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## Small-scale Family Farming (SSFF)

### YOUTH MOBILITY, FOOD SECURITY AND RURAL POVERTY REDUCTION

The "Youth Mobility, Food Security and Rural Poverty Reduction (RYM)" Project addresses the root causes of migration in countries of origin and promotes innovative mechanisms to youth employment in rural areas, thereby reducing distress rural out-migration of young people.

#### BACKGROUND

Youth are highly mobile and represent the main share of migrants moving worldwide. Across Africa, the majority of youth migrants come from rural, agricultural areas, which are not only poor and food insecure, but also offer few decent employment opportunities. Finding gainful employment in agricultural sectors is hampered by low productivity, poor access to markets, and a lack of dynamism between farm and non-farm activities. Young people often lack access to land, credit and inputs to start their own farms.

#### COUNTRY

 Tunisia



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#### ACTION

##### Project Duration: 2015-2017

- To respond to this challenge, the project assigns a central role to employment promotion and works to improve vocational training, strengthen the role of regions and provide specific support to young people entering the labour market.
- The main objective of the project is to enhance the positive impact of rural out-migration of youth on food security and agricultural/rural development in rural areas of origin while mitigating its negative impacts and the root causes of distressed migration.



Compost production based on waste from livestock and poultry production and wood waste  
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Installation and control of 40 beehives, as part of an integrated project of grenadier plantation and honey production. ©FAO/Tunisia



Tomato powder production unit  
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Quail breeding and egg production  
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## RESULTS

More than **80%**   
reduction in self-assessed propensity to migrate among project beneficiaries

More than **85%**   
retention rate in employment by beneficiaries at end of project

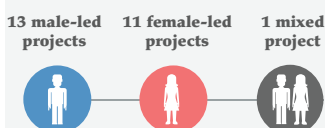
## PARTNERS

- > Ministry of Agriculture
- > Ministry of Labour
- > Ministry of Youth and gender-producers organizations

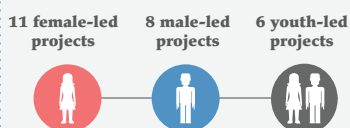
## BENEFICIARIES

> **50** youth projects

**25 in the North-West**



**25 in the South-East**



> **400** young people



Artisanal fishing by an Agricultural and Fisheries Development Group  
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