

Annexe: Outline of Shiraka programme efforts by country

In the following countries, Shiraka programme efforts focus on *civil society initiatives* and on *government*. The specific areas of action in each country are briefly described below.

- In *Egypt*, it is important to keep supporting civil society organisations. In doing so, the Netherlands will devote attention to the rights of marginalised groups, workers' rights and corporate social responsibility. In addition, it will support the development of small and medium-sized enterprises. Cooperation with government will focus primarily on good governance in the field of water management and agriculture, and transport and logistics.
- In *Jordan*, attention will focus on creating favourable conditions for socioeconomic development and employment. In addition, the Netherlands will support activities in the field of human rights, freedom of expression and women's political participation.
- In *Lebanon*, the emphasis will be on democratisation, citizenship, pluralism and creating an environment that promotes economic and social equality.
- In *Morocco*, the Netherlands will devote attention to socioeconomic development and youth employment, for example by promoting good governance, knowledge acquisition and organisational development in the field of education and supporting initiatives aimed at improving the employability of the labour force. Attention will also be paid to management issues in the agricultural sector, especially in support of sustainability and climate resilience. Where possible, there will be a special focus on the Rif – the region from which most Dutch nationals of Moroccan descent originate. The Moroccan government receives assistance at its own request on matters concerning the rule of law.
- In *Tunisia* as well, the Netherlands will support socioeconomic development, with a special emphasis on youth employment, female entrepreneurship and efforts to improve the enterprise climate. Positive developments in this area are essential for maintaining popular support for an inclusive democratic process and good governance and for strengthening the rule of law – issues that will also be addressed by the Shiraka programme. Dutch efforts will focus as much as possible on the disadvantaged northwestern region of Tunisia.
- In *Kuwait*, Dutch efforts will most likely be limited to promoting pluralism in politics.

In the following countries, cooperation with civil society will often dovetail closely with cooperation at government level.

- In *Algeria*, the Netherlands will work to help increase central government accountability and strengthen local government. The second theme ties in with the decentralisation process

launched by the Algerian government. The Netherlands will also support efforts to boost employment and entrepreneurship, especially among women and young people.

- In *Oman*, the Netherlands will support government policy on economic diversification and Omanisation, political participation, women's leadership, entrepreneurship and water management.
- In *Iran*, Dutch efforts will focus in particular on training programmes for civil servants (e.g. in the areas of water management, drugs policy and the financial sector) and the judiciary. Cultural exchanges will also be supported.

In the following countries, the Netherlands will only support *civil society initiatives*:

- In *Mauritania*, the focus will be on strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations to criticise the government, promoting political dialogue and inclusiveness, supporting vulnerable groups and increasing the expertise of journalists and research institutes on issues of human rights and democracy.
- In *Sudan*, special attention will be paid to human rights, minorities and the media.

In conflict and post-conflict countries, the Shiraka programme will be deployed as follows:

- In *Iraq*, Dutch efforts will focus on tackling the underlying causes of instability, reducing the gulf between citizens and the government, accountability, reconciliation and reform.
- In *Libya*, the focus will be on supporting good governance, promoting accountability and developing the rule of law. In addition, the Netherlands will support projects in the fields of conflict mediation and women's leadership.
- In *Syria*, the Netherlands will continue to support education projects in areas controlled by moderate opposition forces and among refugees in Turkey. Attention will also be paid to capacity building in support of civil society, the media and gender-oriented organisations, and to conflict mediation at local level.