

# 108479-001 - COUNTERING YOUTH RADICALIZATION IN TUNISIA THROUGH INCLUSION - BROCHURE PROJECT

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## RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

- 1 Examine and determine the link between exclusion and youth radicalization in Tunisia. Hence recommend policies, programs and practices to prevent violent extremism and deradicalize marginalized female and male youth in Tunisia.
- 2 Analyze and evaluate existing strategies of violent extremism prevention and deradicalization in the Maghreb Region, to identify which strategies and measures could be successfully adapted in Tunisia to build youth resilience.
- 3 Develop new approaches of preventing the radicalization of marginalized youth in Tunisia and enabling effective rehabilitation of former youth extremists.

## METHODOLOGY

Our methodology is based on a mix method approach (Qualitative and Quantitative analysis) to reach the research objectives and develop a comprehensive understanding of radicalization and deradicalization phenomena. In addition, the proposed methodology is designed to draw insights on the Tunisian context and the effectiveness of deradicalization / prevention programs and approaches in Tunisia.

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This study aims to establish the centrality of inclusion within deradicalization and prevention programs that respond to violent extremism in the post-revolutionary Tunisian context.

The first part of the research addresses the effect of inclusion on Tunisian youth deradicalization in order to understand the real motives that lead Tunisian youth to deradicalization. However, to reach the aforementioned conclusion, the research aims at defining and understanding the root causes of radicalization.

In the second part, the project tackles the adaptation of inclusive deradicalization and prevention programs in post-revolutionary Tunisia through analyzing the existing foreign and local deradicalization / prevention approaches.