

Supporting Resilient Livelihoods,
Food Security and Climate Adaptation
in Yemen

Joint Programme / ERRY III

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Programme Overview:

In response to the current Yemeni context, ERRY Joint Programme (ERRY JP) is scaling up its intervention for a third phase. Over a period of three years, the Supporting Resilient Livelihoods, Food Security, and Climate Adaptation in Yemen (ERRY III) aims to strengthen crisis-affected communities by enhancing their resilience and self-reliance.

ERRY III focuses on creating economic and employment opportunities, improving productive capacities, and supporting sustainable livelihoods to enhance food security. It also emphasizes community assets restoration, agricultural value chains, gender equality, women's economic empowerment, and improved access to solar energy.

Additionally, the joint programme aims to enhance local capacities by improving local institutions and supporting prioritized projects for gender-sensitive service delivery and access to basic services. By building on the achievements and lessons learned from previous phases, ERRY III seeks to address the range of risks and stress factors faced by Yemen, fostering long-term resilience and self-reliance.



Programme Duration:
**March 2022 – February
2025**



Total ERRY III Programme
Budget: **Funded Amount**
49,378,000\$  

Participating UN Agencies



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Overall Objective:

To **strengthen resilience** of the population in the most vulnerable governorates in Yemen.

Main Outcome:

Improved the management of local risks and shocks in crisis-affected communities of the most vulnerable

Intermediate Outcomes:

1 increased local institutional resilience management and community social cohesion in crisis-affected communities

2 Broadened access of vulnerable population to sources of energy and job opportunities in the renewable energy sector

3 Increased sustainable production and productivity of crop and livestock in crisis-affected communities

4 Improved access of women, youth, and other vulnerable groups to food and income opportunities

Target Groups:

In its implementation, ERRY III focuses on supporting the most vulnerable community groups in Yemen, including



women



youth



persons with disabilities



returnees



stressed host communities



Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

The joint programme is carried out in seventeen vulnerable districts across seven governorates. These governorates include



Hajjah



Hodeida



Lahj



Abyan



Taiz



Mahweet



Sada'a

Joint Programme Components:



Local Governance and Social Cohesion (UNDP)



Renewable Energy (UNDP)



Short Term Employment and Livelihood (UNDP)



Agriculture Value Chain (FAO)



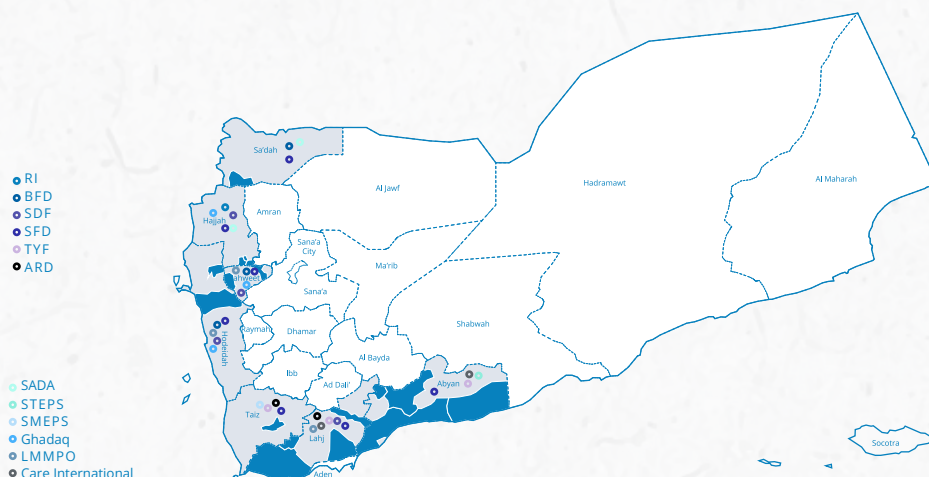
Skills and Entrepreneurship Development (ILO)



Food Assistance for Assets/ Food Assistance for Training (WFP)

*ERRY III Implementing partners

Agency	Implementing Partner	G o v .	Area of Intervention	
WFP	Relief International (RI)	Hajjah	Food assistance For Assets (FFA) / Food assistance For Training (FFT)	
	Building Foundation for Development (BFD)	Hudaydah, Sa'ada Al-Mahweet		
	Care International	Lahj, Abyan		
	Small and Micro Enterprise Promotion Service (SMEPS)	Ta'iz		
UNDP	Social Fund for Development (SFD)	All Gov.	Local Governance / Social Cohesion	
	Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF)	Hajjah		Livelihood
	Life Maker Meeting Place Organization (LMMPO)	Hudaydah Al-Mahweet		
	Tamdeen Youth Foundation (TYF)	Abyan Ta'iz		
	For All Foundation	Lahj		
FAO	Sada Foundation for Building & Development	Hajjah Sa'ada	Agriculture Value Chain	
	STEPS Foundation for Development	Abyan		
	Assistance for Response and Development (ARD)	Lahj Ta'iz		
	Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF)	Hudaydah, Al-Mahweet		
ILO	Social Fund for Development (SFD)	Abyan Lahj Ta'iz	Skills & Entrepreneurship Development	
	Ghadaq for Development	Hajjah, Hudaydah Al-Mahweet		



*ERRY III key achievements & progress

Local Governance and Social Cohesion (UNDP)

308 Village Cooperative Councils (VCCs) formed and activated.

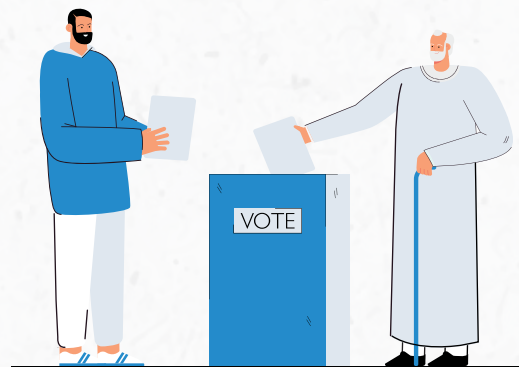
40 local authorities' members from 6 districts trained on dealing with local service-related conflicts.

683 SDC members elected, trained, and participated in Sub-district Planning (320 women).

44 community resilience plans at the sub-district level and 308 Community resilience plans CRPs at the village level developed.

2,876 VCC members elected and trained (50% women).

2 workshops on Community resilience plans CRP Framework and Outcomes implemented for PUNOs and IPs with participation of local authorities and community representatives.



407 self-help initiatives implemented by VCCs.

193 Local Authority Members trained.

44 Sub-District Development Committees (SDCs) established.

48 consultants trained on conflict resolution from community and sub-district communities (17 females)

Short Term Employment and Livelihood (UNDP)

- UNDP has completed the selection of local partners for the Livelihood Component in all targeted geographical areas.
- Guidelines have been developed by UNDP for the selection and evaluation of activities under Outcome 4. The guidelines ensure proper selection of women and youth.
- Market study underway for self-employment and microbusiness opportunities



- The guidelines cover criteria for Micro-business, short-term employment (Cash for work) selections, graduates for skill development and business training, and evaluation of business plans

Agriculture Value Chain (FAO)



- Training provided to agriculture extension staff on agronomic practices, herd management, animal health, etc.

- Induction workshop held with IPs and agricultural authorities in the South.
- Government staff trained on WUAs establishment/re-activation process in Abyan, Lahj, and Taiz governorates.
- Agricultural and local councils' staff sensitized and mobilized for WUAs establishment/re-activation.
- Agriculture extension staff trained as Master Trainers for Farmer Field Schools (FFS) approach.

- FFS training for Master Trainers in the north being prepared.

- FFS formed for crops, livestock, and dairy farmers.

- Designs for community seed banks prepared.

- Dairy equipment installed in Saber dairy processing centre.

- Community Animal Health Workers (CAHW) trained and provided with veterinary kits.

- LoA with Agriculture Extension Department for capacity building on FFS approaches in final review.

- LoA signed with Yemeni Veterinary Medicine Association (YVMA) for CAHWs training.

Food assistance for assets/ Food

Assistance for Training (WFP)

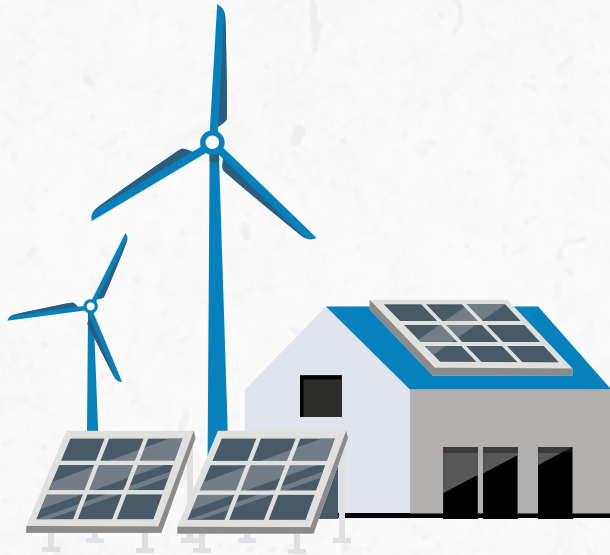
33 communal assets rehabilitated/built, benefiting 13,860 direct beneficiaries (11% women).



65 people receive Food/Cash Assistance for Training (FFT)

1.980 people receive Food/Cash Assistance for Assets (FFA) 11% women.

Total cash transferred to targeted beneficiaries is **538.557**



Renewable Energy (UNDP)

- Ongoing development of a mapping platform for documentation and intervention mapping.
- Targeted location identified for solar-powered water desalination system, RFQ process underway.
- TORs developed for technical and business training and microbusiness establishment.
- Supplier commenced installation and logistical arrangements for Solar and Wind energy mini grid in Taiz.
- Meetings held with FAO for energy solutions in dairy production and energy-efficient equipment.
- Procurement process launched for provision of solar systems for public services facilities and water projects

Skills and Entrepreneurship

Development (ILO)

- ILO conducting rapid market assessment to understand supply-demand link and identify employment opportunities for vulnerable youth.
- ILO selected SFD as implementing partner in the South and signed an agreement. Implementation has begun in the South.
- ILO conducted a five-day Apprenticeship Training workshop for SFD team, businesses, and industries. Lessons learned and challenges were discussed for smooth implementation.
- ILO organized a project launch workshop in Aden with SFD to introduce ERRY III ILO component, build relationships, and clarify stakeholder roles.
- ILO's apprenticeship program targets participants in WFP's FFA activities. SFD is identifying eligible beneficiaries from the FFA lists through interviews and discussions.



*ERRYIII Major Conducted Events

EU Mission Witnesses tangible Impact of ERRY Programme in Tuban District, Aden

Aden, Yemen - An EU delegation, accompanied by the ERRY III team and participating UN agencies, recently visited Tuban district in Lahj Governorate to witness the transformative impact of the ERRY joint programme. Engaging with Village Cooperative Councils and Sub District Committees, the delegation observed the leadership role of women in community resilience planning and project execution. During the visit, beneficiaries showcased their success stories, with thriving microbusinesses contributing to sustainable income and economic growth for their families and the community. The delegation also met graduated apprentices who received comprehensive training, enhancing their employment prospects, and driving economic growth.

In addition, the delegation witnessed the successful rehabilitation of a dairy processing unit and engaged with a dedicated women's group involved in dairy processing activities, exemplifying the empowerment of women and local economic development. They also explored a rehabilitated waterway channel benefiting multiple villages and thousands of villagers, highlighting the programme's positive impact on livelihoods and local infrastructure.

The EU mission praised the empowering outcomes of the ERRY joint programme in Tuban district, emphasizing community empowerment, thriving microbusinesses, and valuable skill development opportunities. These achievements represent significant progress towards sustainable economic growth, resilience, and overall well-being within the communities.



ERRY JP Exhibition Highlights Transformative Impact in Yemen

Aden hosted a highly anticipated exhibition organized by the four participating UN agencies of the ERRY III joint programme. The event welcomed a distinguished EU delegation, including ambassadors from multiple countries, providing beneficiaries with a platform to share their life-changing experiences. These firsthand accounts underscored how ERRY joint programme has effectively addressed pressing challenges and improved livelihoods in Yemeni communities.

The exhibition showcased the tangible impact of ERRY III's interventions in Abyan, Lahj, and Taiz. Through captivating visuals, personal stories, and displayed products, the event highlighted how the program has empowered women and youth, generated employment opportunities, and fostered economic empowerment.

EU Ambassador to Yemen, Mr. Gabriel Munuera Viñals, applauded the collaborative efforts of Yemeni institutions, donors, communities, UN partners, and non-governmental organizations. His recognition of ERRY joint programme success in enhancing livelihoods and food security, particularly for women and youth, underscored the importance of long-term programme like ERRY JP.

The exhibition served as a powerful demonstration of the positive impact of ERRY Joint Programme on the lives of Yemenis. By showcasing joint programme achievements and emphasizing the importance of coordination among stakeholders, the joint programme showcased its commitment to address pressing challenges and contribute to Yemen's sustainable development.



United Nations' ERRY JP Holds Annual Steering Committee Meeting in Yemen

Aden, Yemen - ERRY Joint Programme recently conducted its annual Steering Committee meeting in Aden. Attended by senior officials from the European Union, Sweden, participating UN agencies, and stakeholders, the meeting focused on assessing progress and addressing challenges. Led by the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, the participants reviewed the achievements and work plan of ERRY II and ERRY III, aiming to strengthen community resilience in Yemen. The meeting brought together key stakeholders, including representatives from the EU delegation to Yemen and the Swedish government, to discuss the implementation of ERRY JP. Building upon previous efforts, the programme seeks to enhance capacities and reduce vulnerabilities caused by Yemen's protracted conflict, poverty rates, and environmental shocks. By collaborating and leveraging resources, ERRY JP aims to provide sustainable solutions and support Yemeni communities in overcoming their challenges.

The Steering Committee meeting marked a significant milestone as it was held in Yemen for the first time. It provided a valuable platform for stakeholders to evaluate progress, address obstacles, and ensure the effective implementation of ERRY JP, ultimately working towards creating a positive and lasting impact on the lives of Yemeni people.



FAO Yemen Boosts Dairy Processing Unit in Hodeida with Dairy Equipment

April 2023 April 2023 , Hodeida, Yemen - The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has extended its support to the Milk Collection Centre of AlKashuba Association in Hodeida. This initiative is part of the (ERRY) Joint Programme Phase 2, generously funded by the European Union and Sida. The center, which currently has 1250 participants, will receive essential dairy equipment to enhance its operations and strengthen the dairy value chain.

Thanks to this support, the Milk Collection Centre of AlKashuba Association will be able to collect and market a daily total of 15,000 liters of milk. The introduction of the dairy equipment will significantly boost the productivity and efficiency of the center, benefiting both the participating dairy farmers and the broader dairy value chain in Hodeida.

The FAO's intervention underscores its commitment to supporting sustainable agricultural practices and enhancing food security in Yemen. By equipping the Milk Collection Centre with the necessary equipment, FAO aims to empower local farmers, improve the quality and quantity of milk production, and ultimately contribute to the economic development of the region.

This collaboration between FAO, the European Union, Sida, and the Milk Collection Centre of AlKashuba Association through ERRY joint programme highlights the collective effort to strengthen the dairy sector in Yemen and create opportunities



Agriculture Extension Staff Trained to Enhance Farming Practices and Value Chains

December 2022 December 2022, Aden - a four-day Training of Trainer Workshop was conducted for 21 agriculture extension staff from the General Directorate of Agricultural Training and Extension. The workshop aimed to equip the staff with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide agriculture value chain training to targeted beneficiaries at established Farmer Field Schools (FFS). Participants of the workshop received comprehensive training on various topics, including good agronomic practices for selected enterprises, effective herd management practices, animal feeding techniques, and milk processing and hygiene practices. The training aimed to enhance their expertise and enable them to effectively disseminate this knowledge to farmers and other beneficiaries. This initiative emphasizes the commitment to improving farming practices and promoting sustainable agriculture in the region. By equipping extension staff with the necessary skills, the aim is to enhance the overall productivity and profitability of agricultural activities, while ensuring the adoption of best practices throughout the value chain.



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Mar 26th March 26th, 2023, in Sana'a, ERRY III joint programme organized a coordination meeting with the Supreme Council for the Management and Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and International Cooperation (SCMCHA), participating UN agencies (WFP, UNDP, ILO, FAO), and relevant stakeholders, including representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Vocational Training. During the meeting, the Programme Coordination Unit facilitated discussions on joint programme achievements, progress, updates, and challenges. The participating UN agencies presented their reports, highlighting the accomplishments made thus far. The meeting also focused on ways to expedite programme implementation in all target districts. The Supreme Council and programme stakeholders expressed their commitment to providing necessary support to ensure the smooth implementation of the programme and its various components. This collaborative effort aims to enhance resilience and promote sustainable development in Yemen, addressing the pressing challenges faced by the joint programme. The coordination meeting serves as a platform for effective communication and collaboration among stakeholders, emphasizing the shared commitment to achieving the goals of the ERRY III programme. Through this coordinated approach, the programme strives to make a lasting impact in improving livelihoods and enhancing the resilience of the Yemeni communities.



From 10 Liters to Thriving Success: Empowering Women in Yemen's Dairy Industry

Belqeas Al Shar'abi, a 51-year-old mother and entrepreneur from Sabr village in Tuban District, has achieved remarkable success through the support of the ERRY joint programme. Starting with processing 10 liters of milk per day, Belqeas expanded her business with the help of the programme during its first and second phases. She received equipment, training, and guidance, enabling her to produce high-quality dairy products and run a successful enterprise.

With continued support from the ERRY joint programme, including advanced equipment and a solar system, Belqeas and her team have grown their dairy processing unit. They established their own brand, "Baladi," and now supply 50 liters of Baladi products to local supermarkets in Lahj and Aden governorates. This success demonstrates the impact of the programme in promoting sustainable livelihoods and food security.

Belqeas and her fellow farmers are dedicated advocates for women's rights and empowerment. They aspire to expand their business further and become a model for sustainable businesses in Yemen. The ERRY joint programme, funded by the European Union and Sweden, and implemented by UNDP, WFP, FAO, and ILO, has empowered vulnerable communities across Yemen. The inspiring achievements of individuals like Belqeas highlight the transformative potential of the programme



**Belqeas Al Shar'abi,
a 51-year-old mother**



Capturing the Impact

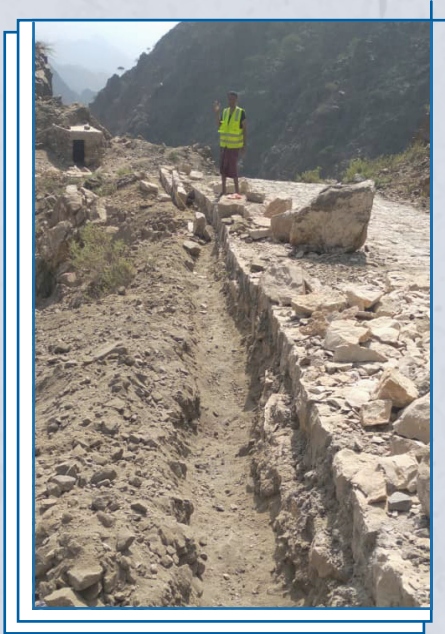
Visual Stories of Programme Implementation Across Districts



ERRY III school construction project in Bajil district, Al Hodeida governorate, was carried out through WFP (World Food Programme) food assistance for assets in collaboration with BFD (Building Foundation for Development). A total of 44 dedicated participants diligently contributed to the project, aiming to provide support to direct beneficiaries through monthly cash transfers.



ERRY III Road rehabilitation project in Al Ma'afer district, Taiz governorate, had a significant impact. Implemented with SMEPS and supported by the WFP (World Food Programme) food assistance for assets programme FFA, the project successfully enhanced transportation and connectivity in the area. With the dedicated efforts of 27 participants, direct beneficiaries benefited from improved access and mobility as well as livelihoods through the provision of cash transfers.



ERRY III Road rehabilitation project in Radfan district, Laheg governorate, has left a remarkable impact. Implemented by CARE and supported by the WFP (World Food Programme) food assistance for assets program FFA, this initiative brought about significant improvements in transportation and connectivity. With a dedicated team of 80 participants, the project successfully enhanced mobility and accessibility and improve people livelihood through the provision of cash transfers.



ERRY III road rehabilitation project in Hydan district, Sa'ada governorate. In collaboration with BFD supported by the WFP (World Food Programme) food assistance for assets program FFA, this initiative is set to enhance connectivity and facilitate transportation for the local community. With the combined efforts of 245 participants, this project is making a significant impact. Direct beneficiaries are being supported through cash transfers, bringing positive change to their life.



ERRY III water tank construction project in Bajil district, Al Hodieda governorate. This project is implemented in partnership with BFD through WFP (World Food Programme) food assistance for assets program FFA. It aims to bring clean and accessible water to the community. With the dedicated efforts of 25 participants, this vital infrastructure will benefit countless individuals through cash transfers.



ERRY III road rehabilitation project in Al Maqatira district, Laheg governorate, is an impressive initiative undertaken in collaboration with CARE through WFP (World Food Programme) food assistance for assets program FFA. The project focuses on upgrading and revitalizing the road infrastructure to ensure smoother and safer transportation for the local community. With 80 diligent participants working tirelessly, the project is making a positive impact. Direct beneficiaries are experiencing this change through cash transfers, which are creating a lasting and meaningful difference in their lives.

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