



التعليم من أجل التوظيف education for employment

**Building Futures** 

through youth employment across the Middle East and North Africa



**Vision:** A world where young people have the skills and opportunities to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Mission: To build futures through youth employment in partnership with the private sector across the Middle East and North Africa.



## Why MENA?

• Youth Dividend: Highest youth cohort in the world, with 65% of the population < 30.

- **Crisis:** 25% youth unemployment, 2x higher than global average. Youth are 4x as likely to be unemployed as others. Costs the region US\$50 billion each year.
- **Gender Gap:** Women's workforce participation is only 26%, well below the 39% in low and middle income countries.
- Talent Crunch / Opportunity: 87% of CEOs in the Middle East believe that limited skills supply is biggest organizational challenge.
- **Corporate Engagement:** >65% of CEOs expressed a desire to be involved to resolve the mismatch of skills and hiring needs
- **Strategic Region:** Youth can be a force for positive change / problem-solvers, not problems to be solved.



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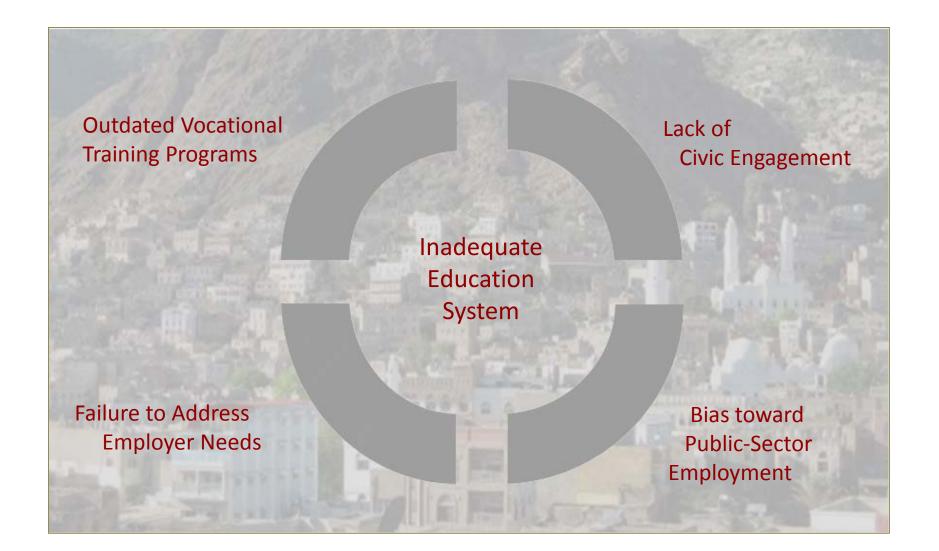
Tunisia

- Jordan
- Palestine
- Egypt Yemen

with plans to expand in the region as opportunities arise ...

#### Supported in US and Europe

## Education - Skills Mismatch: a broken circle



# Our model:

EFE builds multi-sector partnerships to assess labour market needs, develop world-class training programs, and link graduates directly to jobs.

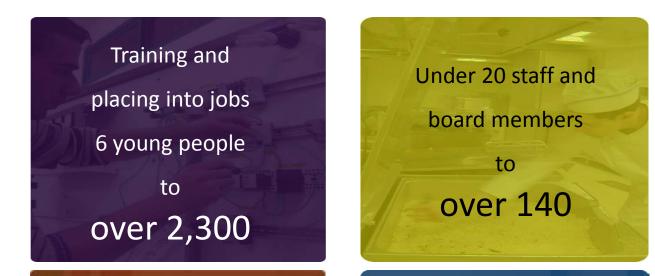


Create local foundations

Build publicprivate partnerships

### Exponential growth in response to a pressing challenge:

Since 2006, EFE has evolved from...



Trainings in business administration and Workplace Success to textile merchandising, bank telling, customer service, sales, land surveying, IT, public administration, HVAC, hotel management, tourism, entrepreneurship...

Collaborations with 5 partners to OVER 845

# Track Record

> 4,500 Graduates

> 70% Job Placement

47% Female Participation Rate

82% Job Retention 8 Nonprofits in EFE Network

> 725 Employer Partners

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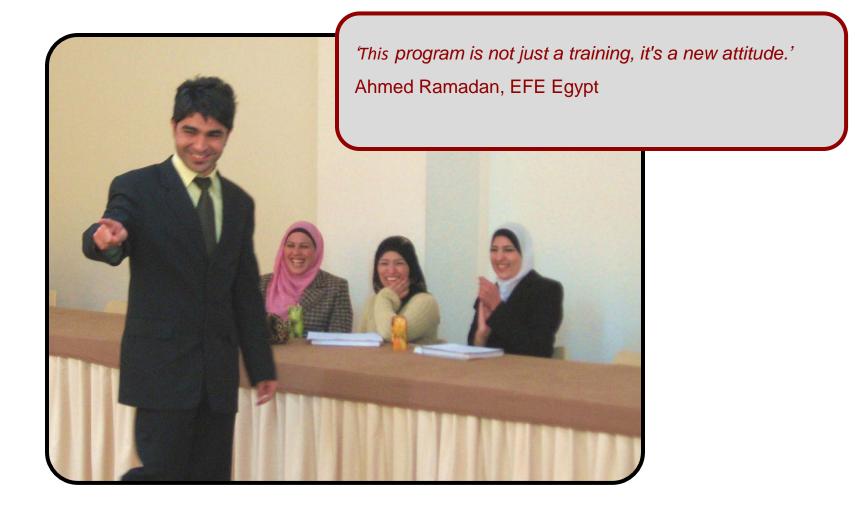
# Partnerships are key.



Raising awareness among diverse sectors and audiences is helping to bring new players and resources to youth employment initiatives:



Ambitious and able youth are ready to take advantage of the new opportunities presented by EFE, its partners, and other organizations working towards our shared goal: connecting youth to work.





*'...the soft skills helped us to know ourselves and how to deal with others. It really changed us to be better.'* 

Waleed Ahmed Hroun, Banking Training Program



"This training is completely different from what I learned at university. It helps young graduates to grasp the real working world..." – EFE graduate