

Summary of the Paper on

MENA Youth Network

New perspective of Youth Led Development

- The MENA youth network established in 2005, as a follow up of the 4th MENA conference in Manama2004.
- The network aims at continuity of the youth work in the region , being platform for communication, advocating for recognition of youth work and sharing best practices.....etc
- The youth strategy in the MENA region considering the Youth who are the main resources of NS as agents of behavioral change in the community, and addressing their needs as part of vulnerable population.
- In addition to a youth strategy for the MENA youth, the Youth declaration from Solferino, strategy 2020 are the basis for the network plans of action.
- The IFRC principles and values department Youth as Agents of behavioral change "YABC" initiative was highly supported from the MENA zone as a practical tool to enhance the youth development by the youth themselves.
- Benefiting from the network potentials, the MENA youth network played a leading role in the promotion and

implantation of the initiative , which proved to have positive impacts on the personal, NS , and community levels.

- Among the outcomes of the regional commitment to YABC initiative were the ability of the zonal network to develop a successful prototype to be adopted or adapted by other networks and the management to partnership at different levels.
- Now after 5 years of its establishment ,it is the time for the MENA youth network to readdress the challenges of the youth development in the region and to look on the learned lessons to share how we can learn from that.

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