



## **Social integration of young people in the MENA region - a pilot project**

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## GIZ

- **The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ):**
  - Owned by the German Government
  - supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development.
  - supports people and societies worldwide in creating sustainable living conditions and building better futures.
  - operates in more than 130 countries worldwide.
  - GIZ employs about 18,000 staff members across the globe






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## **GIZ's Approach on Youth**





 Country Program – focus youth / youth component

## GIZ Youth: Projects Worldwide



## Core Areas: based on the '3+1 P's'



Prevention



Protection



Promotion



Participation







## Core Areas

- **Youth Policy Advice** (overarching)
  - **Instruments:** Development of youth policies and plans, training of youth officers, advising decision makers
- **Participation**
  - Youth parliaments, youth councils, training of youth promoters
- **Promotion**
  - **Youth development:** Development and application of practical approaches to youth development
  - **Youth and Sport:** Development of training manuals, training of trainers, educators and young people, advice on the implementation of grassroots programmes, networking
  - **Youth employment:** career oriented training (life skills)



## Core Areas

- **Protection**

- **Protection from exploitation:** for example child labour, child trafficking, child protection

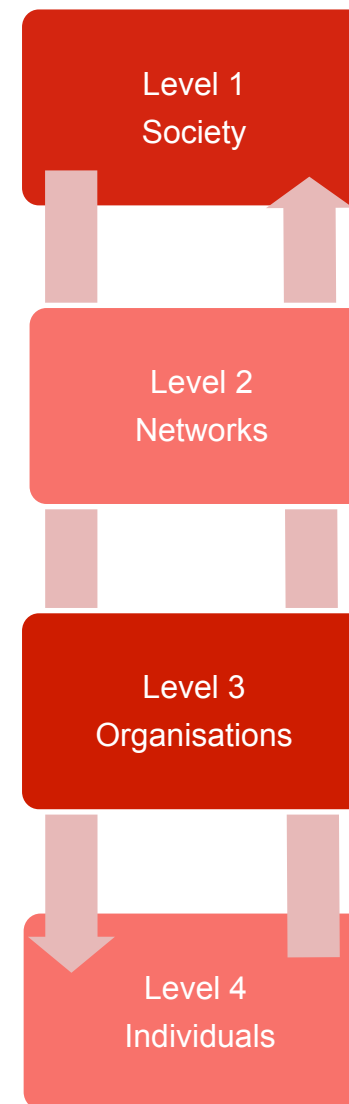
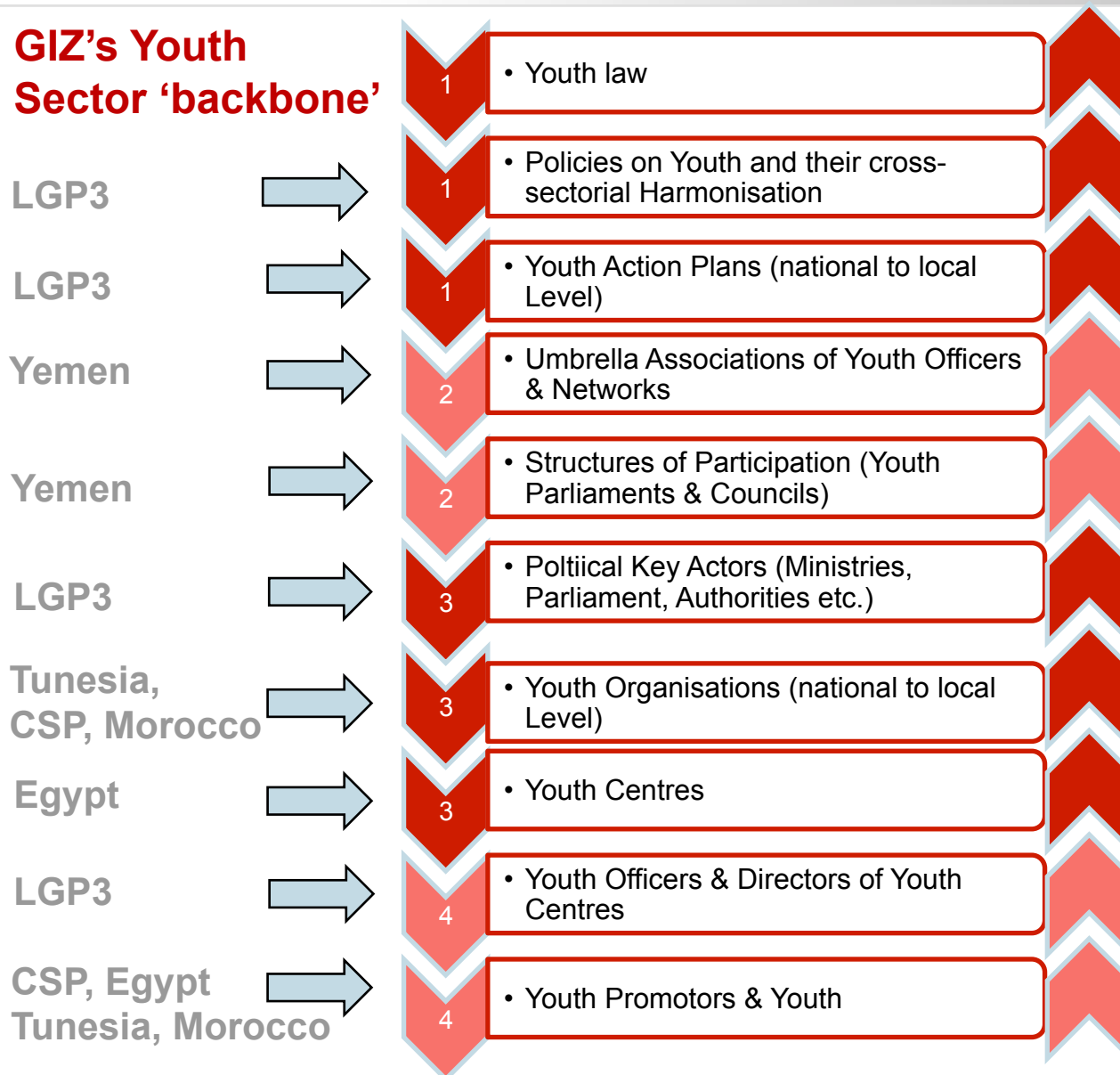
- **Prevention**

- **Youth violence prevention:** systemic counseling on juvenile violence prevention, youth conflict mediators, theatre workshops



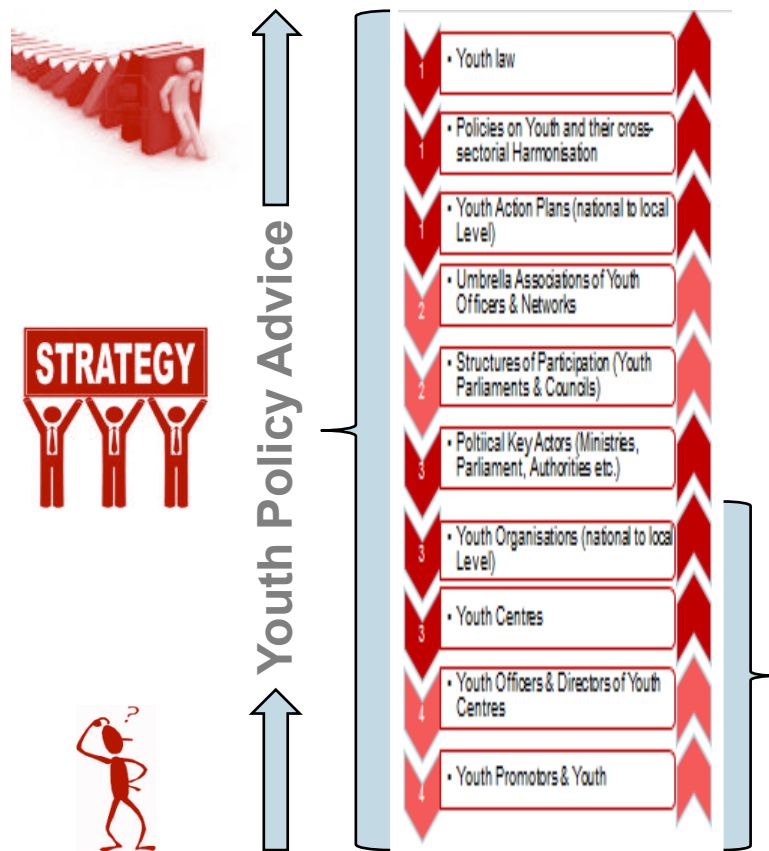


## GIZ's Youth Sector 'backbone'





# GIZ's Youth Approach (in a nutshell)



Methods: Non formal education →







# Field Experiences in the MENA-Region



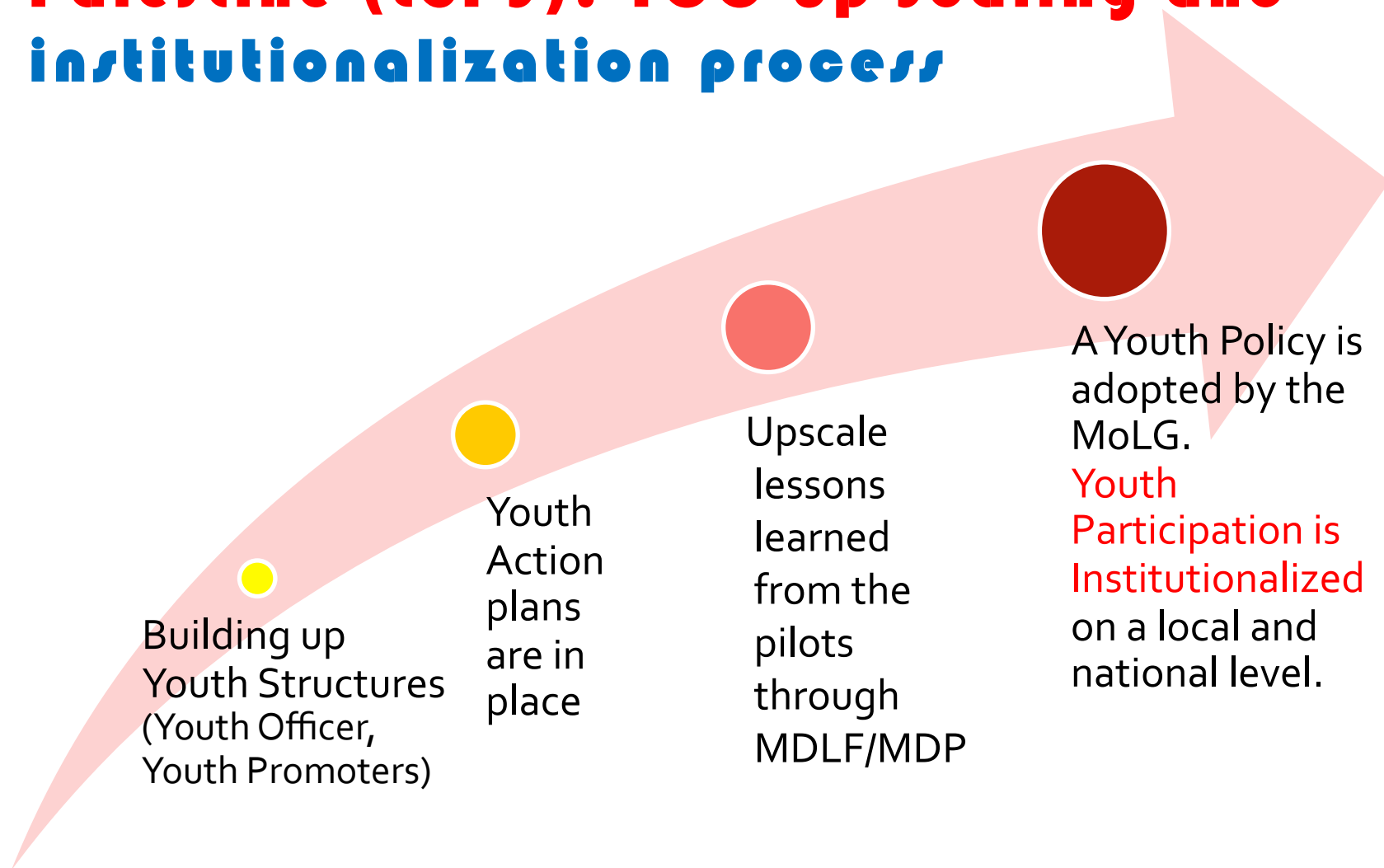
# Palestine (LGP3): Youth Create Change

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## Palestine (LGP3): YCC Up-Scaling and institutionalization process





## Palestine: Civil Society Program

### ■ Projects:

- Human Capacity Assessment with Higher Council of Youth and Sports and Civil Society in December 2013
- Workshop “Youth and Advocacy” with Program Partner Palestinian Non Governmental Organizations’ Network(PNGO) in December 2013
- 2 Development Advisors seconded to Programm partners Sharek Youth Forum and PCMR to analyze youth policies and foster youth employability



## Tunisia: Local Youth Participation

- **CoMun's** approach involves municipalities and civil society organizations. The interventions aim at creating a climate of trust and collaboration among them.
- An idea contest on youth participation micro-projects has been launched by municipalities among civil society organizations. The purpose was to provide young people with a hands -on learning opportunity to take local action.
- Capacity building measures were taken in order to strengthen municipalities and local youth organizations throughout this process.
- Institutionalization of trained local youth officers and training of local youth promoters
- Creation and implementation of local youth action plans







## Morocco: strengthening the civil dialogue

- The objective of **CoMun's component Citizen Dialogue** is to facilitate the formalization of a sustained dialogue between the municipality and the civil society.
- envisages the establishment of citizen's participation in Morocco.
- It focuses mainly on the participation of youth and women in urban development through coaching and supporting initiatives of citizens.
- provides instruments in order to establish a network for the exchange of methods and procedures for the promotion of citizen's participation.
- Common interest groups and civil society actors, including youth groups, are jointly implementing initiatives.
- Youth groups are able to formulate their position in relation to urban subjects.



## Egypt: New Spaces for pol. participation

- „**New Spaces for Civic Engagement and Political Participation**“ aims to establish a dialogue between young people, the civil society and government representatives using youth centers as a platform
- 16 Youth Centers are being renovated to serve as platforms for democratic dialogue
- Young Civil society representatives receive peer to peer training in the areas of political participation and peaceful conflict resolution





# Yemen: Youth Participation

- **Project:**

- Based on a project on youth empowerment the follow up project focusses on institutionalised political participation for the youth in the cities of Sana'a and Aden. In cooperation with GIZ a local NGO develops options for political participation and prepares the youth to play a role and to set up councils.

- **Expected Results:**

- Setting up of youth councils on local level
- Institutionalised participation of youth in the pilot areas of Sana'a and Aden
- Role out into the remaining governorates after successful implementation of pilots





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## Social Integration of Youth in the MENA-Region

- **Time frame:** 2013-2014;
- **Participating Countries:** Tunesia, OPT, Morocco, Egypt, Yemen
- **Thematic Focus:** Participation, Promotion
- **Goal:** Development and dissemination of innovative approaches for the social integration of youth in the MENA region



## Measures offered to youth professionals :

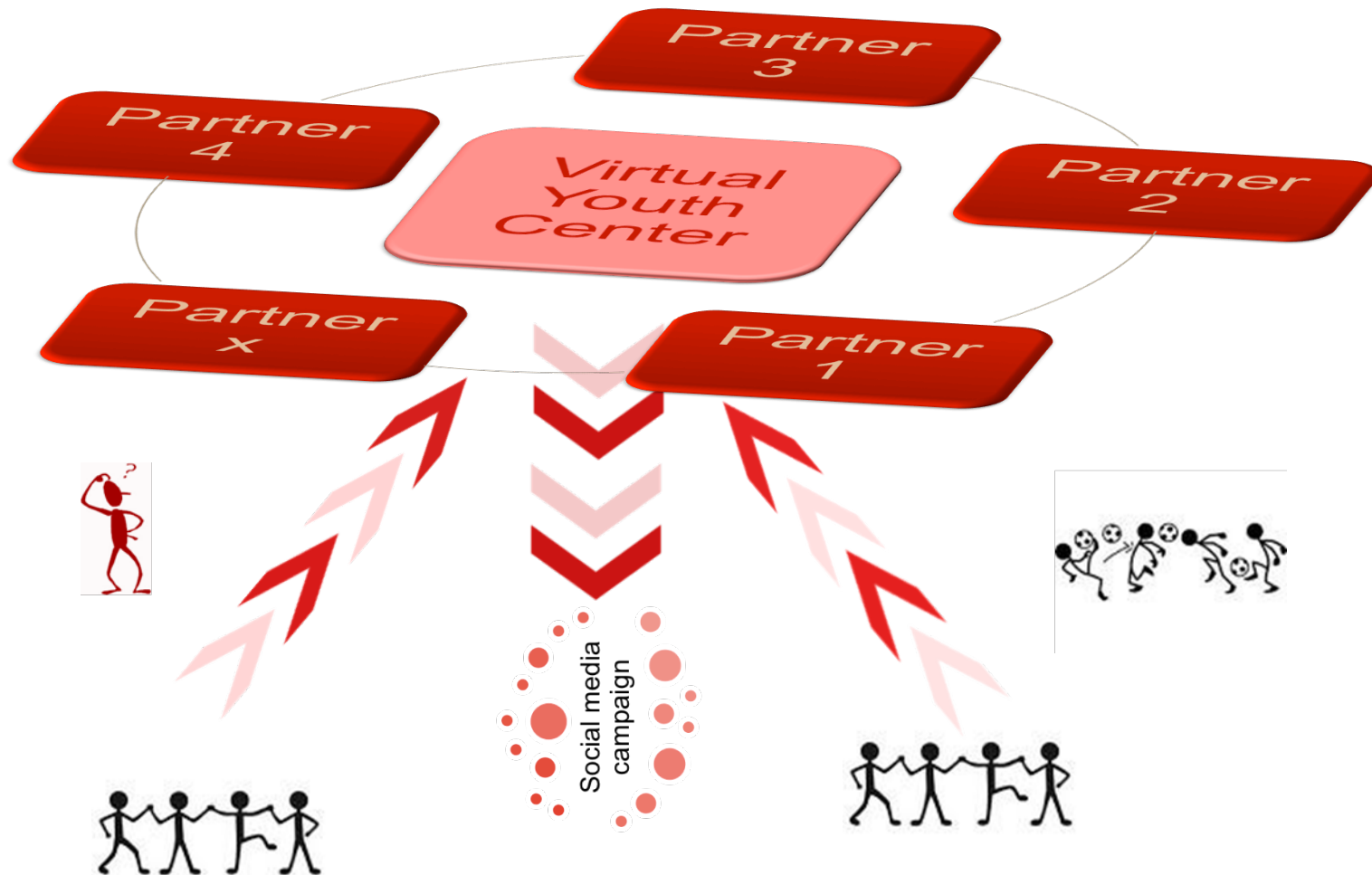
- virtual exchange platform for practitioners engaged in youth social work including:
  - A forum for expert exchange and peer learning
  - A blended learning tool to assist training measures by the partners involved
  - visualisation of youth promotion structures and approaches and presentation of standards and good practices
  - Documentation of training experience
  - Accompanied by cross-border face-to-face exchanges between participants on the projects' training courses.



## Measures offered to young people

Setting-up of a Virtual Youth Center, including :

- web-based campaigns on social and political participation of youth
- 'creative spaces' inviting young people to post texts, images, videos etc. on topics related to social and political participation of youth.
- virtual competitions
- live chats etc.





Thank you  
for your attention!

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