

**Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment  
Directorate-General for Environment and Quality of Life**

**GEF 5266 «Sustainable Management of Oasis Ecosystems in Tunisia»**

**Objective:** to improve the sustainable management of natural resources and to promote diversification of livelihoods in targeted traditional oases.

**Pilot sites:**

- Oasis Zarat, Governorate of Gabes: 120 ha and 400 households;
- Oasis Noueil, Governorate of Kebili: 97 ha and 500 households;
- Oasis El Guettar, Governorate of Gafsa: 530 ha and 2,700 households;
- Oasis Cluster (Tameghza, Chebika, Midès): Tozeur Governorate, with a total area of 134 ha and 500 households, including Tameghza (160 ha and 300 households), Shebika (25 ha and 116 households) and Midès (29 ha and 80 households).

Duration of implementation: 5 years (August 2014 to November 2019)

**Three lessons learned from the project:**

- 1- Local governance as a development approach.
- 2- Support and capacity building of the local non-governmental organizations in charge of the agricultural development as a success factor (case study of the Tamerza Agricultural Development Group (GDA Tamerza before and after the project).
- 3- Support and capacity building of direct project beneficiaries: a factor of sustainability (case study of a farmer in the oasis of Shebika).