



SUPPORTING RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS  
AND FOOD SECURITY IN YEMEN

# JOINT PROGRAMME

AS OF DECEMBER 2020



# DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

## Timeframe

March 2019 to Feb 2022

## Participating UN Agencies

Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and World Food Programme (WFP)

## Sector

Resilience, Livelihood & Food Security.

## Total Budget EU & Sida Contribution

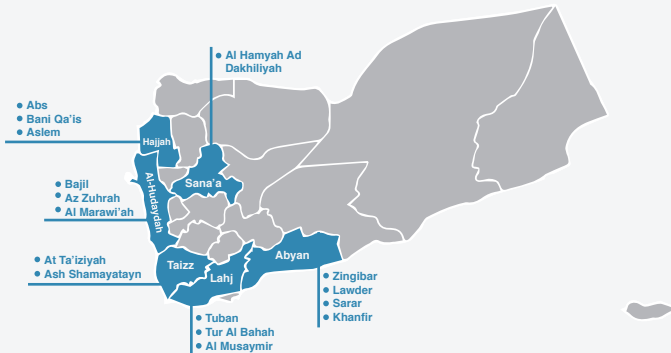
USD 51.8 M

## Beneficiaries (number of people or target groups)

740,404 direct beneficiaries from vulnerable people in six governorates in Yemen.

## Geographic Scope (Governorates)

Hajjah, Hodeidah, Lahj, Abyan, Taiz and Sana'a



## Project summary:

Supporting Resilient Livelihoods and Food Security in Yemen Joint Programme (ERRY II) is a three-year programme co-financed by EU and Sida. It is implemented in Yemen by the Food and Agriculture Organization FAO), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and World Food Programme (WFP) in six vulnerable governorates: Hajjah, Hodeidah, Lahj, Abyan, Taiz and Sana'a.

**The Overall Objective** of the programme is to contribute to reduced vulnerability and strengthened resilience of crisis affected rural communities in Yemen through the creation of sustainable livelihoods and improving access to basic services.

**Specific Objective (Outcome):** Crisis affected communities are better able to manage local risks and shocks for increased resilience and self-reliance.

**The Joint Programme is expected to achieve the following results over the implementation timeframe:**

**Output 1:** Community livelihoods, productive assets and food security are improved to strengthen resilience and self-reliance;

**Output 2:** Vulnerable communities benefit from solar energy for sustainable livelihoods opportunities and enhanced social service delivery;

**Output 3:** Communities and local authorities have enhanced capacity to respond to conflict -and gender- sensitive priorities needs. are better able to manage local risks and shocks for increased resilience and self-reliance.



## Components of the Programme:



Skills and Entrepreneurship Development

Solar Energy



Agriculture Value Chain

Local Governance and Social Cohesion



Food Assistance for Assets

Livelihood and Emergency Employment





## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS



### Food Assistance For Assets

**18.6**

**KILOMETERS OF  
ROADS** were  
constructed to facilitate  
beneficiaries' access to  
the main services

**54,181**

**CUBIC METERS OF  
WATER RESOURCES &**

**24,450**

**LINEAR METERS OF  
THE WATER**

are being rehabilitated  
and constructed

**30,000**

**LINEAR METERS OF  
SEWAGE** rehabilitated

**133**

**COMMUNITY ASSETS**  
are being Restored

**18**

**SCHOOLS**

**4**

**AGRICULTURAL &  
LAND PROTECTION  
ACTIVITIES**

**4**

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
ACTIVITIES**

**4**

**HEALTH FACILITIES**

**33**

**ROADS  
CONSTRUCTION &  
REHABILITATION**

**3**

**SANITATION  
ACTIVITIES**

**67**

**WATER SOURCES  
ACTIVITIES**

**8,902**

**PARTICIPANTS** have  
participated in the  
construction &  
rehabilitation of all assets

**110,000+**

**INDIRECT  
BENEFICIARIES**

**\$3,495,919**

**CASH ASSISTANCE**  
received by individuals  
working on the  
community assets  
through FFA.



**LOCAL GOVERNANCE &  
SOCIAL COHESION**

**8**

**DISTRICT MANAGE-  
MENT TEAMS**  
reactivated, trained,  
and oriented

**57**

**SUB DISTRICT  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEES**  
established.

# 57

**COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANS**  
at the sub district level developed

# 144

**SELECTED PRIORITY INTERVENTIONS**  
implemented (32 at the subdistrict level & 112 at the village level)

# 8

**RECOVERY PLANS**  
developed

# 285

**MEMBERS OF SDCs**  
including 64 females have been trained on developing resilience plans & recovery priorities

# 104

**INSIDER MEDIATORS**  
trained on conflict scanning and gender sensitivity

# 4

**SENSITIVE CONFLICT SCANS** conducted



**LIVELIHOOD & EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT**

# 5,879

**BENEFICIARIES**  
trained on life skills and business management.

# 6,065

**WOMEN & YOUTH**  
improved livelihoods & food security through participating in the rehabilitation of their community market assets through 3x6 which generated a combined income of **\$63,900**

# 1,335

**MICROBUSINESSES**  
established, investing more than **\$ 801,000**, which has improved individuals access to income **\$100/month**

# 27

**COMMUNITY MARKET ASSETS**  
restored through 3x6 approach benefiting **100,000** individuals



**SOLAR ENERGY**

# 36

**SOLAR OFF-GRID VACCINE REFRIGERATORS** were distributed to health centers

# 50

**SOLAR SYSTEMS**  
Installed in public institutions, schools, & health centers

**SOLAR INVENTOR**  
an online Solar Energy intervention mapping platform launched

# 402

**COMMUNITY TECHNICIANS** trained on the installation and operation of solar

**SYSTEM DESIGNS**

were developed for 27 isolation centers and hospitals.

# 60

**SMEs** established in the field of solar energy and electrical works.



**AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN**

# 5

**DAIRY PROCESSING UNITS** for female beneficiaries rehabilitated

# 3,500

**RURAL FARMERS** supported with improved fodder crops to improve livestock productivity

# 400

**MALE FARMERS** trained on planting Alfalfa & Rhodes grass

# 1400

**FEMALE FARMERS** trained on dairy processing, proper method of milking, & fattening activities.

# 1,670

**MALE & FEMALE FARMERS** in Abyan and Lahj received animal feeds which enhanced milk production and fattening.



**SKILLS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

# 640

**INDIVIDUALS** are being trained to improve employability skills through apprenticeship scheme

# 590

**APPRENTICES** trained on life skills, financial literacy and theoretical training followed by on job training

# 7

**CBT CURRICULA** developed

# 50

**INDIVIDUALS** trained on solar energy micro-enterprises

# 14

**TRAINERS** received a refresher workshop

# 320

**MASTER CRAFTS-PERSONS** trained on learning methodologies, CBT/A and OSH under the apprenticeship scheme

# 52

**NEW TOT's** trained on "I Own a Small Business" targeted semiliterate beneficiaries

# SUCCESS STORIES



## Can Solar Power Save Lives in Rural Yemen?

Al-Za'zea Al Ulya healthcare center provides care for over 5,000 people living in the Al-Za'zea catchment area. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and its local partner, Oxfam, through ERRYII has provided the healthcare center with solar micro-grids and solar-powered refrigerators.

“The reliable electricity supply has improved our capacity, increasing the number of patients we can receive – which includes up to 175 visits per month by local women seeking family planning services and pregnancy care, as well as treatment for malnourished children” says Tariq , 46, the manager of Al-Za'zea Al Ulya healthcare center. “Now operating at much higher capacity, the healthcare center is able to vaccinate almost 70 children monthly” Tariq Added.

## Rural Communities Strengthen their Food Security and Livelihoods While Supporting their Children's Education.



“A stampede in Khadija School in Abyan has forced many female students to take classes under trees. The school had around 670 students – an average of 80 students per class.” Abdulbari, the head of community committee, is sharing his insights on how bad the overcrowding situation was.

Through the Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) component ERRY II JP, Care International in partnership with World Food Programme (WFP) started the construction of new classrooms as well as the overall rehabilitation of the school. Fifty-five members of the most vulnerable households were selected by

community committee to participate in the construction of three classrooms (4.5 x7meter each) and a big hall (5x10 meter), in addition to restoring the school's fence, façade and toilets.

“Building additional classrooms offered a radical solution to overcrowding- The number of students attending in each class was reduced from 80 to 45 students per class. Now, we can also conduct recreational activities that require a large space using the big hall” Anjela Omar, the principal of Khadija School, explained.

## Economic Empowerment Enables Rural Female Farmers in Lahj to Run Their Own Businesses

Belqees Al Shar’abi is a 51-year-old mother of four and resident of Sabr village in Tuban District of Lahj Governorate. She and her husband share responsibility for the family’s income.

Belqees took a leading part through ERRYII Joint programme agriculture value chain component. The programme has supported Belqees until she becomes the head of the Sabr dairy processing group. “before the program, I hardly knew anything about dairy production or the cleanliness required while handling dairy products and cattle, but now I am capable of running the dairy processing unit as well as training other beneficiaries.” She explains. “I have learned marketing skills and that made me able to better communicate with others; now everyone in my village knows me as a dairy producer,” she added.

With 70 litres of milk, Belqees and the other group members produce 70 items a day, including yogurt, cheese, and ghee – clearing a net profit of USD 450 per month. They save most of the money they make for the purpose of expanding their dairy activities in the future.







## Paving the Road to Long-term Employment

Mohammed, 49 and a father of seven from Musimir district in Lahj, used to work in construction, plumbing, and electrical maintenance. But once the war began, he lost his job and was forced to turn to relief and humanitarian aid to survive.

Seeing the critical need for better road access in Mohammed's village, UNDP and CARE International employed over 640 individuals (including 164 women) through cash-for-work. With community members ready to work to connect their village with essential basic services in Al Musaymir district, Mohammed and other cash-for-work participants paved a 100-metre-long road between their homes and the center of their district – a hub with healthcare facilities and food stores.

Importantly, the road rehabilitation provided immediate income for Mohammed and his community members who were now able to better support themselves and their families.

To ensure sustainable income, Mohammed also joined UNDP 3x6 approach for the purpose of establishing a sustainable income source and ensure better living conditions for his family. "I completed the three-day training and have learned a lot about budgeting and micro-business management," says Mohammed. "I have submitted my business plan and hope to open a small shop with the help of a financial grant."

"I am in the process of having my dream come true," explains Mohammed. "I'm so happy to learn these new skills and plan my future."

## Solar Kits Distribution in Sarar, Abyan Governorate

200 individuals received their solar toolkits in Sara district in Abyan governorate after receiving a class based and on-job training on how to maintain solar system. The training was conducted by experts in the field of solar maintenance engineering. The aim of this training is to support those individuals to gain the necessary technical skills that can help them generate a sustainable income for them and their families.

At the end of the training that took 14 days, the participants were awarded toolkits to help them advance into the solar maintenance profession as well as to encourage them to start their own micro



## Sub District Development Committee Members (SDC) in Abss

Al-Kharazah is one of the villages of Abss district of Hajjah governorate. Residents of this village, along with those of the nearby villages, must go at least 5 kilometers to the nearest healthcare center which is always crowded by visitors from other districts.

To solve this issue, ERRYII funded by the European Union (EU) and Sida and implemented by the Social Fund for development (SFD), through UNDP local governance component, intervened by establishing a sub district development committee (SDC) of 10 members to resolve such issues in the village. The members started a community initiative to build a health unit in their village. The local community participated in this project by donating the land along with 2000 bricks.

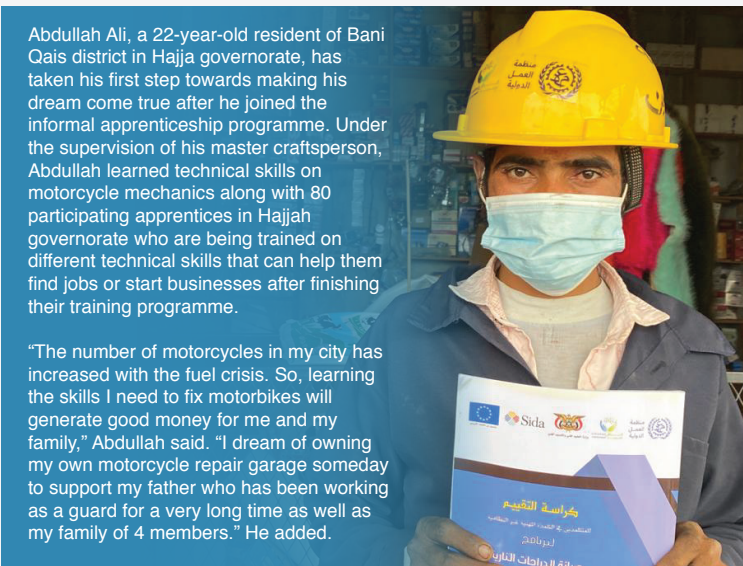
Community members were able to have this mission implemented within 3 to 4 months. The construction of the health center is completed, and the community is planning to establish another initiative to the joint programme aiming at providing all necessary equipment needed for the health center to fully operate including solar energy system and solar vaccine refrigerator.

“This health care center will serve around 12000 beneficiaries from 18 nearby villages where people are in dire need for this health facility,” said Dr. Ibrahim Aram, the director of Health Office in Abss “It will serve pregnant women, children suffering from malnutrition, and villagers who need to get medical examinations,” Dr. Aram added.

## Paving the Way to a Sustainable Income

Abdullah Ali, a 22-year-old resident of Bani Qais district in Hajja governorate, has taken his first step towards making his dream come true after he joined the informal apprenticeship programme. Under the supervision of his master craftsperson, Abdullah learned technical skills on motorcycle mechanics along with 80 participating apprentices in Hajjah governorate who are being trained on different technical skills that can help them find jobs or start businesses after finishing their training programme.

“The number of motorcycles in my city has increased with the fuel crisis. So, learning the skills I need to fix motorbikes will generate good money for me and my family,” Abdullah said. “I dream of owning my own motorcycle repair garage someday to support my father who has been working as a guard for a very long time as well as my family of 4 members.” He added.



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