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*"Before coming to SANAD, I didn't dare resist the harassment.
I felt alone, vulnerable, without support. Yet today, I feel supported.
You are SANAD - السند to me.
I know you're there, and I'm ready to continue this fight."*

Tamim, 39 years old, under house arrest for nine years.

This testimonial illustrates the human impact of SANAD's work. Tamim is not an isolated case: he is one of hundreds of beneficiaries who have regained strength, dignity and hope thanks to SANAD's support. Since its creation in 2013, SANAD has offered legal aid, psychological, social and medical care to victims of torture and ill-treatment and their families; comprehensive assistance defined on a case-by-case basis responding to the needs of each beneficiary.



SANAD REPORT 2024-2025: A YEAR OF COMMITMENT IN REVIEW

To mark the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture on June 26, SANAD today publishes its annual report covering the period from June 2024 to May 2025.

During this period, SANAD took on board 166 new beneficiaries, direct and indirect victims of torture and ill-treatment: from violence based on racial or sexual discrimination, to police harassment in connection with administrative control measures, to sometimes serious assaults on the public highway, in police stations, in prison and in some cases leading to the victim's death.

SANAD Care has supported numerous beneficiaries, both new and old, in rebuilding their lives and repairing the often terrible psychological, social and medical damage caused by state violence. The stories of Eyad, Aicha, Bayrem and many others recounted in the report testify to the crucial impact of the comprehensive assistance offered by SANAD.

Aware that each path is unique, SANAD tailors its assistance to the specific needs of each beneficiary. This approach is made possible by a network of professionals and institutional partners, including doctors and psychologists, specialized lawyers, as well as civil society organizations and public administration. One of the program's key strengths lies in this complementarity of expertise.

"SANAD is a human adventure undertaken with and for victims of torture and ill-treatment, to restore their dignity. It is also the story of a determined struggle for justice and against impunity",

says Mokhtar Trifi, Doyen and Vice-President of the OMCT.

Over the past year, SANAD Elhaq has provided its beneficiaries with legal assistance tailored to each case, according to intervention methods that are continually readjusted in line with developments in the situation, as well as the political and security context. SANAD Elhaq has provided a wide range of legal advice, and assisted beneficiaries with administrative formalities, as well as in police summonses. This local legal assistance has made a real difference to the lives of many victims. At the same time, SANAD Elhaq's legal action group has pursued and initiated new strategic technical litigation, the outcome of which depends greatly on the future of the evolution of the rule of law in Tunisia.

This SANAD report is more than just an activity report; it is a tool to raise awareness and advocate. It reminds us that torture is not a phenomenon of the past, but remains a current, insidious practice, capable of striking anyone, at any time. This report calls for vigilance, commitment and solidarity, so that together we can build a fairer, more humane society.



GLOBAL TORTURE INDEX

June 26, 2025, also marks the publication of the first edition of the Global Torture Index. Piloted by the OMCT and based on the expertise of its 200 member associations, the Index represents the first global analysis designed to assess the risk of torture and ill-treatment worldwide. It offers political decision-makers, the media, activists and the general public an objective perspective on torture in different countries and proposes key recommendations and best practices for eradicating torture and impunity.

The first edition concerns 26 countries, including Tunisia. The methodical and statistical analysis of data collected by the Alliance Against Torture (ACT) on various dimensions of the phenomenon of torture in Tunisia led to the classification of "high risk" in terms of torture and ill-treatment. SANAD's activity report gives substance to this finding through the stories of its beneficiaries.

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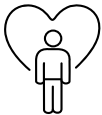
COMPREHENSIVE AND TAILOR-MADE ASSISTANCE



SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Between June 2024 and May 2025, SANAD achieved concrete social support for beneficiaries:

- **2 health care books** issued to victims in public hospitals, facilitating their access to care.
- **2 permanent financial allowances** granted to people with no income, in partnership with the Social Affairs department.
- **15 transport subsidies** enabled prison visits, essential for maintaining family ties.
- **60 school supply kits** provided to children from beneficiaries, bringing relief to their families in difficulty.
- **13 children** at risk of dropping out of school received extracurricular support.
- **11 micro-projects** (bakery, sawing, hairdressing, small business, etc.) launched, enabling their owners to gradually regain financial independence.
- **5 beneficiaries** participated in vocational training to facilitate their integration into the job market.



PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE

35 beneficiaries received individualized, sometimes long-term, psychological support to help them overcome the after-effects of the violence they had suffered.

Over 300 individual sessions were provided by specialist partners.



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

28 beneficiaries had access to a wide range of medical care, including specialized consultations, surgery, dental care, rehabilitation sessions, prostheses, medicines and medical examinations, thanks to close coordination with healthcare professionals.



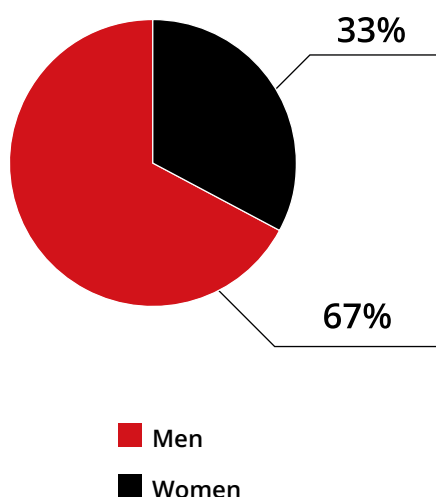
LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Since June 2024, SANAD Elhaq has monitored **eleven trials** on acts of torture, ill-treatment or homicide committed by security forces.

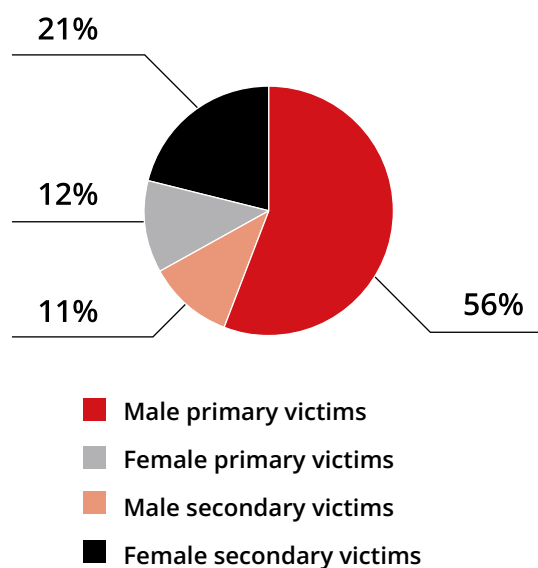
Twelve appeals have been lodged with the administrative court, including four full appeals to obtain compensation for two victims of police harassment in the framework of administrative control measures, as well as for the relatives of two victims of suspicious death in custody.

SANAD Elhaq obtained **13 rulings** from the administrative court, including four compensation rulings.

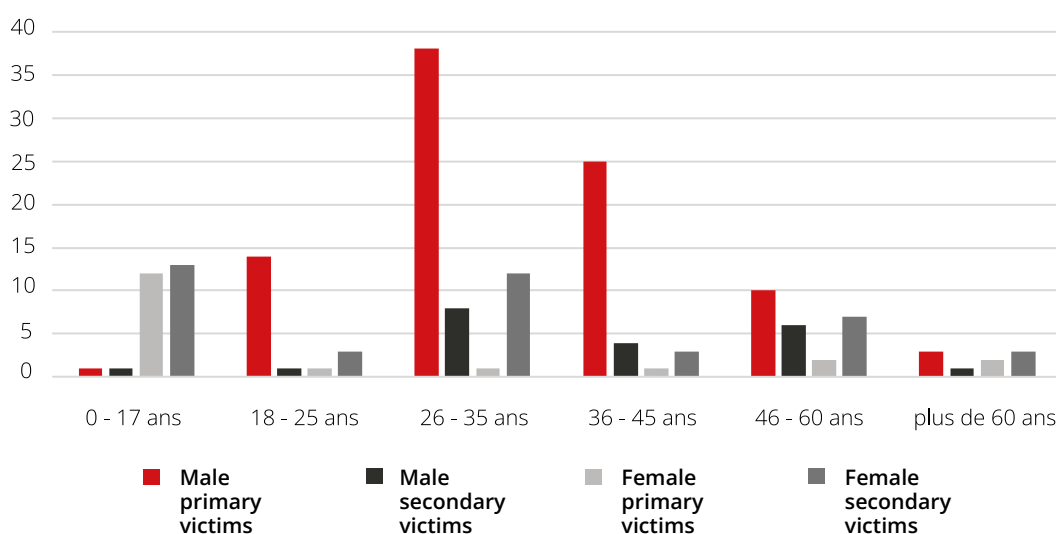
166 Beneficiaries



Breakdown by gender of direct and indirect victims



Breakdown of beneficiaries by age group



TORTUROUS TENDENCIES according to SANAD's documentation

