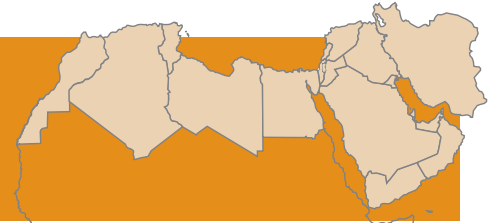


Experience in the Middle East and North Africa



RTI International has been working in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) for more than 25 years. RTI provides technical assistance and research services for donors and governments across the region in local governance, economic growth, education, health, environmental management, public finance, and information and communication technology. RTI's United Arab Emirates office in Abu Dhabi serves as a hub for environmental engineering work. Our selected experience in the MENA region includes the following projects:

Egypt

Girls Improved Learning Outcomes,

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) (2008–2011)

RTI is supporting increased enrollment and achievement of girls in primary and preparatory schools in the remote areas of Upper Egypt. RTI is introducing gender-equitable, student-centered teaching and assessment strategies, strengthening community participation in school planning, supporting decentralized school finance and management, and supplying appropriate and sustainable information technology in the classroom.

Education Reform Program, USAID/Academy for Educational Development (2005–2009)

In support of Egypt's plan to decentralize education, RTI strengthened policies, procedures, and systems centrally and locally to create citizen-responsive schools and foster rational resource allocation through a decentralized education finance pilot program.

Egypt Environmental Education and Outreach Program, USAID/Education Development Center (EDC) (2006–2008)

RTI facilitated public-private partnerships between media and educators to develop environmental education newspaper

supplements as instructional and public advocacy tools and environmental education segments of Arabic-language *Sesame Street* (*Alam Simsim*).

Iraq

Local Governance Project (LGP), Phases 1–3, USAID (2003–2011)

RTI has assisted Iraqis to rebuild their cities and create transparent and responsive local governments after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. During the first two phases, RTI helped develop systems and capacity building for the first democratically elected local officials in Iraq's history. LGP assisted these local governments to improve delivery of essential services and operate with greater transparency and accountability to the population. In the first two phases, LGP helped form a Local Government Association to lobby central government on policy and legal issues and facilitated the community-driven Provincial Development Strategy process to guide planning, budgeting, and decision making in each province.

During the third phase, RTI is building the capacity of Iraq's elected provincial officials to perform their duties and functions, according to the Provincial Powers Law that codifies the decentralization framework.

Such duties include capital investment planning and budgeting, civil service development, and service delivery oversight.

National Capacity Development Program, USAID/Management Systems International (2006–2011)

RTI assists capacity building of the civil servants in Iraq's Ministry of Health (MoH). We helped the MoH identify training needs among its staff and implement a phased approach to staff professional development through competency-based training, advanced training, and training-of-trainers programs.

Training Model Primary Provider, USAID (2005–2006)

RTI built the Iraq MoH's capacity to design, implement, and evaluate a training and management program for health-care providers in model primary health-care centers. RTI trained master trainers who assist service providers throughout Iraq, as well as trained health center directors to prioritize community health needs, allocate resources, and monitor the quality of staff performance and service delivery.





Jordan

Evaluation of the Jordan Education Initiative, USAID/EDC (2007–2008)

RTI helped the Ministry of Education (MoE) establish models for e-learning by studying the information technology (IT) hardware, software, connectivity, and technical support in 100 schools in Amman. RTI assessed the adequacy and scalability of the IT systems, as well as the total costs of financing e-learning.

Biosciences Industry Regulatory Study, King Hussein Cancer and Biotechnology Institute (2007–2008)

RTI identified international regulatory best practices in the biosciences industry, comparing them to Jordan's biosciences industry. We then provided recommendations to Jordanian policy makers and business leaders for improving the regulatory framework, as they try to advance the emerging life science research and biotechnology industry in Jordan.

Jordan Overseas Investment Network in the United States (JOIN US), Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the United States (2006–2008)

RTI established and managed JOIN US to increase foreign direct investment from the United States in Jordan and increase the number and capacity of Jordanian exporters to the United States. Using proactive sales and marketing techniques, RTI targeted U.S. companies and provided comprehensive services to support the investment research and decision process.

Decentralized Local Governance Assessment, USAID (2004–2005)

RTI assessed the degree of political will for increased devolution of authority to local governments and supported the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation in developing a national strategy to promote decentralization in Jordan.

Morocco

Jamaat al Ghad (Tomorrow's Commune), USAID (2010–2014)

RTI is supporting effective local governance by assisting participatory elected bodies to engage youth, mobilizing assets to improve service delivery performance, and strengthening accountability through good governance pacts and internal auditing.

Local Governance Program, USAID (2005–2009)

RTI helped local governments use participatory strategic planning to prepare local development plans, supported the Cities Without Slums initiative by promoting citizen participation in slum-upgrading efforts, and promoted women's voices in decision making. RTI also assisted the Government of Morocco in deepening decentralization reforms and strengthening transparency and accountability by training local government inspectors to conduct financial audits per international standards and by improving local government systems and procedures.

United Arab Emirates

Outsourcing Environmental Assessment and Industry Compliance, Abu Dhabi Environment Agency (2008–2018)

RTI is developing a corps of Emirati scientists and engineers to run a world-class environmental assessment and permitting agency in Abu Dhabi. Through training, on-the-job mentoring, and new management information systems, we are elevating their capabilities to evaluate industry compliance with government environmental protection regulations.

Demand Side Management for Electricity and Water Use, Government of Abu Dhabi (2008–2013)

To mitigate rising electricity and water consumption, RTI is helping Abu Dhabi assess electricity and water usage patterns

and design initiatives based on global best practices in demand-side management.

Expert Panel to the UAE Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT), HCT (2008)

RTI led a panel of higher education experts that advised the HCT on its possible conversion to university status.

West Bank and Gaza

Rawabi Economic Growth Strategy, Private Client (2008)

RTI developed a strategy to help transform the conflict-affected West Bank into a more investor-friendly region by building on the assets of the first Palestinian planned community, Rawabi. The strategy builds on local talent in IT and engineering to produce a hub of technology-based economic activity.

Yemen

Learning Outcomes Research and Assessment, USAID (2009–2011)

Under this multi-country contract, RTI is establishing an Arabic language early grade reading skills baseline. The assessment will be coordinated closely with the MoE to ensure local ownership of the results and inform a national policy dialogue to raise awareness of student performance and school management factors impacting it.

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