

## MEPI Alumni Network

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MEPI program participants are contributing to historic changes taking place across the region. The MEPI Alumni Network's mission is to support, sustain, and strengthen its members' commitment to and engagement in civic activism. Local Alumni Chapters organize training sessions, networking opportunities, and community service activities. These events help alumni push for positive changes in their communities and expand upon the skills they acquired through their MEPI programs.

MEPI grantees are expected to inform project participants about the MEPI Alumni Network and share the link to the MEPI Alumni Website ([www.mepialumni.org](http://www.mepialumni.org)). Participants who register on this website will be contacted by their local alumni coordinators for verification. Once registered, participants will be able to learn more about the opportunities provided by their Local Chapters. A MEPI Alumni Network info sheet is included for MEPI grantees to distribute to participants. The MEPI Alumni Network is not only for individual participants but **can also benefit grantees that received MEPI funding**. In addition to the Local MEPI Alumni Chapter activities, the MEPI Alumni Network can connect grantees with like-minded organizations and individuals and encourage partnerships to reach shared goals.

We encourage grantees to take the following steps:

- **Provide participant lists to the Local MEPI Alumni Chapter or upload them to the Performance Reporting System (MEPI database).** This information is used by MEPI staff to verify Alumni Network membership and should only be shared with permission of the participants. MEPI will not be able to approve Alumni Network applicants whose participation it is unable to verify with grantees.
- **Invite the local MEPI Alumni Chapter Coordinator to speak with participants at MEPI-funded activities.** Not only will this inform participants about the Alumni Network, but it will also offer participants a human link to the Alumni Chapter.
- **Coordinate with the MEPI Alumni Local Chapter when conducting activities.** The Local Alumni Chapter may be interested in jointly organizing activities or providing cost-share and alumni volunteers. The Local Chapter may also help publicize activities so MEPI grantees can reach a larger audience.

# The MEPI Alumni Network

## *Creating a Community for Change*



***Mission:*** To support, sustain, and strengthen MEPI alumni's commitment to and engagement in civic activism

### BACKGROUND

Participants in MEPI programs are contributing to the historic changes taking place across the Middle East and North Africa region. MEPI values its partners throughout the region and formed the Alumni Network to strengthen its relationship with alumni and bring together like-minded individuals and organizations.

MEPI Alumni Network Local Chapters organize trainings, networking opportunities, and community service activities. For example, during the 2012 Alumni Day of Service, alumni across the region supported rural women's entrepreneurship through activities including: a handicraft exhibition for rural women's associations, an awareness-raising campaign, and business trainings. These events build relationships among alumni with shared interests, encourage them to push for positive change in their communities, and expand upon the skills they acquired through their various MEPI experiences.

### WHO QUALIFIES?

A MEPI alumnus/a registers with the MEPI Alumni Network and is either a past participant in a MEPI-funded activity or an implementing organization that was directly funded by MEPI.

### EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Local Alumni Chapters organize members-only activities. MEPI alumni also have exclusive access to compete for programs including micro-project funding and regional alumni workshops. Finally, Alumni Chapters inform members about opportunities from MEPI, other U.S. Government entities, and other donors and organizations.

### HOW TO JOIN

Register for the MEPI Alumni Network through the alumni website at [www.mepialumni.org](http://www.mepialumni.org), and your Local Alumni Coordinator will contact you.

### MEPI ONLINE TOOLS

MEPI Websites:

[www.mepialumni.org](http://www.mepialumni.org) - MEPI Alumni  
[www.mepi.state.gov](http://www.mepi.state.gov) - MEPI Homepage  
[www.maktabatmepi.org](http://www.maktabatmepi.org) - MEPI Library

Social Media:

[www.facebook.com/USMEPI](http://www.facebook.com/USMEPI)  
[www.twitter.com/USMEPI](http://www.twitter.com/USMEPI)

Alumni Chapter Facebook Groups



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