



MENA Youth Community of Practice Knowledge Product August 2022

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BACKGROUND:

Since the MENA Youth Community of Practice (CoP) launch in 2021, the CoP team implemented many activities, initiatives and youth series including 11 webinars, three blogs and five podcast episodes, and provided more than 75 resources to engage with community members across different technical sectors including education, economic empowerment, peacebuilding, climate change, and youth systems empowerment. The MENA Youth CoP partnered with more than nine local and international organizations utilizing the Positive Youth Development (PYD) approach from Yemen, Oman, Tunisia, Lebanon, Morocco, Iraq, Syria, and Jordan. At the end of year 1, the MENA Youth CoP translated some of the key tools and soft skills resources for youth into its first Knowledge Product:

- [Key soft skills resource for cross sector youth outcomes-Arabic](#)

Since August 2021, the MENA Youth CoP expanded membership engagement and contributions by encouraging and supporting members to produce knowledge and content through blogs and podcasts that align with CoP event series themes. The MENA Youth CoP also utilized the YouthPower.org "blogs" website, as well as various podcast platforms, for members to share their perspectives and expertise on monthly themes suggested by the community or other topics that could be beneficial to members.

To serve as a comprehensive tool, this MENA Youth CoP knowledge product includes all the webinars, blogs and podcasts produced, and conducted in from August 2021- August 2022.

MENA YOUTH COP KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT 2022:

The MENA Youth CoP hosted eight webinars, posted three blogs and five podcast episodes, all included as the year 2022 Knowledge Product.

WEBINARS:

The MENA Youth CoP hosted eight webinars across various sectors including education, economic empowerment, peacebuilding, climate change, and youth systems strengthening. These webinars subjects were based on members' needs.

1. [Youth and Adolescent Development: Amaluna Learning to Earning Program](#)
2. [Young Women's Economic Empowerment in Yemen](#)
3. [Youth Engagement in Peacebuilding - Experiences from Bahar in Iraq and Syria](#)
4. [Youth and Peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa"](#)
5. [Engaging Young Women in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: Experiences from the MENA Region](#)
6. [Youth Engagement in Breaking Gender Stereotypes: Experiences from Tunisia](#)
7. [Engaging Young Women in Policy, Politics and Decision-Making: Experiences from FE-MALE Lebanon](#)

8. [The impact of young Leaders on Systems Change: Lessons from Jordan](#)

BLOGS

The MENA Youth CoP launched blogs at the beginning of 2022 as part of its engagement strategy with community members. During this period, three members / experts volunteered and produced three blogs in both Arabic and English:

- **Blog 1:** [Localizing Gender Work in MENA ,Author: Salam Shebli](#)
- **Blog 2:** [Promoting Tolerance and Understanding Amongst Youth in Lebanon, Author: Fiona Dwinger](#)
- **Blog 3:** [Gender and Climate Change, Author: Diana Ishaqat](#)

PODCASTS

The MENA Youth CoP also released podcast episodes at the beginning of 2022. CoP members / experts from different backgrounds and countries volunteered to participate in five podcast episodes which aligned with the community theme and monthly webinars.

- **Episode 1:** [Introduction to the MENA Youth CoP, Guest Speakers: Hanan and Haitham, MENA Youth CoP Champions](#)
- **Episode 2:** [Gender Roles and Masculinity, Guest Speaker: Suhail Abu-Alsamid, Gender Expert from Jordan](#)
- **Episode 3:** [Women Political Participation, Guest speaker Yara Asmar](#)
- **Episode 4:** [Women Economic Participation and Inclusion, Guest Speaker: Lynn Mounzer](#)
- **Episode 5:** [Women Inclusion in Development, Guest Speaker: Hadil Al-Ashwal](#)