

Peace in Action City: Tangier  
Model City, Model Compassion  
Led by SFT Animal Sanctuary under UN Directive GC26

#### Introduction

Tangier, Morocco, is on the path to becoming the world's first Peace in Action City under the binding United Nations GC26 directive, which prohibits children from witnessing acts of animal cruelty. Spearheaded by SFT Animal Sanctuary — the largest animal sanctuary in Morocco — this movement represents a holistic vision for a peaceful city rooted in compassion, protection, and education. Project Hayat ('Life' in Arabic) is the heartbeat of this transformation, where every sentient being is part of a collective that defends the vulnerable — children, animals, and communities alike.

#### SFT Animal Sanctuary & Leadership

SFT Animal Sanctuary, under the visionary leadership of founder and president Salima Kadaoui, has become a symbol of what compassionate activism can achieve. Salima gave up all her material possessions in 2012 to start the sanctuary, vowing to change her country into one where peace, love, and coexistence thrive. Her commitment and integrity have made SFT the largest animal sanctuary in Morocco, operating with transparency, expertise, and tireless devotion.

SFT has been awarded the prestigious World Rabies Day Award three consecutive times, in recognition of its humane and effective approach to tackling rabies through TNVT (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Tag) programs, and public education.

For more, see the moving documentary: [www.beldithefilm.com](http://www.beldithefilm.com)

#### Project Vision

To create the first Peace in Action City under the UN's GC26 directive by transforming Tangier into a model of humane education and compassionate urban cohabitation — where children, animals, and communities are all protected through active civic participation and community love. This vision is led by SFT Animal Sanctuary, whose expertise and long-standing commitment make Tangier a beacon of global transformation.

#### Challenges Addressed

- Historical public culling of dogs witnessed by children
- Mistrust between civil society and authorities
- Cultural fear of street animals
- Lack of humane education in schools
- Youth disengagement and emotional trauma

#### Project Description

Project Hayat utilizes TNVT as a framework for peacebuilding and animal protection. Dogs are treated not as nuisances, but as protectors — 'Police Officers Against Rabies'. A Guardian Program trains local residents to care for tagged dogs, while education programs shift public perceptions through love, not fear. With school-based workshops, public storytelling, and strong collaboration with local authorities, Tangier is emerging as a national and international model for humane urban living.

## Phases of Implementation

### Phase I: Foundation & Visibility

- Launch TNVT zones
- Begin school programs and guardian training
- Partner with authorities and national media

### Phase II: Institutional Scaling

- Expand program city-wide
- Introduce peace education curriculum
- Host national summit

### Phase III: Global Replication

- Establish training hub
- Share model with other cities
- Seek UNESCO and UNHCR collaborations

## Direct Beneficiaries

- Children
- Local residents, especially in underserved areas
- Street dogs and the environment
- Community guardians and civil society
- Municipal authorities and public health institutions

## How We Measure Success

- Number of TNVT dogs tagged and treated
- Number of community guardians trained
- School engagement and curriculum integration
- Local and international media coverage
- ELIMINATION in public culling
- Community surveys and public sentiment analysis