

## **IREX Global Mission**



IREX is a nonprofit organization that builds a more just, prosperous, and inclusive world by empowering youth, cultivating leaders, strengthening institutions, and extending access to quality education and information.



# **Key Principles**

#### **IREX** is:

- Nongovernmental
- Apolitical
- Nonprofit
- · Committed to collaboration



# **Geographic Scope**



- Offices in 20 countries
- Activities in more than80 countries





# Youth as Agents of Change PPD Case Study 2017



## **Thomas Jefferson Scholarship Program (TJSP)**

Funded by the US Department of State, Education & Cultural Affairs Bureau Implemented by International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)

Tunisia Undergraduate Scholarship Program

**Tunisia Community College Scholarship Program** 



# **Background**

#### WHAT:

1-year International cultural and academic exchange program

#### WHO:

- Engages Tunisian Youth from across Tunisia
  - Ages 18 26
- Focus on disadvantaged regions
  & female participation

#### PURPOSE

Empower and enable Tunisian
 Youth for future economic growth



# **TJSP Program Statistics**

#### As of June 2017...

- 350 TJSP Alumni:
  - 45% are women
  - Representative of all 24 governorates in Tunisia
  - More than 35% come from disadvantaged regions along the border of Algeria & Libya and interior region
  - More than 45% scholars have studied in technical fields, and nearly 30% study in business fields.

#### Projected 2020...

Over 700 TJSP Alumni





# **Program Activities**

#### **Professional Growth**

- US Internships
  - Technical skills development
  - Professional networks
- Community service projects
  - Builds community networks
  - Skills-based volunteerism





# **Program Impact**

## **Soft Skills Development**

- Communication
- Team-work
- Problem Solving
- Innovation



## **Continued Activities in Tunisia**

- Professional Leadership Plan
- Professional Training & Engagement
- 3 TJSP Alumni Network & Job Board
- 4 Alumni Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fund (AIEF)
- Mentoring Program





## Results

## **Employability**

- Youth attaining jobs
- Youth creating jobs

## Civic engagement

 Youth leading projects and initiatives in their respective communities



## Successes







#### **Employability**

**Private Sector Employers:** 

Microsoft, Vermeg, HP Enterprise, VistaPrint, etc...

#### **Civic Engagement**

TJSP Alumni lead projects:

Young Coder's Academy Hour of Code GoodNess

#### **Leadership & Job Creation**

TJSP Alumni creating jobs:

SOGEER CreaTech



# Questions?

