M&E Workshop Rabat

Introduction to Taqeem initiative:
Strengthening the evidence base for youth employment programming and policy making in the MENA region

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Objective of the initiative

Strengthen evidence-based programming and policymaking

More effective policies and programs

Improved labor market outcomes
Strategic approach

Impact Research
Research to investigate the effectiveness of programs and policies for young rural women

EVIDENCE BASED DECISIONS

Capacity development
Knowledge sharing, training and evidence symposiums to equip practitioners and policy makers with skills and evidence

Policy influence
Disseminate findings from research and partner with policy makers to create evidence based policies and programmes

Build critical mass of evidence and make sure it’s used
**Taqeem structure**

- **Taqeem Council**
  - Advice to **International Labour Office** in Geneva

- **Country level**
  - Advice to **International Labour Office** in Cairo and Beirut
  - Overall management & coordination
  - Manage CoP
  - Facilitate country-level exchange and policy influence
  - Receive assistance
  - Knowledge exchange

- **Regional level**
  - Community of Practice (member institutions)
How *Taqeem* can support your work...

- Participation in evaluation trainings (basic and advanced)
- Become member of community of practice
- Technical assistance (expert time)

- Financial assistance to fund rigorous evaluations (preferably experimental)
- Partnerships with reputable researchers

- Provide you with international best practice
- Learning and knowledge exchange events
- Support dissemination of results and policy dialogue
How to get involved...

Stay up to date (requests for proposals, events, etc.)
http://yenclinic.groupsite.com

Apply to the Fund for Evaluation (next call in September 2016)

Ongoing request for expressions of interest for impact evaluation studies (taqeem@ilo.org)

Contribute to defining regional research agenda
Thank you.

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Taqeem Council

Chair: ILO

International members:
• Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL)
• ENSAE (France)
• World Bank
• Swiss Academy for Development (SAD)
• International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)

MENA Region members:
• Silatech
• American University of Sharjah
• International Development Research Centre, Cairo
• American University of Cairo
• Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, Beirut
Examples of supported impact evaluations

**Tunisia:** Chèque Employabilité

**Morocco:** “100 Hours to Success”

**Egypt:** Bamyan Media

**Yemen:** Al Amal Bank