

Microfinance in the Arab World: Shaping the Industry's Future

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Mission:

Invest in visionary people striving to help others achieve wholeness, with a focus of microfinance in the Arab world and an emphasis on capacity building.

History:

Building relationships in Arab microfinance since 1999.

Capacity Building Priorities:

- Enhance effectiveness of microfinance service providers.
- Strengthen regional infrastructure.

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- **Arab MFI partnerships**

- Palestine: FATEN
- Jordan: Microfund for Women
- Egypt: Al Tadamun, CEOSS
- Lebanon: Al Majmoua (in process)
- Morocco: Al Amana, Zakoura
- Tunisia: CRENDA

- **Method:** capacity building within strategic plan

- **Grant Structure:** US\$30,000 - \$300,000; 1 to 3 years

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- **Funding priorities include projects that will:**

- Improve the capacity of microfinance providers, enabling them to reach more microentrepreneurs with better service.
- Allow sharing successes and lessons learned in the region and beyond.
- Provide for innovation in the delivery of financial services to microentrepreneurs.

Rockdale will not provide grants for loan capital or operational subsidies.

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- **Regional Infrastructure**
 - Support development of Sanabel
 - Regional training: ToT with CGAP
 - Translation of MF documents into Arabic