

## Best Practice from Morocco:

# Implementing Comprehensive Sexual Education in Morocco and Tunisia



### Context

The project, "Supporting Civil Society's Engagement in Implementing Comprehensive Sexual Education **CSE** in **Tunisia** and **Morocco**," was launched as an initiative by the Moroccan Association for Family Planning. This initiative was introduced in Rabat in November 2023, by the Ministry of Health, The Ministry of Education with the Moroccan Family Planning Association.



### Challenge

The primary challenge was to integrate **CSE** into the school curricula and parallel activities in both **Morocco** and **Tunisia**. This integration faced cultural sensitivities and required the adaptation of educational materials to fit legal and societal contexts specific to each country.

## The Initiative

The project, first in the **North African** region, supported by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation and in collaboration with the Regional Office of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, aims to promote universal access to sexual and reproductive health services. Key activities included the development of tailored educational materials and the organization of workshops involving various ministries such as Education, Early Childhood Development, Sports, Solidarity, Women, Family and Social Development, Youth and Communication, Health, and Social Protection. While the initiative is still in its early stages, it is the first initiative in the **North Africa** region and in any Arabic speaking state to introduce **CSE**.

## Key Takeaways

### **Multidisciplinary Approach:**

The project highlighted the importance of a multidisciplinary approach involving various government sectors to ensure the comprehensive integration of CSE into national strategies and programs.

### **Youth Engagement:**

By utilizing digital platforms for open access, the project enabled young people to access a wide range of digital media, thereby enhancing their understanding of CSE topics.

### **Entertainment-Education Strategy:**

The project also introduced an entertaining gaming application that addresses sexual and reproductive issues, demonstrating the effectiveness of using entertainment to engage and educate young people on sensitive topics.

### **School and Beyond:**

Within schools, CSE helped improve student health and risk awareness. Outside school settings, the complementary programs provided safe spaces for more personal discussions and fostered mutual respect.

### **Overall Impact:**

The inclusive and facilitated sexual education not only contributed to preventing health-related risks like sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancies but also promoted the development of responsible, respectful, and self-aware individuals concerned with their own well-being and that of others.