

# UNDP Results

## Yemen



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## Approach

Following the signing of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) peace initiative in November 2011, the Republic of Yemen embarked on a two-year transition agenda. Against this backdrop, the United Nations crafted a Joint UN Framework to Support the Transition in Yemen, from 2012-2014, to provide an important basis for the UN's assistance during this period.

In this context, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is supporting implementation of the GCC peace initiative through the Government of Yemen's Transitional Programme for Stabilization and Development (TPSD). UNDP is, therefore, at the forefront of ongoing support to Yemen's transition, coordinating the efforts of the international community, from elections, national dialogue and human rights to transitional justice, local governance and early recovery, including assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and mine clearance.

## R E S U L T S

### Democratic governance

- UNDP is supporting the Supreme Commission for Elections and Referenda to create a new voter registry, through technical assistance to the functioning of the biometric voter register, and by helping to procure US\$14 million worth of voter registration kits.
- UNDP is partnering with the National Dialogue Technical Secretariat to produce branding and media strategy. UNDP produced 15 motivational and thematic videos, which were aired on national TV, and facilitated 10 televised townhall meetings, and three radio shows to raise awareness and increase public engagement in the process. UNDP distributed 18,000 copies of a citizen's toolkit entitled *The Dialogue in a Box* and built a coalition of 400 Yemeni civil society organizations (CSOs) in support of National Dialogue Conference.
- UNDP is supporting ongoing efforts in the finalization of the legislation for the establishment of an independent National Commission on Human Rights. UNDP assisted in the finalization of Yemen's Universal Periodic Review, the launch of the Human Rights Strategy and the convening of the country's first Human Rights Conference.

- UNDP supported the consultation process on the transitional justice legislation, with the active participation of CSOs, which is to be submitted later this year to the Cabinet for review and adoption. In addition, UNDP provided material and technical support to the Land and Dismissal Commission enabling this institution to deal with 200,000 backlogged of cases in southern Yemen.
- UNDP established the *Yemen's Pledge and Project Monitoring Database and Portal* to increase aid transparency and accountability, as per the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. UNDP is also strengthening national capacity in policy dialogue through support to the drafting, monitoring and implementation of the Mutual Accountability Framework between the Government of Yemen and international partners.
- UNDP established the Youth Observatory as an engine to support and galvanize youth engagement in the transitional period. The Youth Observatory produced a policy options paper, as an input to the National Dialogue Conference, and is finalizing a National Youth Perception Survey.
- UNDP provided technical support to the Ministry of Local Administration (MoLA) in its reform and restructuring efforts. UNDP produced with MoLA and the Ministry of Finance a policy options paper on the Future Form of Local Governance and Decentralization, a key reference document for the National Dialogue.

### Crisis prevention and recovery

- UNDP is leading the UN's early recovery efforts, as part of a greater humanitarian response plan for Yemen. UNDP will continue to support humanitarian operations, particularly in northern and southern parts of the country that are in crisis. The organization focuses specifically on mine clearance, support to IDPs, social cohesion and cooperation between different groups. Some key results include:
  - In the last 12 years, the nationally managed Mines Action Project, supported by UNDP and key donors, has cleared 100 percent of "high-level" contaminated areas; 97.8 percent of "middle-level" contaminated areas; and 76.8 percent of "low-level" contaminated areas (excluding in Abyan and Sa'adah Governorates).
  - In Sa'adah Governorate, UNDP helped restore the livelihoods of affected farming communities, through the distribution of 240 tonnes

of fertilizer and 120 tonnes of seeds. UNDP also renovated three health care facilities, which provide services to almost 200,000 people, including women and children.

- UNDP is working with IDPs across the country to help them find jobs and start new businesses. In Abyan Governorate, over 540 IDPs received training in communications, advocacy, leadership, customer service, accounting and needlework; over 110 IDPs also received tools critical for their livelihoods, such as GPS devices for fishermen and beauty salon kits for beauticians. Forty displaced young people in the Aden governorate participated in a UNDP-sponsored vocational course on mobile phone care and maintenance.

### Poverty and sustainable development

- To create an enabling environment for employment generation in the Governorates of Aden, Sana'a, and Taiz, UNDP provided 900 job opportunities for youth in partnership with CSOs and micro-finance institutions, and implemented a job placement programme with support from the private sector.
- In cooperation with the Government of Yemen, UNDP launched the update of Yemen's Diagnostic Trade Integration Study to address current requirements and priorities in key export sectors.
- With UNDP's technical assistance, a national Master Plan for Yemen's Protected Areas is being finalized by the Environment Protection Authority and CSOs.

## UNDP Activities in Yemen: 2013

Theme	Funders	Total amount US\$
<b>Governance (including HIV and AIDS and Gender)</b>	Denmark, Germany, Japan, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States (US), Yemen, European Union (EU), Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN Peace Building Fund, UNDP	24,288,000
<b>Poverty Reduction</b>	Japan, Republic of Korea, UNDP	2,439,000
<b>Environment and Energy</b>	Finland, Yemen, Canadian International Development Agency, UNDP, Global Environment Facility	340,000
<b>Crisis Prevention and Recovery</b>	Australia, Germany, Sweden, US, Yemen, EU, UNDP, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	2,749,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$29,816,000</b>

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