



SUBJECT: letter of support for the OGP LOCAL 2020 cohort

To the attention of the leaders of the International Partnership Programmer for Open Government at the Local Level for the benefit of local authorities.

We, the KEF Governorate Municipality in partnership with TWIZA Association, would like to inform you that we are honored to express our support of the LOCAL OGP 2020 cohort.

1/ Presentation:

a/ the KEF Municipality: located at the Martyrs Square, street 08/07/1884 in the center of KEF town

B/ the TWIZA association: Office n°6 Snit building near the municipality of Kef

TWIZA: It is a notion of Ancestral Tradition, Roots, Stories, Origins, which means Solidarity, Will, Sharing, Mutual Aid, TWIZA is a participative work camp.

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Our Vision: Twiza a development actor and a lever of the social and solidarity economy in the North-West.

Goals:

- To promote SSE as a local development and income generating activity.
- Support, Coaching and Accompaniment of young micro-entrepreneurs.
- To integrate young people and women in social and economic life, by implementing collective solutions.
- Fight against all forms of violence and discrimination against women.

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2) Activities carried out by TWIZA ELKEF/ conventions:

- Forum of Social and Solidarity Economy (For'ESS) (in the framework of the PROMESS project) in partnership with the International Labor Office (ILO)
- Cultural center project in Djerissa within the framework of the agreement with the IFT (French institute in Tunis)

- Project "Construire un théâtre, SCHOOLS's arts" within the framework of the agreement with the German Embassy in Tunis.
- FEYZA project in partnership with the association TAMESS (project with a gender approach).
- OBROZ project funded by the European Union EU, implemented by British Council.
- Active Citizens project funded by the European Union EU, implemented by BC.

We are committed to:

- Respect the principles of open governance and the standards to join it.
- Implement Open Government initiatives in the KEF region and in partnership with TWIZA.
- Determine future directions and actions consistent with the strategic priorities of the OGP.
- Have the capacity for co-creation including government resources and involve stakeholders in partnership with civil society.

The KEF governorate shows a certain originality, being the capital of an interior, rural, poorly developed, overpopulated compared to its current sources and suffering from various problems (increased unemployment, dependence on the state...), transformation of the urban landscape...) efforts have been made to solve these problems either by structural reforms (cooperatives) or by mobilizing local possibilities, but the results remain poor because the city is facing fundamental problems which have yet to be consolidated by the local authorities (the kef municipality, which is in the front line of the services offered to city dwellers) in partnership with the civil society, who are working together to promote decentralization, a gender approach and the preservation of the environment... the aim of which is to support the efforts of the State and to remedy this fragility. Within this framework, open government represents one of the bases for founding a healthy society that enshrines the principles of citizenship and guaranteeing the democratic transition in TUNISIA and especially in the most vulnerable regions, such as the KEF region, located in the North-West of the country. The European Union gives an important place to open governance in the first articles of its founding treaty and insists that open government is a mechanism for efficiency and for reducing corruption and strengthening the legitimacy of the state.

Within this framework, we aim through this OGP programmer to :

- Create behavioral change among citizens.
- Integrate young people, the disabled and women into communal and associative life.
- Preservation of the environment.

Goals :

Overall objective: To contribute to making KEF's civil and administrative institutions fully operational, in accordance with the principles of open governance and the universal principles of human rights, democracy and gender equality.

Specific objective: the KEF Municipality and in partnership with TWIZA Association adopts a new decentralized territorial strategy responding to the aspirations of KEF citizens for a model of democratic governance based on citizen participation, efficiency and accountability.

The people of the KEF region expect more public governance, more accountability and more transparency inclusive and open, capable of overcoming the challenges of local development. It is in this context, that the town councilors, local councilors and in partnership with the TWIZA association, will have taken the initiative to implement practices aimed at a more open and citizen-centered local administration (various social categories: young people/ women/ men/ children/disabled...).

The lack of accurate and reliable information has increased the urgency and importance of including citizens in the management of public policies and municipal services in order to restore trust between citizens and administration in municipal management and break with the culture of monopoly government.

Citizens and civil society have presented themselves as drivers of change and a force for proposal in :

- The promotion of the city: We aim to involve young people and women in municipal decision-making;( participatory approach ) in order to be able to examine the problems, define those responsible and involve them in the proposal, the elaboration of the municipal action plan which is not yet well developed, and the implementation nevertheless the involvement of young people and women in monitoring and evaluation which is not yet established in KEF. The KEF municipality provides the municipal council with a good grasp of the various interests of citizens and their needs in terms of participation in municipal decision-making, and can therefore count on the experience of the TWIZA association in youth mobilization (youth forum more than 400 young people mobilized/ active citizens programmer about 300 young people), coaching and capacity building. The city council will allow its population to follow the discussions and the evolution of the city's policies (experience: KEF2030 City Development Strategy/ Convention with I WATCH/ TADEEM/ the KEF municipality adopted the participatory budget 2016/2017 and committed itself in partnership with the civil society/ [https://www.actionassociative.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Convention\\_Kef.pdf](https://www.actionassociative.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Convention_Kef.pdf) / ).

- Within the framework of the OGP programmer, we are also going to work on changing mentalities and we are going to work on strengthening the skills of the cleaning agents, to

enable them to benefit from protection tools (the twiza association in the framework of the Covid-19 pandemic and during the confinement has made an initiative "keffois contre corona" dedicated to the cleaning agents of the KEF governorate and to provide them with 200 outfits and protection products). The environment will also be a priority theme to be addressed: preparation of a diagnostic report on (renewable energies, thermal tourism, ecology...) and round tables with citizens to draw up an action plan to be approved by the city council.

To achieve our objectives, the KEF municipality and the TWIZA association will work to encourage collective action, carry out diagnostics, helped the administration to collect information on malfunctioning through the setting up of a cell that will be in charge of complaints management / an online portal for filing complaints. Also, and with regard to the change of mentality, and given the global conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic (the TWIZA association had two experiences in the fight against Coronavirus during total containment), we will work on the protection of cleaning agents who are in the front line of contamination and contribute to improving behavior with regard to prevention and reinforcing responsibility among citizens. In addition, the recovery of hospital waste and the work on the cleanliness of the city will contribute to the preservation of the environment.

We are capable of: mobilizing / supervising young people / raising awareness / integrating women / building skills / advocacy / communication / monitoring and evaluation / training...

The KEF Municipality in partnership with TWIZA is committed to make their experiences available to the local 2020 cohort of the OGP programmer.

- Its relational network (partnership and mutual aid agreements with civil society and local, regional and national actors and with NGOs)
- Governmental and non-governmental resources (logistics / Media / training rooms / database for mobilizations / facilities for awareness-raising).
- Expertise and experience in terms of local / participatory and open governance
- competent staff personnel ready to ensure the training cycles (of experts in the field) taking into consideration that the KEF municipality has participated in training sessions for the benefit of the delegates of neighborhoods of the KEF municipality in terms of the execution of municipal projects, organized by the ASSOCIATIVE ACTION, obtaining guides for monitoring and evaluation in the participatory budget, In addition, the KEF municipality participated in 2016 in the intermunicipal seminar on participatory budgeting in TUNIS (in the presence of the Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment, the German cooperative in Tunisia GIZ, the fund for loans and support of local authorities CPSCCL, - its relational network



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in the name of KEF MUNICIPALITY and TWIZA Association, we reaffirm our commitment to the principles of open government and to provide available mechanisms for co-creation and monitoring.

24 SEPT 2020



**Le Président de la Municipalité**  
du Kef  
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