

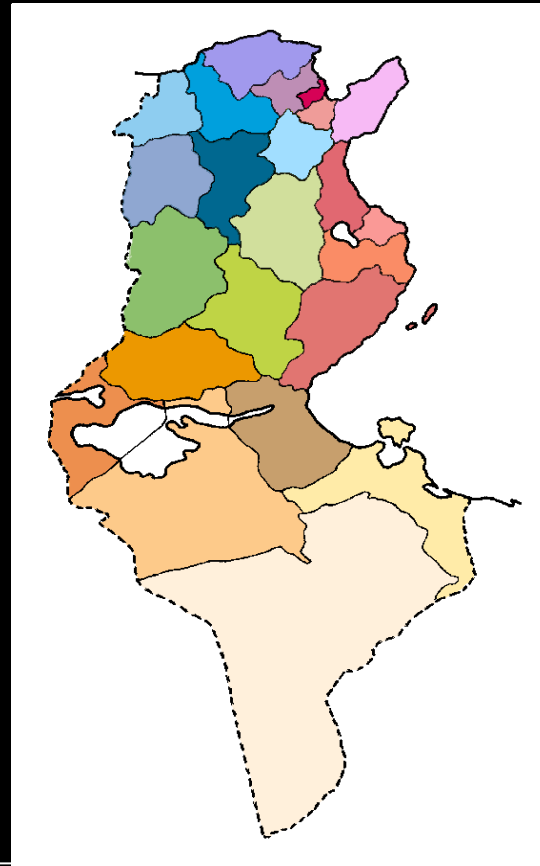
THE TUNISIAN PROJECT PROPOSAL

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A BRIEF LOOK AT TUNISIA

- Northern Africa
- 165 000 square Km
- 10 Million people
- 30 % < 15 years
- 6% > 65 years
- Independent from France since 1956
- Emerging country, belonging to the low middle income countries (World Bank)



WEAKNESSES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

- The lack of specialized structures, human resources and financing and their unequal distribution
 - 1 psychiatrist per 50000 people
 - 1 psychiatric bed per 10000 people
 - Less than 1% of the health budget (no separated budget)
- The lack of awareness of the importance of mental health in the population linked to a strong social stigma
- A poor involvement of the PHC in mental health care

STRENGTHENS

- A dense primary care network (2000 BHC, thousands of physicians and nurses), accessible to 90% of the population
- A recent but clear political will
- A strong family involvement

TITLE OF THE PROJECT

- PSYCHIATRIC TRAINING OF PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS

OBJECTIVES

- TO PROVIDE A STRONG TRAINING IN MENTAL HEALTH TO SOME PCP
- TO ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN PRIMARY CARE AND CREATE A SECOND LINE OF CARE IN MENTAL HEALTH
- TO AFFORD MENTAL HEALTH CARE INSIDE THE COMMUNITY TO A MAJORITY OF PATIENTS

EXPECTED RESULTS

- TO HAVE A HUNDRED PCP WELL TRAINED AND ABLE TO MANAGE (OR TO SECOND COMPETENTLY PSYCHIATRISTS) SMALL INPATIENT UNITS
- TO HAVE AT THE FIRST AND SECOND LINE OF CARE MENTAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN ALL THE REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY