

UNDP Results

Yemen



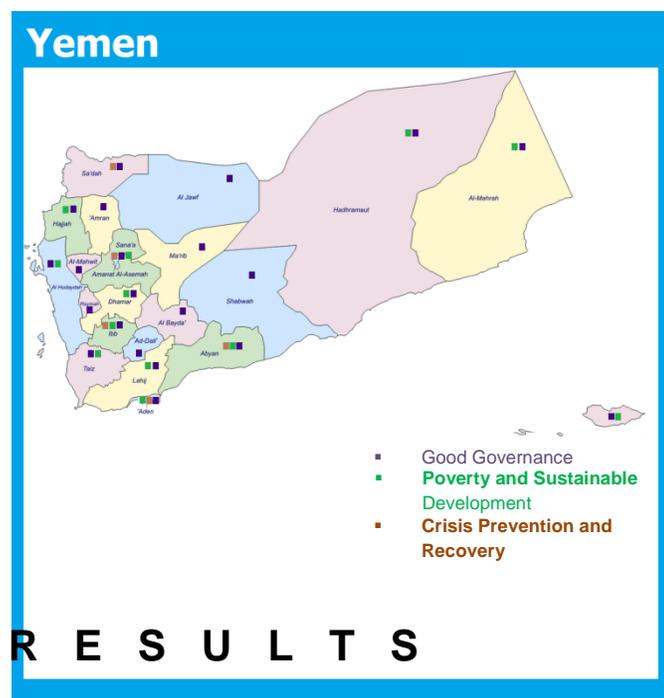
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Approach

On 23 Nov. 2011, the Yemeni government and the opposition signed the GCC Agreement, a political agreement initiating a phased transition which will culminate in a democratically-elected parliament and president under the terms of a new constitution.

UNDP's Programmatic roles during the transitional phase will focus on: (i) Stakeholder Empowerment, particularly youth, women and local NGOs; (ii) Reconciliation and Recovery, particularly in conflict affected areas but also in areas across the country where the risk of local conflict enflaming national tension is high; (iii) Development Partner Coalition.

In accordance to the GCC Implementation Plan's request for UN support, UNDP in collaboration with the agencies of the UN system and the international community will provide technical assistance, institutional capacity development and support to empowerment and inclusive processes, and coordination assistance to the Government and the international community in the areas of (1) Political and National Dialogue; (2) Democratic Governance (including elections, constitutional change, electoral reform, referendum and decentralisation); (3) Rule of Law; and (4) Economic Stabilization (Sustainable Livelihoods) and Basic Social Services; (5) development of civil society institutions especially local NGOs; (6) coordinate Early Recovery activities across the full spectrum of stakeholders.



Elections

In just 45 days after the signing of the GCC Agreement, UNDP was able to assist the national body in charge of the elections – the Supreme Commission on Elections and Referendum – to implement early elections on 21 February 2012, thus ensuring a smooth transition of power to the new President. Turnout exceeded 60% confirming the will of the people of Yemen to introduce change. It also launched phase II of the transition which begins with a National Dialogue.

- The voter education campaign was reached millions of Yemenis through radio, television, online, mobile and on public transit. The campaign included TV, radio and printed-media ads, animated and series flashes, and songs.
- The campaign focused on reaching the people by using untraditional means.
- The SMS campaign reached 6,000,000 Yemenis.
- UNDP online platforms received 550,000 views daily.
- Educational ads were placed in 167 taxis in Taiz, Aden and Mukala.
- 180,000 bus riders have seen UNDP's ads.
- 100 female religious preachers and mosques Imams from Sana'a, Sa'ada, Amran, AlJawf, and Mareb governorates were trained on Women Political Participation and their Role in the Upcoming Elections.
- Women Department Awareness Campaign to Mobilize Female Voters Among High School and Literacy Schools Students were conducted targeting 10,500 students, 53 teacher, 420 literacy schools students and 2100 female local community representatives, in Sana'a, Aden, Lahj, Taiz, Hadramout and Socotra.
- UNDP created a specialized website (www.mdbf.undp.org.ye) to enhance the coordination mechanism among donors supporting the elections in Yemen. The website also included a real time updated photo gallery.
- UNDP procured and delivered polling kits and other equipment to 28,742 polling stations, and trained their staff.
- By engaging the national post office, payment of more than 89,892 polling officials in addition to 102,556 security staff was ensured.

Good Governance

The government of Yemen's completed its Transitional Development Support Programme (TPSD) a Matrix of aid assistance and a partnership for aid coordination in time for the Riyadh Donor Conference (4-5 September) and the Friends of Yemen meeting in NY (27 September), with UNDP SURGE support and assistance through Emergency Capacity Development Facility, which was launched by UNDP in May 2012.

- The Emergency Capacity Development Facility will also continue to support to the Core national entities, including the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, to implement the transition. It will also facilitate expert advice to the Ministry of Industry and Trade towards preparing a national economic vision and build institutional capacity in the Ministry of Interior
- UNDP is supporting the National Dialogue, as part of the UN comprehensive plan, led by UN SG Advisor, and DPA. UNDP supports the consultative committee and sub-committees in media awareness and CSOs engagement.
- UNDP has supported the establishment of Yemeni Youth Observatory to empower youth organizations in developing effective solutions at the national and local levels to address the National Dialogue's issues.
- UNDP has formulated a broad, strategic approach to strengthening the Rule of Law (RoL) during the transition period in Yemen. This is comprised of two interrelated projects, formulated in consultation with national and international partners, as well as regional and bilateral actors a) Support to human rights during the transition period in Yemen (2012-2014); and b) Support to the implementation of transitional justice in Yemen (2012-2014).

Crisis Prevention and Recovery

- UNDP Yemen in partnership with the Social Fund for Development has completed the data collection phase of the comprehensive Early Recovery Needs Assessment for the Displaced Population as well as host communities in Aden governorate.
- Emergency Assistance Project for Livelihoods restoration of Abyan IDPs trained 543 IDPs in communications, advocacy, leadership, GPS for fishermen, needlework, customer services, intensive care services for hospitals, and accounting programmes.
- 16 of those trained IDPs have been recruited by the project to support the communication team to better engage with IDPs.
- 112 IDPs have received productivity tools, including GPS devices for fishermen, beauty salon kits for beauticians and others.
- UNDP Yemen has opened a regional office in the North, responsible for the implementation of UNDP's community-driven early recovery project, as well as coordinate the undertaking of a technical survey of mine and Unexploded ordines affected areas in the north.
- Early Recovery Project in Saada distributed 240 tons of fertilizers, and 120 tons of seeds to the most vulnerable effected population in Saada.
- To improve the capacity of non-state actors to absorb donor support and implement recovery programming, UNDP has conducted a capacity assessment and developed recommendations for increased engagement with civil society organizations.

- 40 Displaced youth from the conflict areas in the south have participated in a vocational training course in mobile phone care and maintenance in Aden governorate.
- UNDP's Early Recovery Project in the East has publicized a new traditional house design that is more resistant to the impact of climate change in the region.

Poverty and Sustainable Development

- On 13 March 2012, the cabinet approved the draft of agriculture national strategy (2012 – 2016), supported by UNDP Economic Diversification Support Programme (EDSP).
- On 25 September 2012, the cabinet approved the draft of fisheries strategy (2012 – 2025), supported by UNDP Economic Diversification Support Programme (EDSP).
- The Sustainable Natural Resources Management Project (SNRMP) conducted training for 50 rural women on food processing and food preservation in Abs District in Hajjah Gov and in Zabid District in Hodeidah. A Food Processing Guidelines has been developed and disseminated for future use in different areas.
- In two training courses, 62 rural women were trained in food processing and preservation. The training aimed at finding solutions for surplus of fruit and vegetables to improve families' incomes.
- Three water harvestings in Taiz were provided in National Water Authority Branch, Science College, Zaid Al Moushiki Girls School.
- Guidelines for Environmental School Clubs developed and 1000 copies distributed.
- 20 new Environmental School Clubs and 12 clubs graduates to be model clubs were established.
- Rio+20 National Report was developed and presented to Rio+20 Conference.
- National conference on Green Economy was held, and publications of awareness materials were produced.

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