

SUPPORTING RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS
AND FOOD SECURITY IN YEMEN

JOINT PROGRAMME

AS OF SEPTEMBER 2021



Programme Implementation Period

March 2019 to Feb 2022

Total Budget EU & Sida Contribution

USD 51.8 M

Participating UN Agencies

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

Beneficiaries (number of people or target groups)

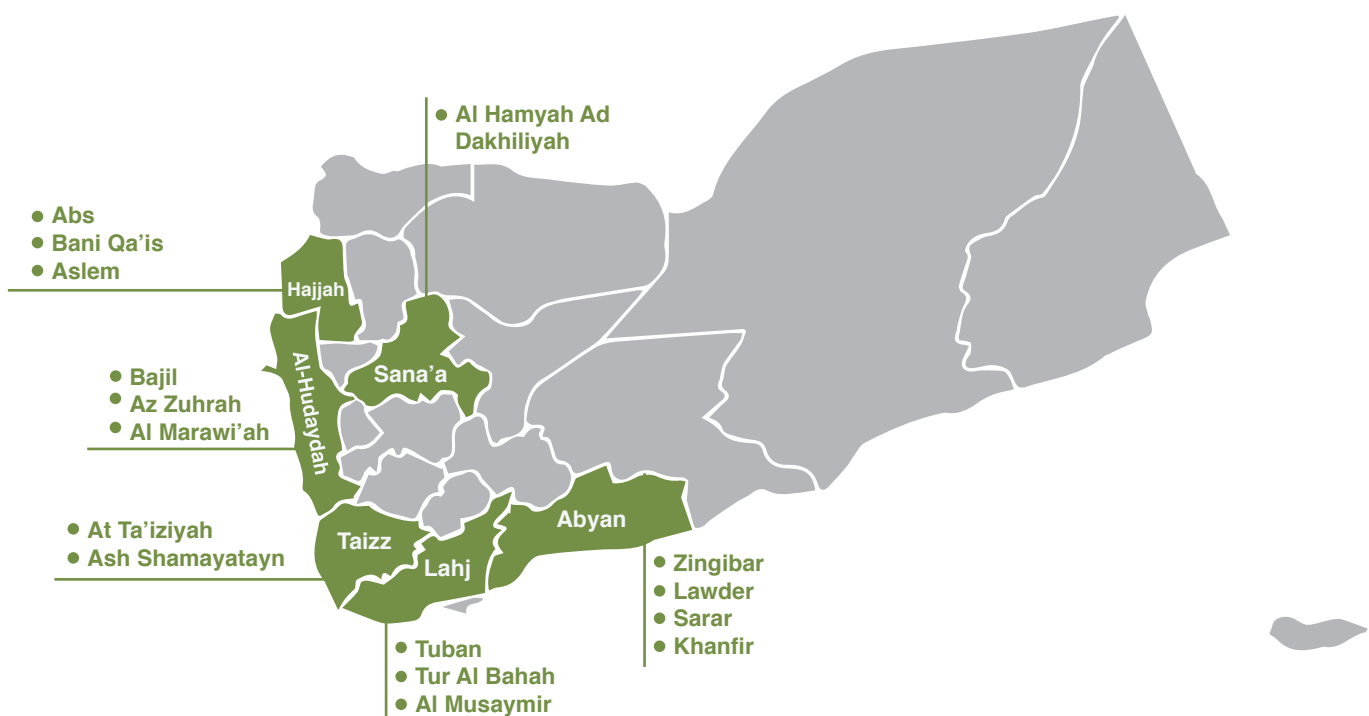
740,404 direct beneficiaries from vulnerable people in six governorates in Yemen.

Sector

Resilience, Livelihood & Food Security.

Geographic Scope (Governorates)

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



Work Programme:

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 AUTHOROTIES HAVE ENHANCED CAPACITIES TO RESPOND TO CONFLICT AND GENDER SENSITIVE PAROTITIES NEEDS.



COMMUNITY LIVELIHOODS, PRODUCTIVE ASSETS AND FOOD SECURITY ARE IMPROVED TO STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE



AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN COMPONENT ACHIEVEMENTS

16,000

females provided with assorted milk equipment

5

dairy centers rehabilitated & stocked with assorted dairy equipment

3,500

farmers provided with improved Alfalfa & Rhode grass seeds

6,900

smallholder livestock producers provided with animal feeds for fattening and dairy production (feed block, wheat bran & molasses)

6,900

smallholder farmers provided with cereal production kits (sorghum, millet & legume seed)

400

females trained in milk processing & hygienic handling & fattening small ruminants

1800

farmers trained in fodder production



The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has completed a month-long livestock vaccination and treatment campaign in Yemen as part of its continued efforts to control transboundary animal diseases and build resilience of communities through regular vaccination and treatment activities. Over 600 000 sheep and goats in 16 districts throughout the country were vaccinated against Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Sheep and Goat Pox (SGP), and treated against various internal and external parasites and diseases. PPR and SGP are two highly infectious animal diseases that affect most small ruminants in Yemen, decreasing the viability of the livestock sector, which is one of the remaining lifelines and income sources for the majority of the rural population.



According to FAO Representative in Yemen, Dr Hussein Gadain, animal diseases - if not adequately addressed, can have severe consequences on the country's a compromised food security. "In Yemen, where over half of the population is grappling with acute hunger and the resilience of livelihoods has been eroded by six years of continuous conflict, keeping livestock alive and healthy is becoming increasingly vital", he said. "It is campaigns such as these that provide much-needed respite to thousands of vulnerable livestock-dependent households who would otherwise lose their only remaining productive assets ", he added. The campaign is part of the implementation of a three-year programme titled Supporting Resilient Livelihoods and Food Security in Yemen (ERRYII), jointly funded by the European Union

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FOOD ASSISTANT FOR ASSETS ACHIEVEMENTS

9

community Assets are in Progress

161

community Assets are Completed

\$10,353.91

USD received by FFT women participants Al Musiyameer

12,831

participants participated in the construction & rehabilitation of all assets: **89,917** direct beneficiaries & **107780** indirect beneficiaries

\$6,765,659

cash assistance received by individuals working on the community assets through FFA

170

community assets are being restored

- 4 environmental activities
- 49 roads constructed & rehabilitated
- 5 agricultural & land protection
- 3 health facilities
- 8 sanitation activities
- 10 shelters
- 23 schools
- 68 water sources restored & constructed

Rehabilitation of Al-Markh Valley Road through FFA

Al-Markh is a valley in Bajel district of Hodeidah governorate. The valley inhabitants have numerous challenges: the health and education levels there are quite low, poverty level is on the rise, and so is the unemployment rate. An additional challenge is the rugged road in the valley that connects it with the neighboring villages. Moving from place to another and reaching the required destinations is a real hassle because the road is not leveled, and cars can't pass through it.

To solve some of these formidable challenges, the Supporting Resilient Livelihoods and Food Security in Yemen Joint Programme (ERRYJP II), with the implementation of Islamic Relief, an implementing partner of the World Food Programme (WFP), stepped in through the Food assistance-For-Assets (FFA) intervention. The project started by registering 165 participants from the valley and the neighboring villages, who were divided into 8 groups of approximately 20 beneficiaries each. The participants were then provided with the necessary tools to level and grade the road connecting the neighboring villages.

The road is about 2500 meters long, and it took the participants 8 months to the successful implementation of this intervention, which not only helped them work on the construction of the road but also gave them an opportunity to an emergency employment.

This intervention changed the lives of Al-Markh villagers drastically. They are happy that they got a chance to get a source of livelihood in which they received 6\$ per day and had 120 working days over 8 month.



Adel pointing to the rehabilitated road in Al-Markh Valley, Bajel, Hodeida

Adel Mohammed Ahmed, 32, a farmer who participated in constructing Al-Markh Valley Road. “I have made good money out of participating in this intervention, some of which I used to pay off my debts and the rest I am using to support my family”. He added, “Many farmers living in the valley and working in Al-Juraizi (a neighboring village) used to spend at least 2 hours a day to walk along the road or around an hour riding a donkey. Now these farmers reach their farms in Al-Juraizi in no more than 5 minutes riding bikes or cars that go through the rehabilitated road. Ahmed concluded

Villagers around Al-Markh valley now have easier access to the neighboring villages and more safety in movement. More than 15 villages are benefiting from this intervention that has facilitated the villagers’ mobility.



SKILLS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

15

participants from private sector trained on “Business Continuity Planning and Resilience”

14

trainers received a refresher workshop on the updated training package “I own small business”

900

new individuals are being trained under apprenticeship scheme enhancing their employability skills on the most demanded jobs

52

trainers have received TOT’s training on ILO business training package “I own a small business” targeting semi-literate beneficiaries

640

individuals completed training on improving employability skills on the most demanded jobs in market through apprenticeship scheme

- 7 CBT curricula were developed & training materials were updated and translated
- 590 apprentices were trained on life skills, financial literacy & theoretical training in selected occupations followed by on-job training at workplaces
- 50 individuals were trained on solar energy
- %50 of the apprentices got a toolkits which facilitate their employability to start their own job
- 640 individual graduated from the apprenticeship programme and granted certificates accredited by TVET (Technical & Vocational Education & Training)
- 320 master craftsperson were trained on different learning methodologies

Apprenticeship Program Conclusion in the Al-Shamaytayn District

During the period from 13- 7 April, The International Labor Organizations (ILO) & its partner Ghadaq Organization for Development held a graduation ceremony for 160 apprentices in Al shmaytayn district, Taiz governorate supported by ERRYII joint programme through its apprenticeship scheme programme. The ceremony was held with the presence of representative from local authority and Technical Education and Vocational Training Ministry.



"I am very happy to be here with all those apprentices who have finished their training programme and have gained all necessary skills to generate a sustainable income as well as support their community with the most demanded jobs in the market" Said Al shmaytayn district Manager.

160 certificates were distributed to 160 students who have finished all required in class and on- the - job training for the most demanded professions in their target communities. These professions include Embroidery, cloth design and dress making; beauty therapy and hairdressing; Confectioneries, cakes and bread making; incense and perfumes production; motorcycle maintenance; mobile maintenance; maintenance and solar energy systems installation and maintenance . In addition to certificates, %50 of apprentices were Provided with toolkits to facilitate their employment. the distribution of toolkit was based on predefined criteria to the top-level graduated apprentices as an award for their dedication and hard work during their

"This programme has changed my life. I have had two months training on solar energy system installation and many other skills like occupational safety and financial management. I used to be unemployed but now I earn 20,000-30,000 YR (\$30 - \$40) dollar a day" said ABDULGADER Noeman, Solar Energy apprentice.



Those graduates of the apprenticeship programme are among 590 apprentices talking similar programme in all targeted communities by the joint programme who received theoretical, life skills and financial literacy training, followed by on-the-job training provided by 320 master crafts persons (MCPs). The scheme had previously provided the MCPs with training on learning methodologies, competency-based training and assessment (CBT/A) and occupational safety and health (OSH). This equipped the MCPs to train the apprentices and help them improve their working conditions.



LIVELIHOOD & EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT Achievements

4,012

of microbusinesses established & operational

6,855

trained on life skills & business management

37

of community market assets restored through 3x6 approach

6,798

young (35% women) improved livelihoods & food security through participating in the rehabilitation of their community market assets through 3x6 approach

BEEKEEPING IN YEMEN A Business with Sweet Rewards.

Haitham is 18 years old and lives with his family. He loves bees but previously lacked the money to purchase hives but when he found a group of bees on a tree branch one fateful afternoon, everything changed. “One day, on my way home, I found a cluster of bees on a tree. I approached the colony and fortunately found the queen,” explains Haitham, a young, motivated beekeeper from Lahj in southern Yemen.

Haitham’s ambition did not stop here, he joined 659 other rural Yemenis to rehabilitate roads in his local area through cash-for-work, improving access to Alfioh main market for residents. With support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) & CARE International, 448 of the participants went on to receive technical training and financial grants that allowed them to start and grow small businesses. In Lahj, 39 Yemenis launched beekeeping businesses.



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"I expanded my project and replaced the old hives with modern ones," Haitham exclaims. Now he has 16 hives in his yard. "Every morning I prepare sugar water to help my bees get enough energy until they produce their own honey."

Haitham harvests honey one to four times a year – totalling 10 to 20 litres of honey. The quality of the honey varies according to the trees from which they feed. "Sidr and Sumor honeys have a wonderful taste and flavor, which make these two types more expensive than Saisaban honey," says Haitham. "I sell one kilo of honey for 30,000 to 70,000 Yemeni Riyal (YER) (approximately US\$ 39 – US\$ 90), which I use to cover my family's expenses," he adds.

"Emotionally, I am satisfied with what I have achieved so far in my life," elaborates Haitham. "On a professional level, I have become a productive person capable of generating income for me and my family."



Yemen First B2B Online Market Place

In celebration of world bee day, with the support of partners Vibrfone and The sustainable Development Foundation (SDF) UNDP through ERRYII JP , UNDP has developed Yemen's first online business 2 business portal called Yemeni Dukkan roughly translated into Yemeni boutique shop.

The portal is designed in a way that can help UNDP staff and any other potential customers by honey products from beekeepers supported through the supporting resilient livelihoods and good security in Yemen Joint programme (ERRYII JP). Therefore, to purchase, customers need to click on the link and fill in the cart and payment will be accepted upon delivery of requested products.

The website features products like the world-famous Sidr Honey , as well as beeswas, pollen , and skincare in a range of prices. This portal aims at supporting small business owners supported by the joint programme in the target governorate generate more income and ultimately enhance their livelihood and food security. It is also worth mentioning, that the platform is still under construction and will be officially launched for Business2 Business operations in late 2021.

VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM SOLAR ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS OPPORTUNITIES AND ENHANCED SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY.



SOLAR ENERGY COMPONENT ACHIEVEMENTS

72

solar off-grid vaccine refrigerators distributed to health centers

64

solar systems were installed in public institution facilities Schools & Health Centers

4

solar micro grids were installed in Abyan & Hajjah generating 40kW of electricity managed by groups of MSMEs

Solar

an online Solar Energy Intervention Mapping platform was launched to help organizations prioritize and coordinate their solar interventions

713

community technicians trained in the installation & operation of solar systems

4666

households (including 1167 female-headed households) were provided with portable solar lanterns

543

SMEs were established in the field of solar energy & electrical works

Waste-to-Energy plant for the first time in Yemen

In an unprecedented initiative, UNDP Yemen is currently setting up the first waste-to-energy plant in the country. The construction of the plant is taking place in Lahj governorate leading to a model that would revolutionize the entire governorate's approach to dealing with waste.

The plant will be part of the community's overall comprehensive solid waste system that encourages recycling and waste reduction—along with the recovery of energy. It burns municipal solid waste to recover energy in the form of electricity.



Part of the initiative is to distribute Solar tuk-tuks as well as establish cash for trash points to many waste pickers from the most vulnerable people in Lahj who make their living from collecting salvaged trash.

The constructed plant is expected to handle up to 3 tons of municipal and agriculture solid waste a day and can generate 100 kWh of electricity enough to power 100 commercial shops and generate approximately 7500 jobs for vulnerable people in rural areas.

This initiative is the result of a partnership between international UNDP Yemen, EU, SIDA & SDG climate initiative as part of ERRYII Joint Programme.



COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ENHANCED CAPACITIES TO RESPOND TO CONFLICT AND GENDER SENSITIVE PRIORITIES NEEDS



LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMPONENT ACHIEVEMENTS





SOCIAL COHESION COMPONENT ACHIEVEMENTS

4
sensitive conflict
scans were
conducted

29
Community
initiatives
were
completed

7
Districts
where
community
dialogues
were
conducted

140
insider
mediators
were trained
on conflict
scanning and
gender
sensitivity.

5
Gender and
Conflict
sensitivity
trainings
were
conducted for
the DMT ,
CCs , IMs

Yemen's Waiting Rooms: The Dire Healthcare

In Al Batarya, in Hajjah governorate, the community is living alongside Yemenis displaced from neighbouring districts. Fleeing from violent conflict, their property destroyed, many families have been left with no shelter, food, or even regular access to sanitation and water. Malnutrition looms over younger generations, with families barely able to afford food due to skyrocketing prices.

The only health facility in Al Batarya, this small building plays a key role in treating illnesses associated with severe food insecurity. But the influx of displaced people has led to overcrowding, as well as shortages in medicine and vaccines.



As the conflict continued and displacement only increased, residents were in dire need of better access to health services. Except the next closest health facility is 20km from Al Batarya, or a 20,000 YR taxi ride, and for patients who can hardly afford food, this is an impossible fee.

Thankfully, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Social Fund for Development (SFD) has helped established a sub-district committee (SDC) in Al Batarya. The SDC was responsible for identifying the needs of their community and developing an action plan accordingly.

In early 2020, SFD announced the delivery of a financial grant of US\$ 20,000 and the contribution of 2,000 bricks (equivalent to US\$ 4,000) to build three additional rooms over a four-month period.

“After the expansion of the health facility, we are receiving at least 80-70 cases per day,” exclaims Dr. Ibrahim. This is a daily increase of almost 30 patients, who now receive care thanks to the support of three new volunteers trained in midwifery.

The health facility now provides reproductive health services, child vaccinations, malnutrition treatment and basic first aid to 3,015 families, including 1,191 displaced families.

A total of US\$ 160,000 was invested to build extensions for four health facilities in four vulnerable sub-districts of Abs, in addition to construction of a healthcare unit for fever treatment In Abs General Hospital. Approximately, 35,000 thousand people will benefit from these interventions.



Additional Achievements of the Joint Programme

The TPM Report, A joint third party monitoring was conducted by a specialized TPM consulting company during quarter one and two of 2021. It aims at providing an independent perspective on the programme implementation and achieved results as well as extending the reach of the programme to the areas where the programme staff cannot access due to security constraints and COVID19- imposed measures. TPM touched on gender and social related issues as well as application of COVID19- preventive measure.

The Baseline Assessment was conducted for the purpose of providing benchmark data against which the programme can monitor and assess its progress and effectiveness, as well as to set the baseline values for all of the outcome indicators and the result indicators at the output level. The main findings of the study were: the targeted communities suffer from many shocks including shortage of food, illness of household members, drought, wind damage and loss of jobs and lands where most HHs faced at least one of these shocks, the most frequent of which is shortage of food; the average level of resilience capacities (absorptive, adaptive and transformative) in targeted communities is poor; the overall food consumption score FCS for households is on the borderline level, the average level of sustainable livelihoods and income in targeted communities is poor, etc.

ERRY II JP Midterm Review was conducted in February 2021 by an external consultant contracted by ERRY joint coordination unit. The purpose of the review was to assess the progress of the programme implementation towards its objectives and provide recommendations for the areas that require improvements and adjustments.

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