

"Skills for Success – Employability skills for women" implementation begins in Jordan and Morocco

The selection of young female participants to the training courses concluded in August, 2014. The programmes began this month and will run until the end of December.

Barcelona, 30 September 2014. The UfM-labelled project "Skills for Success – Employability Skills for Women", promoted by <u>AMIDEAST</u>, started its implementation phase in Jordan and Morocco with the recruitment of young women who will participate in the programme. The selection of the top 90 candidates from each country commenced in July and finalised in August, in collaboration with various ministries and local organisations working with young people and women. The training began in September and will run until the end of December.

<u>"Skills for Success"</u> is a four-month programme, comprising 320 hours of training with four core components: English for the Workplace, Computer/IT Skills, Professional Skills and Job Search Strategies. The project's content provides young, economically underprivileged women who have completed secondary education with the communication and job-related skills needed to access local labour markets. In addition, the programme increases participants' knowledge of issues that affect women in the workplace and offers internship and job opportunities in local businesses, as well as resources to help them continue pursuing their goals beyond the programme.

The project was launched during the UfM <u>"Women's Socio-Economic Empowerment: Projects</u> <u>for Progress" conference</u>, held in Barcelona on 26–27 March 2014. The Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs and the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs are co-funding its first phase. Lebanon, Egypt and Tunisia will follow Morocco and Jordan shortly.

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