

An aerial photograph of a woman in a dark coat walking across a vast, paved plaza. The plaza is composed of large, rectangular stone tiles in various shades of grey and blue. The woman is positioned on the left side of the frame, walking towards the center. The overall scene is bright and open.

CITIES FOR WOMEN

- Femmedina Project -

Cities Alliance

Cities Without Slums

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CITIES ALLIANCE, CITIES WITHOUT SLUMS

IDENTITY

Cities Alliance is a global platform fighting urban poverty and supporting cities to deliver sustainable development. We are part of the United Nations, hosted by UNOPS.

MEMBERS

Currently 29 diverse members that provide strategic direction, contribute to the financing of the Fund, and engage in advocacy and operational activities to realise sustainable development.

MISSION

We enhance the well-being of urban populations by delivering innovative, multi-sectoral solutions to urban poverty.

VISION

The Cities Alliance seeks to improve the lives of 60 million urban poor across 200 cities in 20 countries by 2030. To be a leading agent for urban change by supporting and implementing comprehensive programmes in countries and cities where it matters most. We leverage the collective expertise of our partnership to catalyze urban transformation at a global level.

THEMATIC LENSES

In addition to Cities Alliance core areas - such as land, housing, governance and citizenship - our work through 2021 focuses on four main themes: equitable economic growth, resilience and climate change, gender equality and women's empowerment, and cities and migration.



**Equitable
Economic
Growth**



Resilience



Migration



Gender



PUBLIC SPACES AND SAFETY

92 % of women in Rabat, Morocco and 68 % of women in Quito, Ecuador, have been victims of sexual harassment in public spaces.

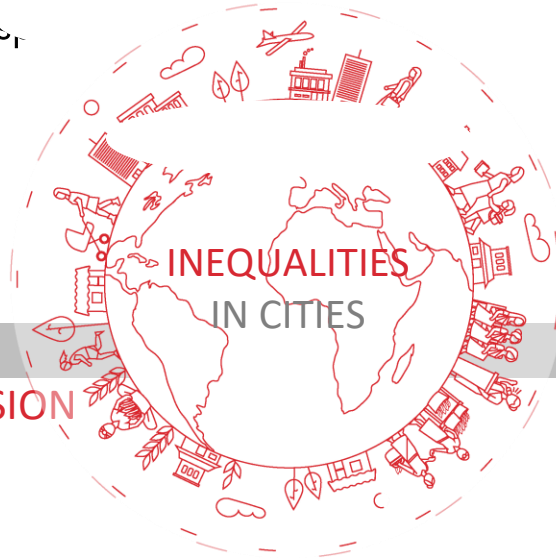
(UN Women 2017)



ECONOMIC INCLUSION

86% of the workers in the informal sector in India

In Nigeria, 91% of land is owned by men



POLITICAL INCLUSION

At local level, women represent less than 10% of mayors, and over 300 metropolis in the world, only 25 have a female mayor.



BASIC SERVICES

13% of female world population does not have access to toilets

Women and girls are responsible for the collection of water in 80 % of the houses without direct access to water

(UN Women 2017)



Women experience and use the urban environment differently from men; they have different priorities in terms of services and infrastructure, for example regarding transport, housing and public spaces.

We need urban governance processes to adopt new forms of engagement that can better understand, reflect upon, and implement the needs, expectations, capacities and will of women.



CITIES FOR WOMEN - CITIES ALLIANCE

The Cities for Women Global Programme focuses on practical ways we can make cities better planned for women, and, by extension for everyone.

WHAT WE DO?

Women-led Climate Adaptation Solutions



Women Entrepreneurship and Leadership Training



Gender-sensitive WASH



Inclusive Cities Strategies and Slums Upgrading



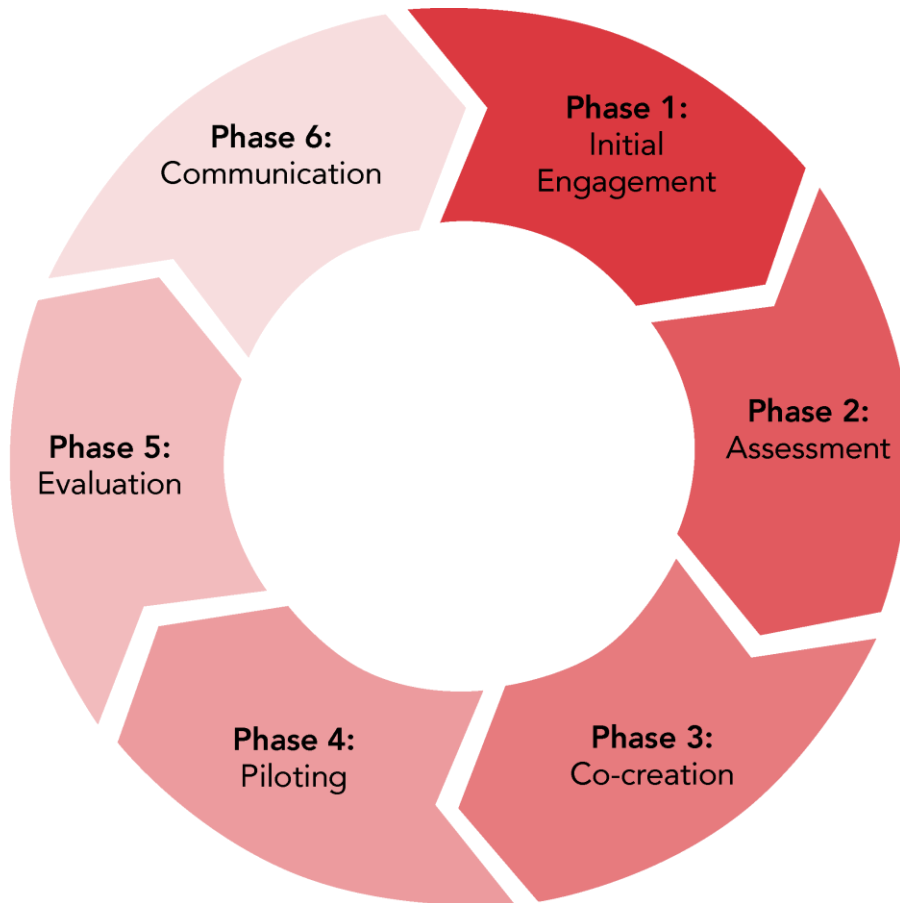
Inclusive Public Spaces Design



Gender-Sensitive Municipal Budgeting and Monitoring



Urban Assessment Framework through a Gender Lens

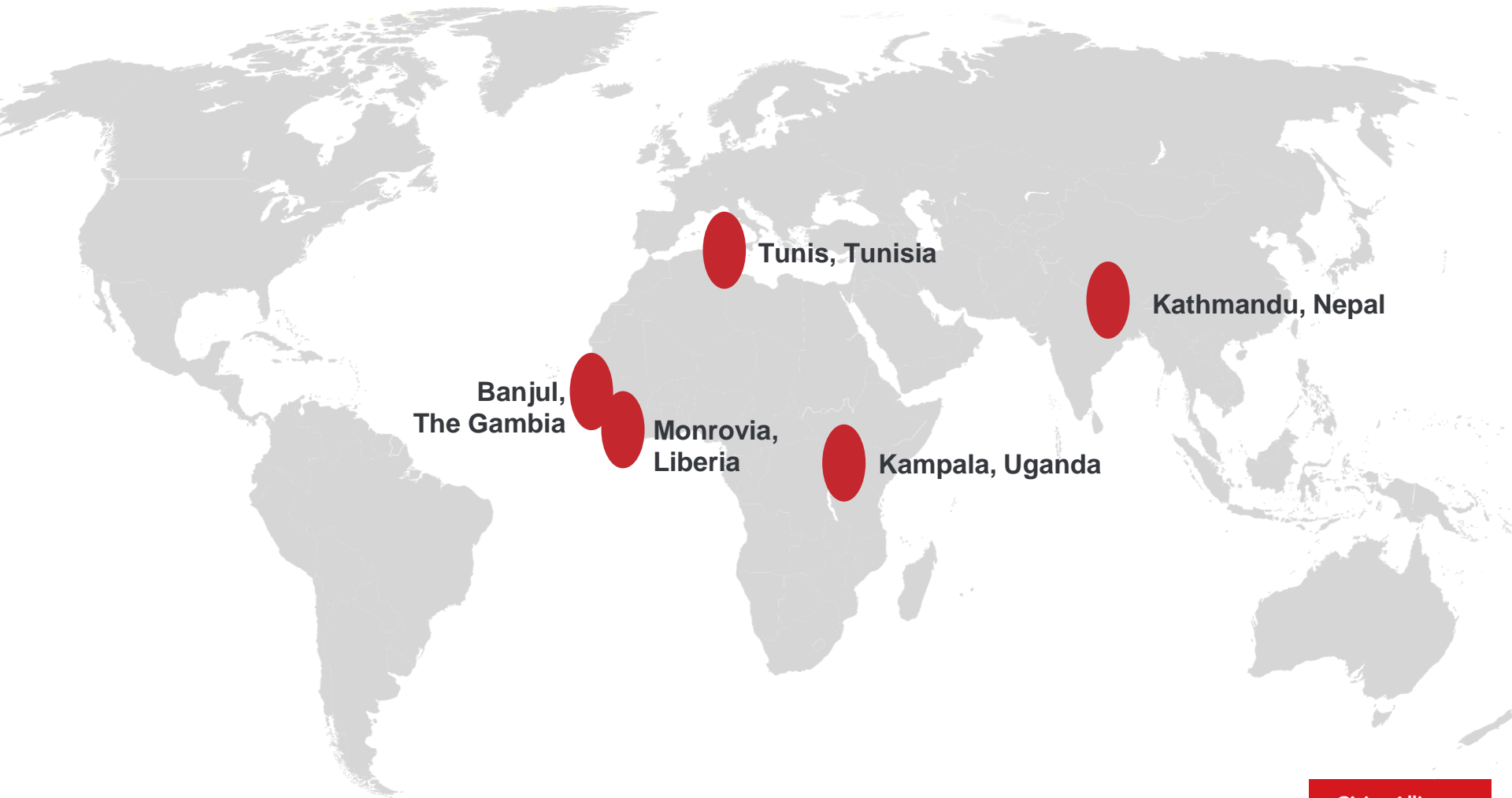


Engagement and Assessment: After an initial engagement to gather local stakeholders, different tools are applied to collectively assess the level of women's engagement in the city. Sex-disaggregated data are collected through participatory processes designed to target women residents, especially from disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Co-creation and piloting: To generate innovative and context-based solutions, communities and women are engaged to define policies responses and to design interventions to respond to identified challenges. After, the ideas and solutions are tested through pilot projects.

Evaluation and communication: The following phase involves assessing the impact of pilot projects and sharing impact data to inform city and national policies. Finally, data and results are used to advocate globally for a gender-sensitive approach to urban development.

PILOT PROJECT LOCATIONS



**Banjul,
The Gambia**

**Monrovia,
Liberia**

Tunis, Tunisia

Kampala, Uganda

Kathmandu, Nepal



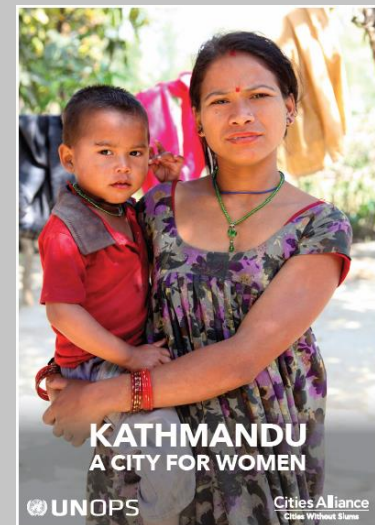
NEPAL

- Individual survey on women engagement in **Kathmandu**
- Stakeholders Meeting in partnership with UNOPS Nepal, where representatives from the LA, academia, advocacy groups and local experts collectively discussed the survey results, and review questions and indicators proposed by the **Women Engagement in City (WEC) Profile**.
- **Cities for Women Laboratories** involving women from local organizations and institutions to assess the level of women's engagement in Kathmandu.
- Report published in 2021 - "Kathmandu A City For Women"
- **Scale-up project** to develop gender-sensitive framework for the National Urban Development Strategy and to promote women's leadership and participation in decision-making in 7 cities

120

women involved
throughout the
process

“ there is not enough public space for anyone in the city. Whatever public space is in Kathmandu, they are not designed for women





LIBERIA

PARTICIPATORY LOCAL ACTION-RESEARCH

- WEC Survey and gender audit in three informal communities (Doe Community, Clara Town, and Soko Town) in collaboration with FOLUPS - October to December 2020
- Report published in 2021 "How Women Experience The City"

CONSTRUCTION OF WATER KIOSKS:

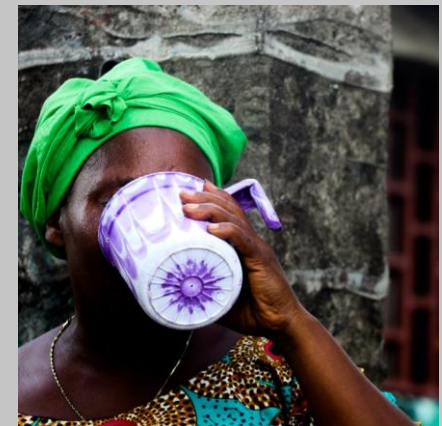
- Individual Survey on Women Experiences in the City of **Monrovia** - September 2020
- City for Women Laboratory to engage women in identifying priorities for planning recommendation for the **City Development Strategy** - September 2020
- Construction of **9 water kiosks** managed by women - Summer 2021

134

**women involved
throughout the
process**

80,000

**women are
benefitting from
the broader
water project**



FEMMEDINA

Women participation and public spaces in the Medina of Tunis



- The project focuses on the rehabilitation and activation of public spaces in the historic city of Tunis, the Medina, through a broader process of **women's participation**.
- The project aims to identify and implement **small-scale renovations** of public spaces to make them more inclusive of women's needs.
- The main aim of the project is to make the **voices of marginalized women** heard and to involve them in the rehabilitation of public spaces



PROJECT COMPONENTS

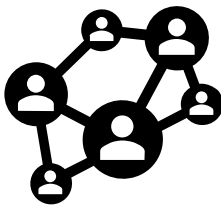
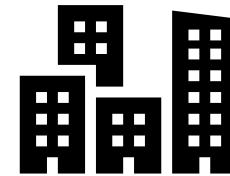


COMPONENT 1

Participatory assessment of the economic, political-institutional, spatial and civic aspects of women's participation in the Medina of Tunis, and definition of policy and planning recommendations

COMPONENT 2

Implementation of **small-scale refurbishment of public spaces** to make them more inclusive towards women's needs. The Municipality of Tunis will lead the physical interventions that include, among others, improved lighting and seating in public spaces, the rehabilitation of public buildings and the installation of children playgrounds



COMPONENT 3

City-to-city exchanges to share the approach and results of the Tunis activities with other Tunisian cities, in order to multiply the impact of the Femmedina project across Tunisia and facilitate peer-to-peer learning and networking.

COMPONENT 1

Femmedina Methodology

Data Type

Desk Review

Survey

Stakeholder Interviews

Analysis Workshops

Co-creation Workshops

Objective

- Understand the social, economic, political-institutional, and cultural context in Tunis by reviewing previous published studies
- Identify relevant policies and laws that affects the women's participation

- Understand women's social, economic, political, and civic-cultural inclusion in the Medina
- Understand women's perceptions of safety in the Medina
- Capture women's stories and testimonials

- Understand women's inclusion and safety perception on a policy and programmatic level
- Identify policy and programmatic recommendations

- Validate the preliminary findings
- Define policy recommendations
- Identify possible locations for the spatial interventions

- Identify and co-create possible interventions
- Understand women's use of public spaces and safety perception in the identified locations

Sample

Publications, reports, existing studies and current policies

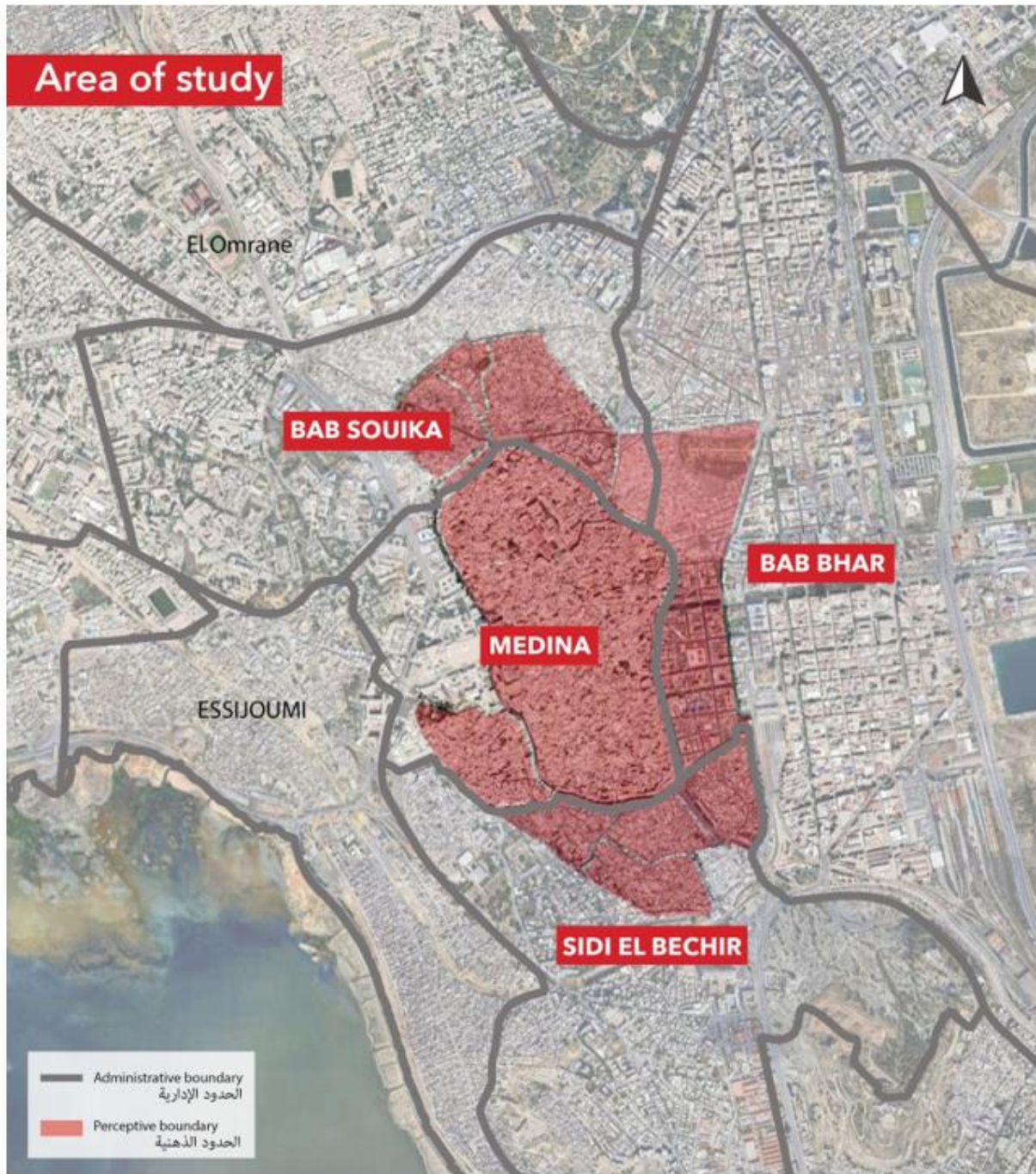
100 women and 20 men residing in the Medina

Key informants: Mayor of Tunis, municipality members, research institutions, local organizations

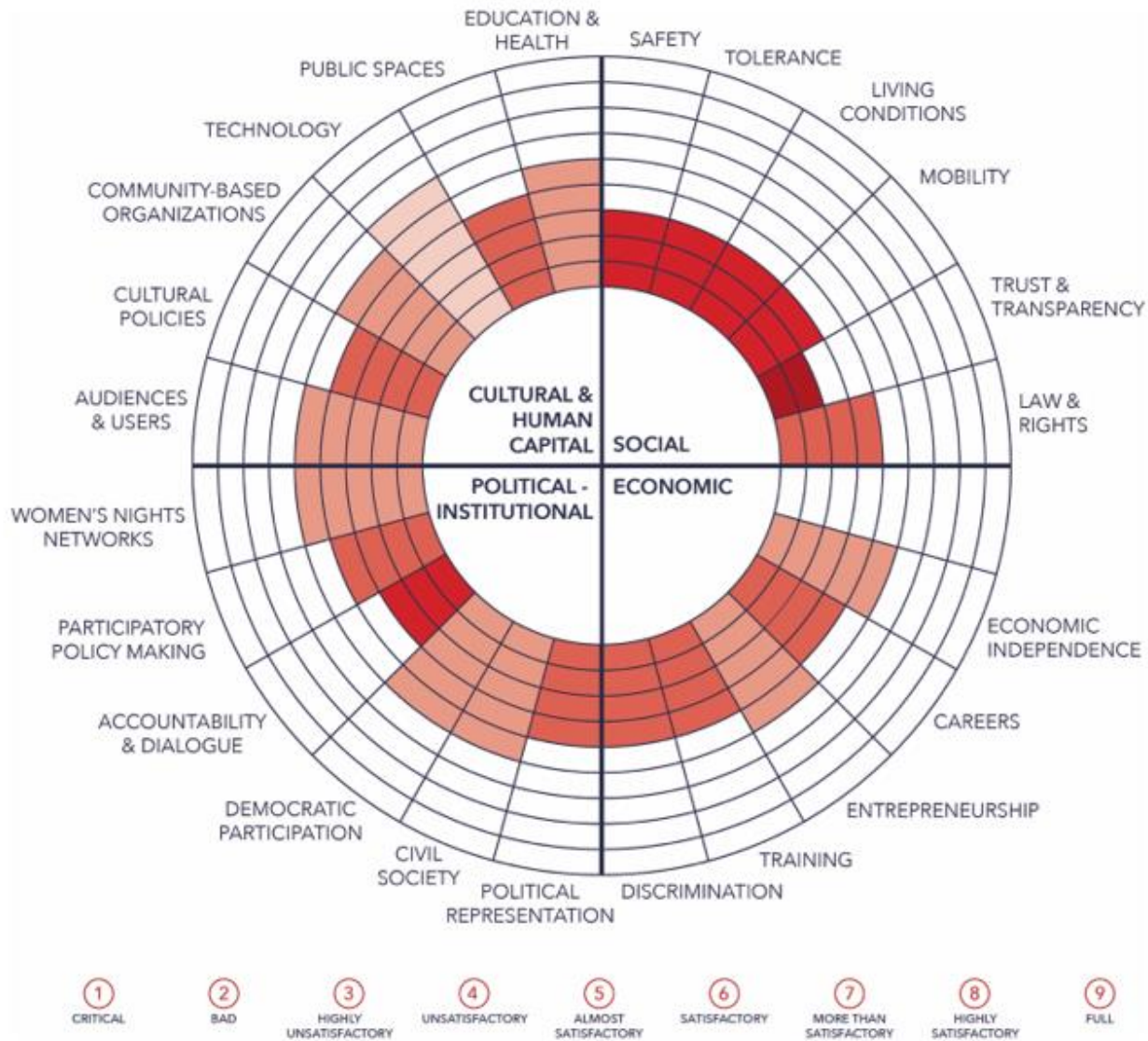
Key stakeholders: municipality members, NGOs representatives, active women in the city

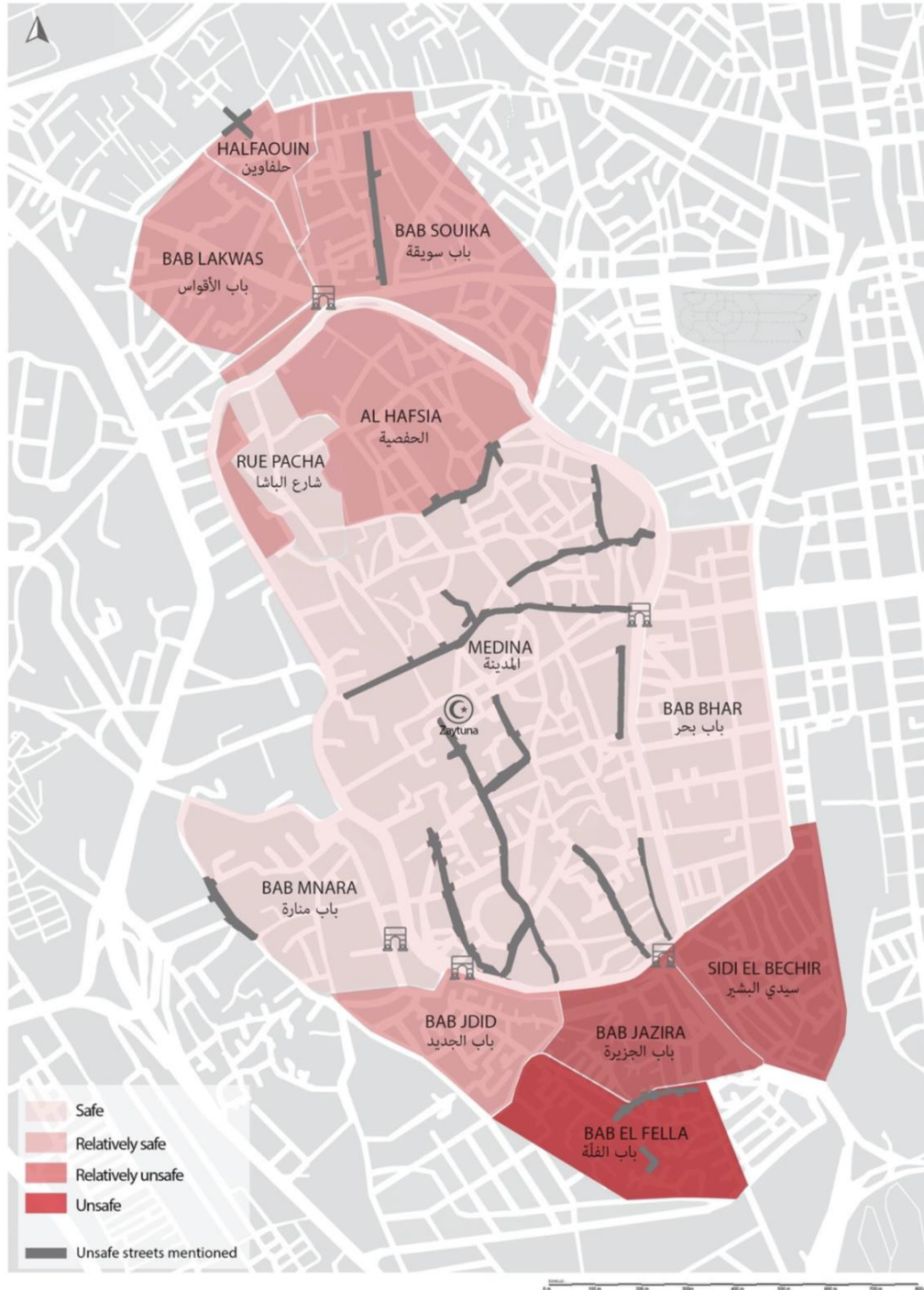
Women residing in the Medina

Story Collection



TUNIS PROFILE

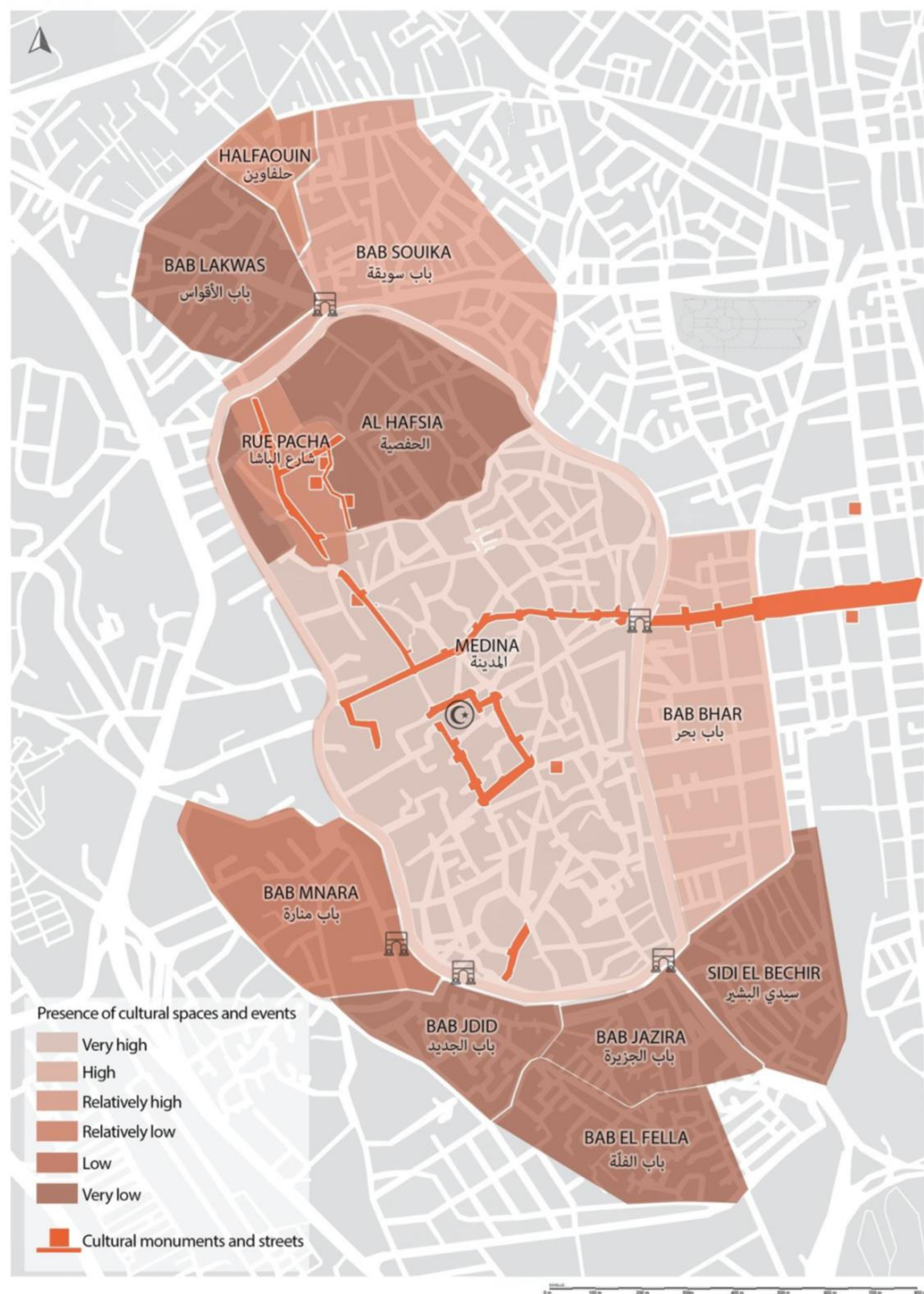


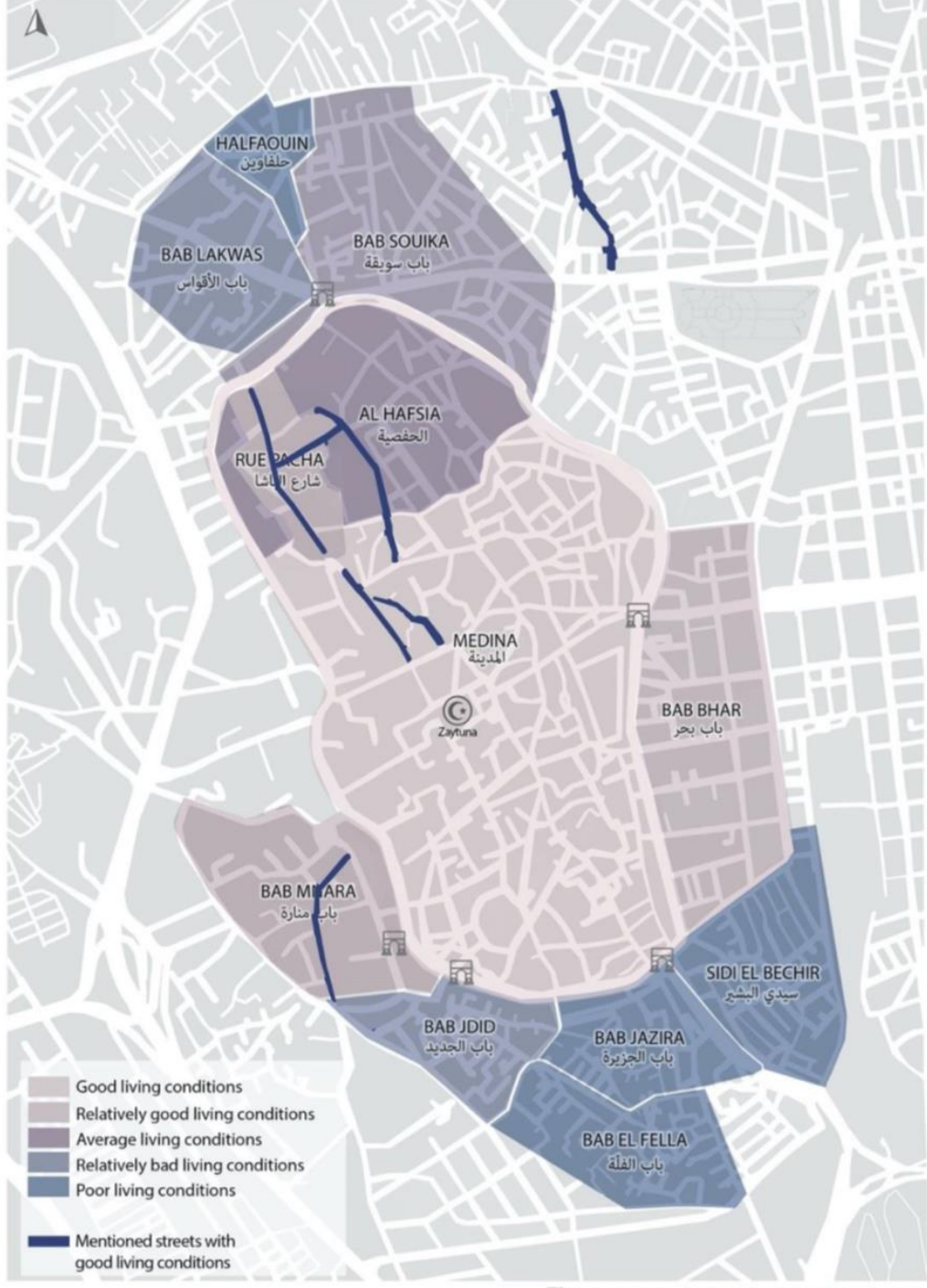


Medina Security Map

Medina

Cultural, religious and entertainment map





Medina

Living conditions map

Intervention – The Hive



BEFORE



Focus Space

Working Space

AFTER

Intervention – Learning Hub



BEFORE



AFTER



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