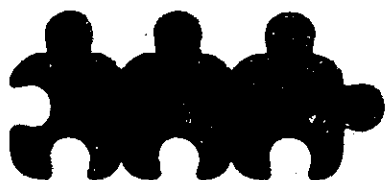


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TUNISIA

Basic Data

Official Name	Republic of Tunisia
Political Regime	Presidential
Head of State	Zine El Abidine BEN ALI
National Day	20 March
Geographic Position	North Africa
Area	164,000 sq.km
Climate	Mediterranean
Population	8.736,000 inhabitants
Demographic Growth Rate	1,84 %
Official Language	Arabic
Religion	Islam
Capital City	Tunis
Currency	Dinar



POPULATION POLICY IN TUNISIA

Since independence in 1956, and aware of the demographic increase challenges, Tunisia has set up a population policy based on a global and integrated approach aiming essentially at the promotion and generalization of human and social welfare and backed by a sustained effort in the field of school attendance, health and family planning and a pioneering legislation in favor of women's rights.

Strengthened by a constant political will in conformity with the social context, the population policy has known four main phases:

1) The elaboration of important legislative disposals: Promulgation of the Personal Status Code (1956), the education reform (1958), the liberalization of contraceptive products sale (1961), the rising of the age of marriage (1964) and further legal measures reinforcing political and civic women's rights.

2) Setting up of an institutional framework of the population policy with the creation of the National Family and Population Board (1973), the Higher Population Council and the Regional Councils (1974).

3) Integration of the concept of "Population" in various social and economic development plans (1962-1971) and the elaboration of Population Education Programme for pupils in primary and secondary schools and for teachers in pedagogic training schools.

4) The new approach of population and sustainable development initiated since the political change of November 7th, 1987, through consolidation of women's acquirements, better integration of population policy in development strategies and the elaboration of number of programmes in favor of rural and poor areas.

NATIONAL FAMILY AND POPULATION BOARD

Established in 1973, the **National Family and Population Board** is a public institution with an industrial and commercial vocation which operates as an independent entity with financial autonomy. It is accountable to the Ministry of Public Health and is managed by a Board of Directors composed of representatives from nine ministries and three non-governmental organizations. It is headed by a President General Director. The Board is responsible for the entire national family planning programme and is oriented by demographic objectives set by the planner.

Structures and Activities

In order to appropriately implement the work to which it is devoted, the Board is endowed with **Regional Family Planning Centers** in all the Governorates of the country, reinforced by **Mobile Teams and Clinics** which fulfill activities in areas deprived of health facilities. These structures make available and within reach of population all information, education, communication and counseling activities. Services in these Centers are provided to men and women of reproductive age and concern family planning methods delivery, gynecologic visits, cervic and breast cancer detection as well as sterility and andrology consultations and pre and post natal consultations.

Besides, the Board conducts surveys with social and economic aspect in order to better know the population needs in the field. It also organizes training session on a regular basis for the benefit of medical, paramedical, social and educative staff, within the context of its national training programme led in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and other national partners involved directly or indirectly in the implementation of population and reproductive health programme.

National Partners of the Programme

Taking into account its "National" characteristic and in order to guarantee all the chances of success, family planning programme in Tunisia concerns all public departments, national institutions and non-governmental organizations which take part, to an important extent, in the implementation of its strategy and plan of action. Being a governmental structure and in charge of programme management, the Board coordinates its activities and projects undertaken in collaboration with the national partners and encourages initiatives and new suggestions within the context of its prerogatives and attributions, as it is constantly keen on strengthening and improving the quality of services delivered.

Salient Programme Characteristics

- 1) A constant political will ;
- 2) Legislative measures in favor of the promotion of women status and the family ;
- 3) A specialized and autonomous institution in charge of programme implementation on national and regional levels: National Family and Population Board ;
- 4) The integration of demographic objectives in the government social and economic development plans ;
- 5) Involvement of governmental and non-governmental departments as well as the private sector ;
- 6) A high quality of services delivered along with a wide range of safe and efficient family planning methods ;
- 7) Know-how and expertise of officials and all personnel in charge of programme implementation on regional, national and international levels ;
- 8) The programme is strengthened by the existing centers acknowledged by international organizations: **The Center of Research in Human Reproduction** credited by the World Health Organization (WHO) and **The International Training Center** recognized by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Ever since the launching of the programme and taking into consideration its satisfying achievements, the National Family and Population Board initiated and developed cooperation projects with different countries and international organizations. The strategy adopted and the success achieved have won the adherence of its partners which brought considerable financial and technical support to various components undertaken for programme implementation. The United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), which constitutes the main source of funding and assistance to the programme and which recently designated Tunisia as "**Center of Excellence in Population**", has been leading for many years, an important development project in the field of population and reproductive health in several rural areas of the country. Besides, UNFPA assists the International Training Programme in contraceptive techniques and family health organized by the Board for trainees from Arab and African french speaking countries. Other international organizations contribute to the promotion of the programme as the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) through the improvement of communication in population, the European Economic Community (EEC) through the strengthening of programme abilities and also the World Bank. This dynamic process demonstrates the results achieved by the programme and mainly by the Board to which national and international recognition has at many occasions been manifested notably the **United Nations Award for Population Activities** in 1987, and the **Presidential Award** in 1992, for the protection of family health and contribution to the success of the programme.

SOUTH-SOUTH PARTNERSHIP

Since the creation of its International Training Center and the dispatching of its experts to brother and friend countries, the Board is unceasingly developing cooperation programmes with several southern countries. This approach, which has been consolidated by the launching of the project "**Partners In Population and Development: A south-South Initiative**" and initiated by: **Bangladesh, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Thailand, Tunisia and Zimbabwe**, with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation, UNFPA and other international organizations, will certainly allow the programme, thanks to its expertise and know-how, to further serve as a model to countries of the South which need assistance in the field of population and reproductive health and to play an important role in the promotion of South-to-South cooperation.



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