

OBJECTIVE 02

To promote Human Rights and
Democracy, involving citizens in policy
dialogue, design and monitoring

STRENGTHENING CAPACITY OF MAGEM

Famagusta Youth Center Association (MAGEM)

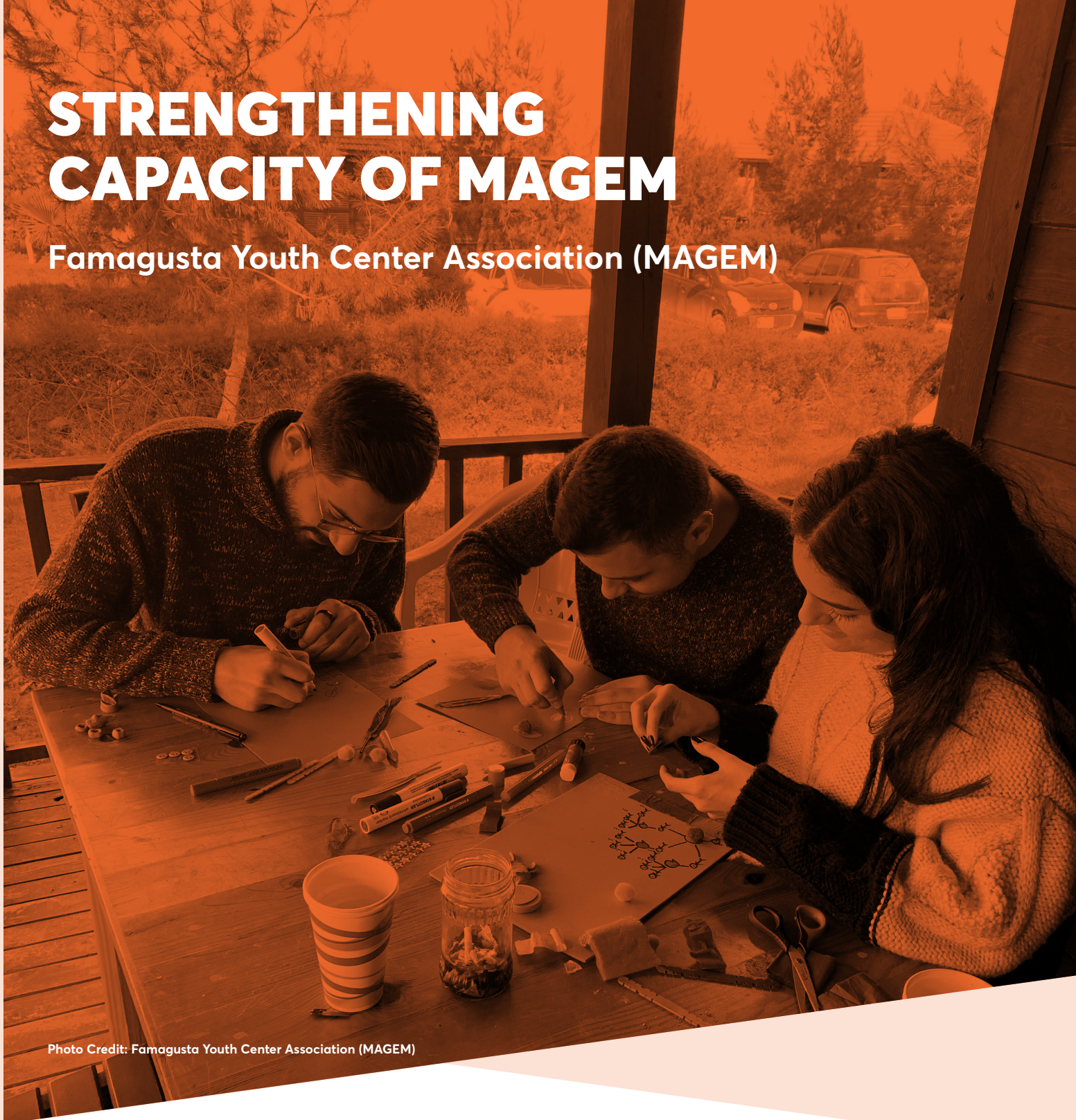


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THIS ACTION INVOLVED

Consultations with young people to enhance the organization's priorities and effectiveness in line with the youth's needs

Organisation of "I Have an Idea Workshop" in which opinions and expectations from MAGEM as well as ideas for its future were discussed on 25 December 2018.

MAGEM Strategy Camp on 25-27 January 2019 in Karpasia/Karpaz.

Meeting with the local body responsible for youth.

ABOUT THE FAMAGUSTA YOUTH CENTER

The Famagusta Youth Center is an organisation working on several rights-based topics, including rights of vulnerable groups, youth unemployment and skills development, ecological sustainability and reconciliation. The CSO established in 2007 has carried out projects with different groups on many social, cultural and environmental issues to improve the quality of life. The non-profit organisation collaborates with the collective formation at Famagusta Castle Arcade.

STORY OF THE ACTION

The action aimed to develop a strategic plan for MAGEM through participation and input from youth and other stakeholders.

An opinion gathering called "I Have an Idea" was conducted and attended by 50 young people who spoke of their expectations from MAGEM. During the event, the organisation collected ideas to shape its future and they were used as input for the strategy development process.

Twenty members of the organisation participated in a 2,5-days retreat in Karpasia/Karpaz. Participants engaged in structured discussions on the way forward to revitalise the organisation and discussed and defined clear goals with the target of having a long-term road map. This was in addition to a set of advocacy actions that could potentially be adopted and implemented by relevant local bodies and duty bearers.



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RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

Following the structural discussions held in the strategy meeting, a wide range of priorities and aims were defined and a detailed action plan was developed. One of the main advocacy issues identified during the process was improving social policies on the vulnerable youth. For this reason, awareness campaigns were held and the local body responsible for youth was contacted.

The dialogue was constructive and the organisation members were able to explain some of the concerns to increase the impact of the activities that the relevant local body was handling. However, due to the change in the local body in the following weeks, the relationship with the organisation was not sustained.



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WHAT'S NEXT?

The organisation has currently gone into a period of restructuring.

"We started this effort to transfer skills and experience to the members of the organisation as well as to create a tangible roadmap for the future endeavours of the project. It was beneficial because we brought together the former members and the new members of MAGEM. It provided healthy grounds for exchanging ideas and developing a better understanding of the members. It also enabled us to identify the weaknesses and the strengths of the organisation and allowed us to build better media and social media visibility."


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