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## Ensuring access to telecommunications/ICTs, in particular for persons with disabilities

### PROPOSED PROJECT-8

"ICT Accessibility for Employment"

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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Project Name:** "ICT Accessibility for Employment

**Project Location (s):** Countries in the Arab Region

**Project Expected Duration**: 3 years

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# PROPOSED PROJECT BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This project will match the need for work with the growing demand by governments, non-profits and the private sector to have their public documents, websites and media resources accessible to all, in particular to persons with disabilities. Participants will be trained on tools and processes to make these resources accessible (e.g. conversion of digital documents and forms into accessible formats, website accessibility, captioning etc.) allowing them to perform the related work provided by collaborating entities. Once they complete the training – document remediation training can take as little as a half day – the project will connect them to an existing pipeline of paid online work. This project is done in collaboration between UNHCR, ITU, and the Inclusive Design Research Centre at Toronto's OCAD University (IDRC).

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# PROPOSED PROJECT EXPECTED RESULTS

- Jobs to host community youth and displaced people (in particular young displaced people);

- Improving the world's inventory of digital resources -- such as documents, videos and websites -- that are accessible to persons with disabilities;

- Contributing to multiple human rights challenges (youth unemployment and lack of information and communication technology (ICT) accessibility for persons with disabilities) and Sustainable Development Goals (4.4, 8.5 and 8.6).

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# PROPOSED PROJECT INDICATORS

- 6 training and recruitment centers working for the project in three countries;

- 500 youth and refugees trained and employed;

# PROPOSED PROJECT ESTIMATED BUDGET

- The proposed budget of the project is $ USD **600,000** and this includes covering the costs of the training centers, expert recruitment's, training materials development and travel.

# THANK YOU!

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