



UNDP YEMEN

Towards Gender

Equality

2024

UNDP Yemen aims to ensure gender-responsive design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation throughout all project activities.

Gender justice projects

Access to Justice projects aims to strengthen the resilience of institutions and communities and to establish a foundation for recovery and reconstruction with funding from the Korea International Cooperation Agency, UNDP's Regional Bureau for Arab States, and the Netherlands.



691,300

People indirectly benefited from legal empowerment initiatives in districts (62% of 1,115,000 total population), estimated according to justice-seeking patterns in Yemen.



27,593

Community safety enhanced by participatory generating and implementing 70 community solutions, benefiting 27,593 community members.



1,300

Grassroots justice problems solved via restorative justice led by 160 community paralegals (55 percent women) in partnership with formal institutions, amounting to over 1,300 cases.



1,186

Dispute cases addressed by community paralegals for 6 months (from February to August 2024), mitigating community justice needs and reducing overall workloads on the formal justice institutions.



800

Solar-powered streetlights were installed, and 4 public gardens were rehabilitated in response to community needs to improve public safety.



264

Women detainees benefited from improved living conditions in prison.



800

Women professionals in the rule-of-law sector have strengthened their individual capacities and networking abilities, resulting in a 42% improvement in their subject matter knowledge and fostering better institutional coordination and collaboration through collaborative training sessions.



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Rule of law institutions (courts, prosecution, police stations) advanced its collaborative capacity for restorative justice (mediators, paralegals) and gender justice (women's helpdesk, women litigants' unit), thanks to infrastructure rehabilitation and office equipment provision.

STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE IN YEMEN (SIERY)

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A) Institutional Resilience Component:

Capacity development for local authorities:

DCDPs training and mentoring by DFTs and DCTs



14

Women trained in disaster risk management.



82

Women trained in data management.



7

Local authorities female staff trained in project management.



72

Local authorities female staff trained in administrative and financial management.



889

Members of DRPs trained in leadership and communication skills (32% women).



INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS UNITS:

- Institutional capacity assessments (from 10 governorates)
- Strategic plans
- Trainings to strengthen governance and cooperation framework



28%

Women in representative structures, including community structures and District Recovery Platforms.



477

Local governance systems and conflict sensitivity: 805 CSO representatives (288 women) and 879 local actors (189 women) were trained.



Social accountability: 45 CSOs trained and 19 received grants to implement initiatives.



Participatory planning and service delivery: 460 community structure representatives trained (133 women)

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Public service investments: Local Resilience & Recovery Fund

104,823

Students benefiting from school rehabilitations.



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Local priorities were funded as part of the public service investment interventions (L2RF) prioritizing gender-responsive initiatives.



54%

Of those who benefited from enhanced basic service delivery initiatives were women and girls.



Services prioritized girls' schools, maternity and pediatric facilities, vocational centers for women, technical institutes for youth, and sanitation and water improvements.

Urban Governance:



37%

Women were included and participated in the established Urban Planning Management Teams in Marib and Taiz.



B) Economic resilience:

The project empowered 1,364 women, supported 33 producer groups and 79 women business owners, and created 2,089 jobs. Key sectors include henna, fish, and dairy, with notable innovations such as organic yogurt production in Yemen.



40% women

In total, 3,009 SMEs and smallholders received business development services and access to finance, including grants.



27% women

A total of 22,642 jobs were created by SMEs and smallholders. Related to the private sector, of all targeted SMEs, 100% of their workforce was sustained, and 50% of the targeted enterprises expanded their workforce by 35% (27% are women). Seasonal employment experienced a substantial 66% growth



For Women SMEs, economic/business growth impact, the results were significant: On average, sales increased by 57%, net profits increased to 75%, operational costs reduced by 62%, reduction in waste by 62%, and the value of productive assets increased to 129%.

EMERGENCY SOCIAL PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT AND COVID-19 RESPONSE PROJECT (ESPECRP)

The Emergency Social Protection Enhancement and COVID-19 Response Project (ESPECRP) supports geographically bundled interventions of nutrition-sensitive cash transfers and temporary employment, while also improving access to sustainable livelihoods, key services, and economic opportunities for areas affected by hunger, malnutrition, and climate related shocks. The project is in line with the World Bank's integrated approach to improve food security resilience for Yemenis.

Cash for Nutrition Services:



102,798

Mothers and pregnant lactating women received nutrition-sensitive cash assistance and attended awareness sessions to improve their knowledge of healthy nutritional practices



200,209

Children benefited from nutrition services (9,810 children with disabilities) and 4,535 women were trained and employed as short-term Community Health Educators to deliver nutrition awareness sessions and refer malnutrition cases to health facilities for treatment.



25,228

Women were provided with income earning work to help cover their basic needs and improve their livelihoods.

478,939

Women were provided with access to key social services prioritized by target communities through an effective participatory approach.

Women were also successfully empowered to take on active role in bidding for community contracting.



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community committees were formed, with 2,355 members, 35.5 % of whom were women. They are equipped with contracting and administrative skills and tasked with playing a pivotal role in assessing community needs and contributing to decision-making processes.



Access to finance for MSMEs

4,560 MSMEs were provided with guaranteed loans, and 14.7 percent were women-led. The supported MSMEs included a variety of productive and economic sectors.



298

597 village saving and loan associations (VSLAs) were created, 50% women.



7,333

Women members of VSLAs received vocational skills training to strengthen their ability to manage their finances, operate SMEs effectively, and improve their livelihoods. VSLAs foster the essential habit of saving, empowering members to build financial security and resilience, and specifically empowering women by giving them access to finance, decision-making opportunities, and a platform to voice their needs and concerns.



2,563 MSMEs were provided with grants and technical support, with 24.8% being female led.



Safeguarding training and capacity building:

62,023 (27.9% women) technical staff, workers and community committees received training and awareness on environmental and social risk management, including monitoring and control measures.

WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY NATIONAL ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

UNDP supports the Government of Yemen and CSOs in implementing the first 3-year WPS-NAP, focusing on capacity building, gender integration, evidence-based practices, and public awareness.



Gender Self-Assessment (GSA) of the police institution is finalized and endorsed through police leadership.



Senior Ministry of Health staff: (12 F), Ministry of Education (MOE) (10 F), and Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (11 F) trained on Gender Policy Review and the Ministry of Environment's team, consisting of 2 females and 2 males, drafted a gender policy review of the education sector.



85 judges and prosecutors (54% women) working in all courts and public prosecution offices in Aden were trained on gender bias in justice institutions.



100 teachers and headmasters of boys' and girls' secondary schools (52 F) were trained on the integration of gender in the schools' education methods and curriculum.



A radio program, 'Safety and Security for All', was launched in October 2023 and continued until June 2024. The program delivered 33 episodes, each discussing challenges related to gender and WPS, inviting local women to reflect on their experiences and debating the issues with local experts, service providers, and policy and decision makers.



A 3-month campaign (March to May 2024) was implemented, aiming to encourage people to report incidents to the police and raise awareness about referral services. The campaign was implemented by 20 policewomen who were trained and distributed 3,000 educational posters in 33 secondary schools



The police leadership implemented a Gender Responsive Action Plan (GRAP) in January 2024 targeted 20 police centers and resulted in: Rehabilitation of 13 police centers, providing a safe workspace for policewomen.

Training of 100 police personnel (40 F) for two weeks on criminal laws, police code of conduct, and gender-sensitive criminal investigation techniques.

Intensive training and follow-up for 13 women investigators, enabling them to conduct criminal investigations and complete reports for the prosecution office.

Establishment of seven documentation units in five police centers, with seven policewomen trained in basic computer skills, Excel, and Access software to document cases.



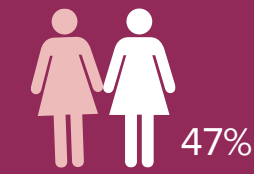
Created a segregated database and Gender-Based Indicators in the Ministry of Justice to assess women's and men's access to justice.



Created a Gender and WPS Database to be operated by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor.

Sustainable Fishery Development in Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (SFISH)

This project focuses on reviving the fishery sector in select areas while ensuring its effective management for resilience; contributing to food and nutritional security by increasing food availability, access, and utilization in the project areas; and creating sustainable income generation and livelihood opportunities for Yemeni households engaged in the fishery value chain. It will work with local partners, fishery cooperatives and associations, fishery communities, and the private sector to undertake activities to protect fish and their ecosystems and to improve fishery governance in select coastal governates (critical in addressing overexploitation, equal access to resources and benefit-sharing).



57 community committees formed (288 members – 47% women).



286 stakeholders trained on gender, safeguards, grants, and documentation.



Occupational Health & Safety tools distributed to 2,542 beneficiaries (831 women).



250 field consultants trained (106 female). All trained on SEA/SH, environmental safeguards, and codes of ethics.

854



Women micro-producers received full grants and technical training in fish processing, marketing, and packaging.

Women showed a 43% increase in technical knowledge post-training and a 61.8% improvement in business skills.

66



Women linked to Fukom Association in Aden produced 1,320 canned tuna packages approved by Yemen's Standardization Authority.

Women now produce fish products (tuna, dried fish, etc.) and are exploring forming producer groups to enhance sustainability.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE SUPPORTING RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS, FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION IN YEMEN, JOINT PROGRAMME (ERRY III)

This project contributes to reduced vulnerability and strengthened resilience of crisis-affected communities by creating sustainable and improved access to basic services.

Local Governance and Social Cohesion



717

Elected Subdistrict Committee (SDC) members were trained in community resilience planning, resulting in the development of 50 Community Resilience Plans.



3,130

Village Cooperative Council members (VCCs), 48% women, trained and developed 326 gender-sensitive Community Resilience Plans at the village level.



167

Gender-responsive compact initiatives and subdistrict projects identified in the CRPs have been supported, benefitting around 194,038 people.



95,359

Women have improved their access to basic services.



44

Gender-sensitive conflict scans were conducted



672 374

1,046

Community mediators and SDC members trained in conflict resolution and mediation.



196

Women facilitated 100 community dialogue sessions aiming at resolving local conflicts.



25

Identified community conflict-resolution projects have been supported.

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Renewable energy



178

Solar energy systems installed for public facilities (health units, schools, and administration offices).



293,028

Community members have improved access to a power supply and clean energy solutions.



647

Public representatives have received training on the operation and maintenance of the installed solar systems.



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Women-led agro-processing groups and dairy units were supported with solar systems, in collaboration with participating UN agencies.

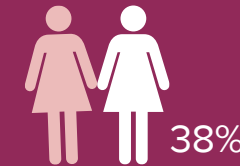
A hybrid mini-grid system was established to provide sustainable and reliable energy access to a targeted community and local market, with women comprising 50% of the plant management committee.

Livelihoods and Income Opportunities



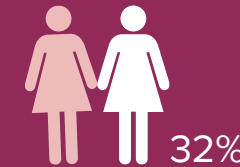
4,800

Community members—including 1,828 women—were engaged in cash-for-work (CfW) activities, constructing and rehabilitating 41 community assets, and provided with an entrepreneurship training programme.



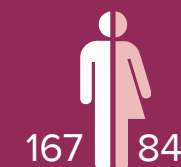
3,000

Community members (38% women) were provided with grants to support income-generating projects.



500

Community members (32% women) received training in business development within the renewable energy sector.



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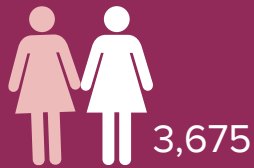
Entrepreneurs were supported with grants to launch income-generating projects in the renewable energy sector.

FOOD SECURITY RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE PROJECT (FSRRP)

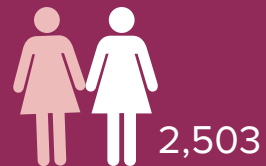
This project enhances household food security and resilience through increased food availability and accessibility, while safeguarding human capital and enabling basic economic recovery.



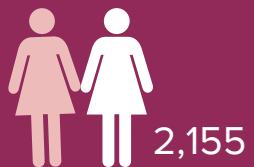
987,073 workdays created by community-based infrastructure improvement works, out of which 125,184 workdays are for women.



31,073 people benefiting from direct wage employment for climate-resilient infrastructure improvements, out of which 3,675 are women recipients.



11,428 smallholder farm households with improved access to water resources, out of which 2,503 are female-headed smallholder farm households.



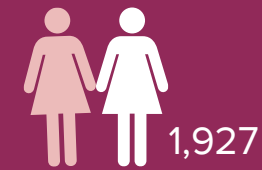
9,501 smallholder farm households with improved access to land resources, out of which 2,155 are female-headed farm households.



137 new community committees have been established, with 760 males (69 %) and 341 females (31%) These nominated community committees have played a strategic role in community needs assessments and decision-making about the selection and implementation of project activities.



Five women won community bidding contracts and were designated as community contractors.



Safeguarding Training and Capacity Building:

17,741 (1,927 females) including technical staff, workers and community committee members, received training and awareness sessions on environmental and social risk management, including monitoring and control measures.

Peace Support Facility (PSF)

The PSF supports the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Yemen and the UN Resident Coordinator to Yemen to reinstate Yemen's peace process with flexible initiatives that deliver tangible, rapid, and lasting improvements in the daily lives of people while reinforcing and building public support for the political process.



A 5-day workshop co-hosted by the UN PSF and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (OSES-GY) included academics and peacebuilders including members of the Women Research and Training Center's Peacebuilding Network.



The Women Research and Training Center conducted a Peacebuilding Network Closing Ceremony that included 119 network members and researchers.

INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT TO ENHANCE RESILIENCE OF AGRICULTURE (ERA) AND FOOD SECURITY

This project aims to address development challenges in Yemen, including food insecurity, water scarcity, and conflict, through the enhancement of livelihood resilience. The objective is to develop and rehabilitate water infrastructure to improve water availability for sustainable agriculture and support the income generation of disadvantaged Yemenis.

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Women from Water User Associations received trainings brought together under the project. These women, all members of administrative boards and committees (41 females), and WUAs members and water committees (94 females) gained skills in governance, financial management, meeting organization, reporting, and sustainable water management during November - December 2024.

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Female officials representing governorates and districts, as well as representatives from Water User Associations participated in the inception workshop to identify potential interventions.





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