth unemployment and major labour market indicators</b> . Collected data on the industrial base in Tunisia and the geographical distribution of companies throughout the territory; Analysed data from the microenterprise survey (INS, 2007) and data from National Enterprise Register; Developed indicators to provide information on the demography of microenterprises in the governorates; Prepared report analysing the situation with by a strategic orientation note (10 year) for a better industrial deployment in the underprivileged regions of Tunisia

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32.	Tunisia	UNDP Youssef Landolsi <a href="mailto:youssef.landolsi@undp.org">youssef.landolsi@undp.org</a>	National Project Coordinator	<b>Coordination of Youth, Employment and Migration UN joint Programme:</b> Coordination of the project, technical backstopping, strategic planning, reporting to UNDP headquarters (MDG Fund), drafting reports and TORs; Led co-ordination of programme ensuring all partners worked together to deliver the programme, in compliance with the project work plan; <b>Drafted TORs and call for tenders for all External Evaluations (mid-term evaluation of the Program, studies on Labour Market Policies, Evaluation of Active labour market policies (labour market dynamic analysis, pathways to formalize informal work, Supporting Youth in Entrepreneurship) and Migration</b> conducted during course of the project; Facilitated workshops (UN agencies and National Partners) to get Annual Work Plan (AWP) endorsed; Provided technical backstopping to consultants and comprehensive quality control; Advised Programme Management Committee on implementation of the joint programme and made recommendations on substantive and financial issues; Supported implementation of programme activities through direct assistance and technical and operational advice; Worked collaboratively with citizen groups ensuring active participation in programme management, implementation, <b>monitoring &amp; evaluation</b> ; Launched projects promoting entrepreneurship among youth and women in two targeted governorates.
33.	Damascus - Syria	League of Arab States and UNDP RO, Cairo) Jaafar Ibrahim Essouri <a href="mailto:Socialdev.dept@las.int">Socialdev.dept@las.int</a>	Economist	Research identifying limitations of the Human Development Index (HDI) in the context of Arab countries and proposing alternatives to better inform the human development situation in the region. Reviewed economic literature on the Human Development Index (HDI): measurement approaches and limits; Analysed patterns and trends of HDI in the Arab Region compared to other regions in the World; Identified main limits of HDI; Proposed new approaches to HDI measurement more adapted to the specificities of the Arab region.
34.	Tunisia	Ministry of Development & Int'l Cooperation Belgacem Ayed <a href="mailto:belgacem.ayed@mdici.gov.tn">belgacem.ayed@mdici.gov.tn</a>	Deputy Director, <b>Social protection &amp; Poverty alleviation policies</b>	Drafted <b>Social protection</b> chapters in the annual 'Budget and Economic Outlook' and five-year economic development plan; Coordinated with National Institute of Statistics (INS) in the planning, implementation and the analysis of the Household Expenditure, Budget and Employment Surveys; Represented Ministry in high level meeting on <b>Social protection</b> reforms; Assistant Director of the "Localizing MDGs in Tunisia" project set up in partnership with UNDP Tunisia; Focal point of SLP project "Statistical Literacy and Capacity Building for <b>monitoring</b> Millennium Development Goals at the national level" in collaboration with ESCWA; Conducted studies on how poverty related indicators evolved over time; Member of the National committee for the social security reforms; Conducted actuarial studies on the financial sustainability of social security regimes (CNRPS), and on Employment and productivity; Proposed measures to reform <b>social protection</b> system; <b>Monitoring and assessment of Poverty alleviation policies and social protection policies; Conducted studies on Tunisia's performance as regards Human Development</b> ; Planned and managed national advocacy campaign for MDGs.
35.	Tunisia	UNDP Youssef Landolsi <a href="mailto:youssef.landolsi@undp.org">youssef.landolsi@undp.org</a>	Statistician Expert	Preparation of a national report on <b>MDG monitoring at subnational level</b> . Developed inventory of all existing statistical data (survey data, administrative data, etc.) for the various indicators and the provision of proxy data; Collected statistical data for the different indicators at subnational level; Stock take of situation, identifying missing data and propose proxy indicators; Developed synthetic indicator reflecting development inequalities between different governorates. Prepared final report.

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36. Nov 2007 –March 2008 Regional Project (Deliverables)	Tunisia	UN-DESA (New York) Marco sanchez <a href="mailto:sanchez-cantillo@un.org">sanchez-cantillo@un.org</a>	Appointed as a researcher in this project by the Ministry of Development	Assessing Development strategies towards MDGs achievement in the Arab region. Historical account of major economic trends, economic and <b>social policy reforms</b> and trajectory towards reaching the MDGs; construction and updating of a Social Accounting Matrix and adaptation to explicitly account for non-standard capital and investment accounts that are needed for the calibration of MAMS; Calibration of the MDG module; Calibration of the complete MAMS model and a <b>policy simulation analysis</b> of how to reach the MDG goals. The CGE models will be used to estimate the aggregate structure of the economies in 2015 required to meet the MDG, including needed levels of capital (human and physical), labor, increased productivity and financing constraints and needs (including foreign assistance). Wrote country papers written integrating data and spelling out <b>policy options and growth-distribution trade-offs</b> in the short and long run of trying to reach the MDGs. Comparative country analysis and aggregate analysis of the requirements of reaching MDGs for the Arab countries in a regional context.
37. 01/01/2001 – 31/12/2002 Full time	Tunisia	Ministry of Development & Int'l Cooperation <a href="mailto:raja.boulabiar@mdci.gov.tn">raja.boulabiar@mdci.gov.tn</a>	Head of Office	Elaborated the Money Supply forecasts for the annual Budget and Economic Outlook; Elaborated a strategic study on the venture capital market in Tunisia; Provided regular notes to the Director General of Macroeconomic Forecasting on Money Markets dynamics, interest rates, sectoral bank credit distribution, banks assets quality and non-performing loans.

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