



منظمة شباب بلا حدود للتنمية
Youth Without Borders Organization for Development

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Impact Journey

2013 - 2025



255,327
Youth

Female 104,818 | Male 150,509



229,498
community
members

Female 116,649 | Male 112,849



394
Civil actors

CSOs 180 | youth's initiatives 214



276
State
institutions



19
Donors

Local 2 Donors | International 17 Donors

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Republic of Yemen - Taiz ♦ Almujaaliya District- Along Arwa School Street

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01

Who are we ?

Youth's never-ended activism, energies and innovation have been our source of inspiration. Since establishment as a civil society organization on 15 April 2013, we have been working as a pioneer platform of youth's empowerment and engagement to have change making roles towards inclusive peace and development. The team, donors, partners and youth all **together** have done it, and **Together** we will do it again. My appreciation to all.

Maged Al-Kholidy

Founder



Strategic Framework

2026 - 2030



► Youth making action, and peace!

Goal 1 Enhancing youth participation in development and peacebuilding through innovative, integrated, and impactful programs.

► This goal focuses on:

- Developing youth-led knowledge and research products.
- Strengthening youth capacities and civic participation.
- Empowering civil society to support youth engagement.
- Advocating for youth inclusion across political, social, and economic spheres.
- Institutionalizing youth participation frameworks

Goal 2 Empowering communities to lead efforts in building resilience and sustainable peace from the ground up.

► This goal encompasses:

- Activating inclusive community mediation mechanisms.
- Building the skills of local peacebuilding actors.
- Advancing research and local knowledge on peacebuilding.
- Strengthening governance and institutional systems.
- Promoting peace-related advocacy.
- Supporting community initiatives and dialogues that address local security and peace challenges.

Fields of work

Peacebuilding ●

- ◆ Youth & women empowerment and engagement
- ◆ Community security, community resilience and conflict resolutions

Development ●

- ◆ Service delivery
- ◆ Recovery and reconstruction

Humanitarian relief ●

- ◆ people's access to needs
- ◆ Livelihood opportunities



Our key activities



Produce knowledge
to realize, inform the realities



Empower
to enable, engage



Build bridges
to link, build trust, collaportate



Advocate
to amplify needs and voices



Raise awareness
to sensitize, mobilize



Improve access
to protect, mitigate, address causes

What the others say about us ?

"YWBOD are doing such exceptional work with young people in Yemen, as well as producing really top quality analysis. I love working with the YWBOD team - they are innovative, exciting and bring such a positive energy to difficult work"



Kate Nevens “

Freelancer facilitator and researcher

"Over the past 10 years, YWBOD has been one of the leading civil society organizations in Yemen. It has been working on many programmes and strategies on youth's empowerment and engagement at the local and national levels. We wish YWBOD all prosperity in expanding its coverage of a wider geography in Yemen and beyond through its prominently effective programs to achieve its goals and vision."



Al-Anood Al-Qaffan “

Coordinator of Youth, Peace and Security Pact in Yemen

"Youth Without Borders wears two equally important hats: its program design and implementation advances local-level peacebuilding in concrete and evidence-based ways and it complements this with research that enhances knowledge of Yemen's conflict dynamics at a granular level, enhancing peacebuilding at all scales."



Dr. Stacey Philbrick Yadav “

Author, Yemen in the Shadow of Transition (2022)

"The experience of working with YWBOD is exceptional and transformational by itself. Personally, my experience with YWBOD was a great avenue to explore youth-related issues not only at the local level, but regionally and internationally as well. YWBOD is a leading organization with an inspiring team. Congratulations on the milestone 10th Anniversary!"



Yazeed Al-Jaddawy “

YWBOD's ex-staff & currently research coordinator at Sana'a Center

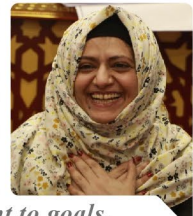
"YWBOD is a pioneer national organization in peacebuilding, youth's engagement in decision making and peacebuilding. YWBOD works institutionally and strategically towards its mandates and objectives."



Waleed Abdulhafeedh Maged “

National Consultant on Peace, Security and Gender

YWBOD is a Yemeni organization that researches, develops, and strives for perfection in all aspects of its work. We, in Saferworld, learn from our partners, and YWBOD has been such a valuable partner from which we learn great values such as team spirit, innovative planning and commitment to goals. We hope for YWBOD a prosperous future."



Awfa Al-Nami “

Yemen Country Director Saferworld

What the others say about us?

In the past ten years, YWBOD has been contributing to localizing the Youth, Peace and Security agenda, making a recognizable change and young leaderships in the political, economic, security and peacebuilding sectors.



Wamith Shaker “

Chairperson of Itar Foundation for Social Development & research consultant

YWBOD is really a pioneer organization working on youth and peacebuilding. It has had recognizably real impacts. Its activities in Taiz University have reactivated the students' cultural, sport, scientific activities in the University, built the capacities and disseminated the peace and coexistence culture among the students and staff.



Dr. Riyadh Al-Oqab “

Taiz University Vice-rector

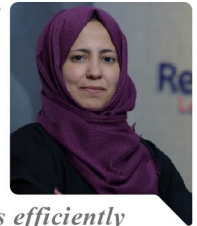
YWBOD was the first CSO that worked with the Security Institutions in Taiz at time state institutions were not functioning well. A word for history, YWBOD has been the life nerve for Taiz, for the civil society and for the security.



Samir Al-Ashbat “

Chief Assistant Police Department- Taiz

During the last five years, YWBOD has been one of our partners in some projects in which great impacts have been achieved in alignment with the objectives of those projects. The organizational and technical capacities, the professional leadership, to mention just a few, do make YWBOD different; it performs efficiently towards its clear-set mandates and objectives. Good luck YWBOD!



Dhikra Ja'adan “

Executive Director -Resonate Yemen Foundation

I have been seeing YWBOD growing up significantly. It started in Taiz, but, now, it has expanded its outreach to and networking in almost all the country. This demonstrates yet again the especially strategic vision it has together with strong technical and administrative capacities. I do trust it will have more achievements and progress in the future.



Foad Al-Faqih “

Vice Manager- MoSAL Taiz

Our methodological approaches

"We have been adopting context-tailored and youth-led methodological approaches towards our strategic objectives"

Tammam Al-Shaibani
Executive Director





International Frameworks

- ◆ The YPS and WPS Agendas
- ◆ UN's Youth Strategy 2030
- ◆ The UNSCR 2250
- ◆ The UNSCR 2419
- ◆ The UNSCR 2535
- ◆ The UNSCR 1325
- ◆ The Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030



Local Frameworks

- ◆ Yemeni Laws and constitution
- ◆ NDC Outcome
- ◆ The UNSCR 2250 strategic framework
- ◆ The UNSCR 2250 Localization Roadmap
- ◆ The Strategic Plan of Youth
- ◆ Sector in the MoYS
- ◆ the UNSCR 2250 Roadmap in Yemen
- ◆ The WPS Action Plan
- ◆ National Action Plan for the Empowerment and Development of Youth in Yemen (2025-2030)

Internal Frameworks

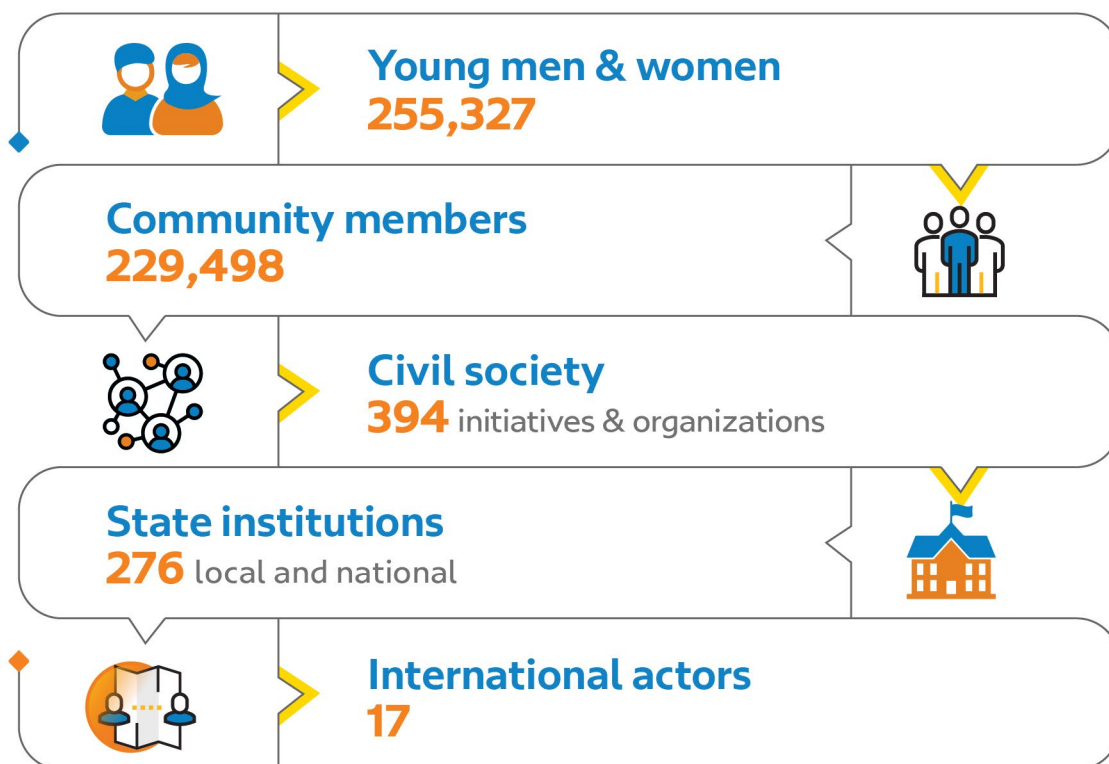
- ◆ Strategic plan 2026
- ◆ Internal policies & manuals

05 Our target groups

"Our key target group is young men and women, but we work with all relevant stakeholders"

Hanin Al-Qershi

Communication and Outreach Specialist



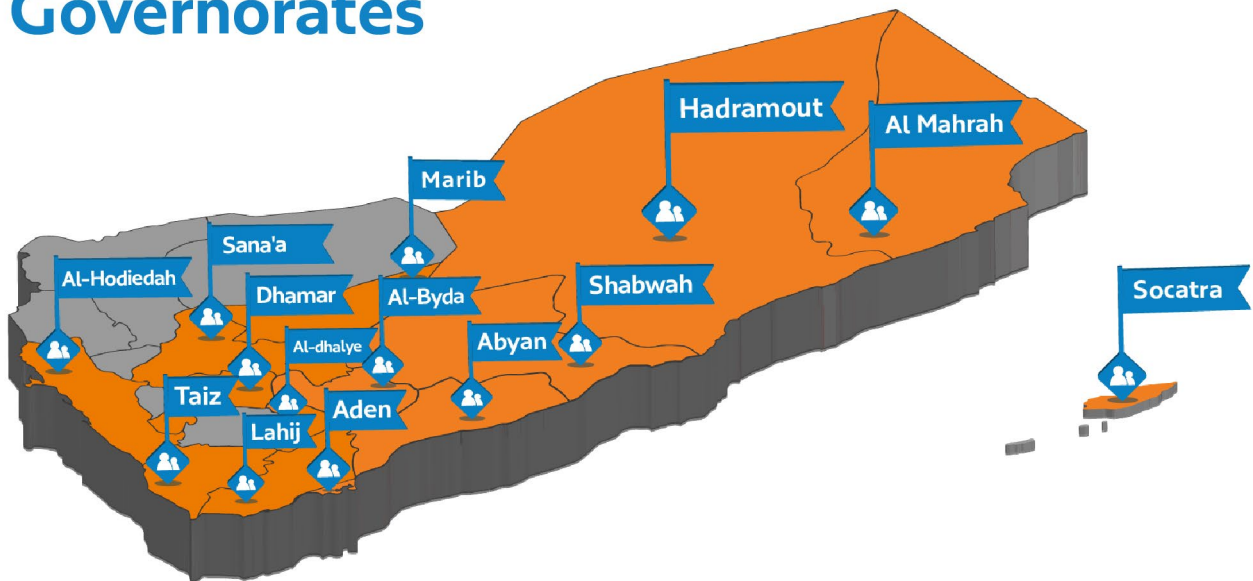
Our target areas

"We started in Taiz, since then we have been outreaching to many governorates in Yemen"

Moaid Al-Oqaibi
Program Manager



15 Governorates



What have we achieved ?

We have been working to make a change in the individual, institutional and environmental levels.

Abullah Al-Salami
MEAL Officer



Results Achieved



**Progress towards
YPS & WPS Agendas**

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**Enhanced local community
peace, security and resilience**

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**Enhanced civil
society actors**

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**Increased access to
humanitarian needs & livelihood**

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Progress towards YPS & WPS Agendas



Produced knowledge

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Download English ↓ Yemen Roadmap on Youth, Peace and Security February 2020	Download English ↓ Youth's Health Situation 2020	Download Arabic ↓English ↓ The Role of Youth in Peacebuilding in Yemen 2019
Download English ↓ Community Peace and Security Issues in Taiz 2018	Download English ↓ The Priorities of Community Peace and Security in Taiz 2017	Download English ↓ Youth's Political Participation: Challenges and Opportunities 2016



Results Achieved

Progress towards YPS & WPS Agendas



Built capacities of
13,637 young men and women

- ◆ Peacebuilding skills
- ◆ Leadership skills
- ◆ Advocacy skills
- ◆ Employability skills

The internship program is really the best outcome of joining the capacity building training as it created opportunity to network with professionals and ultimately led to my current position as an Organizations Specialist at Aden Islamic Bank.

Khaled Sajed- Aden
YTRC Aden (Youth Training)



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From Passion to Profession

Entrepreneurship skills helped me turn the ideas in my mind into reality. I learned how to clarify my project, organize my services, set prices, understand customer needs, and market my work more effectively—this supported me in launching and managing my business more professionally.



Heba Mohammed

Entrepreneurship Program at the Youth Services Center -Taiz 2025





Results Achieved

Progress towards YPS & WPS Agendas



Increased civic engagement

31,265 youth engaged

- ◆ Peacebuilding
- ◆ Policy making
- ◆ Decision making
- ◆ Sport activities
- ◆ EVAWG
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ Community & humanitarian response

We (youth) are here engaged in developing the strategy of the Youth Sector, calling for policies that really increase youth's engagement and participation

Al-Rumaisa Yaqob- Aden

The Forum of Discussing the Strategy of Youth Sector-MoYS.



Going beyond the Humanitarian Assistance

"We are making this video in order to show the world that we, as young men and women, are calling for peace. We know that peace is the best alternative, and we hope this video will amplify our call to all conflict actors and the international community to work now to achieve peace in Yemen."



Maimonah Abdullah- in the Conference on Yemen

Youth behind the Camera project

My participation as a volunteer in YWBOD's project was of great behavioral impact on my activism and my personality as a whole. I learnt a lot of human values as well as organizational principles such as team work, transparency, inclusions, accountability, partiality, integrity, etc. All these motivated me to have more humanitarian and civic activism to help people and to address issues affecting them.

Salam Mohammed Galal – Marib

Volunteer in Saving Lives in Conflict Affected Areas Project, Marib



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Results Achieved

Progress towards YPS & WPS Agendas



3 Established coalitions & networks

Youth Peace and Security Pact

A network of **30** young women and men

Wahj Womanish Hub

A coalition of **15** women activists in Taiz.

Civic Voices Alliance 2022

A coalition of **15** women activists in Taiz.



Collective efforts are the driving force that ensure the objectives are accomplished. They create opportunities for better understanding, diversity of opinions, experience sharing and effective and efficient planning and implementation. All these have been there in the Women Voice Alliance formed by YWBOD and NODs.

Dalia Mohammed

Women Voice Alliance Member



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Results Achieved

Progress towards YPS & WPS Agendas



6 Created & rehabilitated and operationalized safe spaces

- ◆ Youth Training Center - Hadramout
- ◆ Youth Services Center- Taiz
- ◆ Youth Training Center-Aden
- ◆ Sports and arts spaces in Taiz university
- ◆ Productive Women Center - Taiz
- ◆ Women Empowerment Center – Marib

'Youth Services Center has been a safe space for me; it has a positive impact in my life particularly in the psychological or professional aspect.'

Safa'a Abdusslam-Taiz

Youth Services Center Project



In such a conflict situation, women and girls face a lot of challenges, the Women Empowerment Center is important for women to provide them with their needs and be safe space to express and overcome the challenges they face.

Said Abdu Rabu Miftah-Marib

"Youth Training and Rehabilitation Centre (YTRC) in Aden is really an additional value for young men and women who can have better access to opportunities to be change makers in their communities."

Safwa Abdullah - Aden

Youth Training and Rehabilitation Centre



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Results Achieved

Progress towards YPS & WPS Agendas



Healed Trauma of 19,642 young men and women through

- ◆ Individual psychological support activities
- ◆ Groups psychological support activities
- ◆ Sport activities
- ◆ Arts activities

"The tournament (football) provided an opportunity to get out of the situation of depression and distress caused by the conflict".

Galal- Al-Byda

Support Youth Sports Project

Participating in the individual psychological support activities provided by the Youth Services Center has helped me to overcome the psychological instability I have had due to the armed conflict.

Anas- Taiz

Youth Services Center



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Results Achieved

Progress towards YPS & WPS Agendas



Improved health of
7,348 young men and women through

- ◆ Individual health support sessions
- ◆ Group health support sessions
- ◆ Sport activities
- ◆ Awareness raising on RH

Chewing Qat and losing money
and improved our health.

*"The sport activities helped
me and other young men
to give up"*



Al-Byda- Support Youth Sports project



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Results Achieved

Progress towards YPS & WPS Agendas



384 established partnerships
with:

- ◆ **48** International actors
- ◆ **114** State institutions
- ◆ **222** Civil actors

YWBOD's partnerships with the state and civil actors created opportunities for effective engagement, coordination and built trust and links between us (youth) and such actors.

Ayman Al-Sirari-Taiz

Enhancing Peacebuilding Mechanisms in Yemen



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"The partnerships we have created opportunities of not only learning, but also effectively working together to have more impactful results."

Wae Foundation- Hadramout

Sharakat project





Improved community peace, security and resilience



Built capacities of 90 state institutions

This program contributes to building qualified female cadres capable of achieving security and stability. We are proud of their achievements and emphasize the importance of supporting them with all necessary capabilities. These training programs should continue and expand to all directorates across the governorate.

Colonel Anis Al-Shamiri | Deputy Director of the Taiz Security Department
CSST project's



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Results Achieved

Improved community peace, security and resilience



Addressed community security issues



Improved women's access to security services

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Improved people's access to security through Compliant Mechanism



Fire shooting in wedding ceremonies

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Enhanced coordination and trust among security actors

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Ended conflicts over resources

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Enhanced people-state institutions trust

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Enhanced civil society actors



3 Established civil coalitions

Youth Peace and Security Pact | 2020

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Wahj Womanish Hub | 2022

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"The real partnership and participatory approach used by YWBOD in Sharakat project has been effective to make all the partners play decision making roles and a real sense of ownership has been felt. Such an approach shall be followed and adopted by all other actors.

Yusra Al-Jaki - Olaf Youth Initiative- Aden
Sharakat project



We could have linkages, relationships and partnerships established between civil society organizations and initiatives. As a result, more collaborative work by all was there.

Zaid Mohammed- University Youth Foundation - Taiz
Building Bridges project



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Results Achieved

Enhanced civil society actors



222 Empowered civil actors

- ◆ Capacity building
- ◆ Financial support
- ◆ Technical support

The Sharakat Project opened new horizons for me and accelerated our plan to transform the initiative into a registered organization. It has truly been a turning point in my life, helping me realize my dream of being among those who shape the future and leave a positive mark on the community.

Abdul Salam Ali- the head of the Full Step Initiative
Sharakat project



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Results Achieved

Enhanced civil society actors



Built links among Track III and Track II peacebuilding actors

The project could build and strengthen the links among all partners at track III and track II. All together have had space to have research capacities and then collectively amplified needs and voices to the concerned actors at local, national and international level.

Dalal Ahmed- Hafedat Bilqis Youth Initiative, Aden

Building Bridges project



YWBOD's activities established links between those working at national level such as the CAP and the YPS Pact and those working at local level such as local CSOs and youth and women initiatives.

Nadera Nader | CAP- Aden

Sharakat project





Increased access to humanitarian needs and livelihood



Improve access to humanitarian needs of **42,916** individuals

- ◆ Multi purpose cash assistance for conflict affected IDPs: **Marib** 📍
- ◆ Improve access to food: **Taiz** 📍
- ◆ Hygiene kits distribution: **Taiz, Lahj** 📍

This project has a significant role in helping people. I hope it continues to assist those in need and provides employment opportunities for the unemployed to improve their economic situation.

Nasser Mohammed Hassan
Improving Access to Food



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Results Achieved

Increased access to humanitarian needs and livelihood



Improved Livelihood of 6,893 young men and women

- ◆ Vocational training
- ◆ Employability skills
- ◆ Entrepreneurships
- ◆ Internships

Thanks to the support, I now work every day and have begun attracting customers. This has helped me cover my family's basic needs and improve our living conditions.

Khaled Saif Salem | Al-Dhohrah Camp, Alshamayata district in Taiz governate.
Improve Access to Livelihood Opportunities project



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From Struggle to Stability

Zubaida's Journey to Sustainable Livelihoods;

I used to sell products without calculating profit or loss. I just kept buying and selling without understanding where the money was going.

Zubaida Nabil

Youth behind the Camera project





"We do believe in partnerships, not only as one of our core values, but also one of our methodological approaches."

Zakaria Khalil
project coordinator



International Partners



International Networks



Local Partners

State institutions



Local CSOs



Local Networks



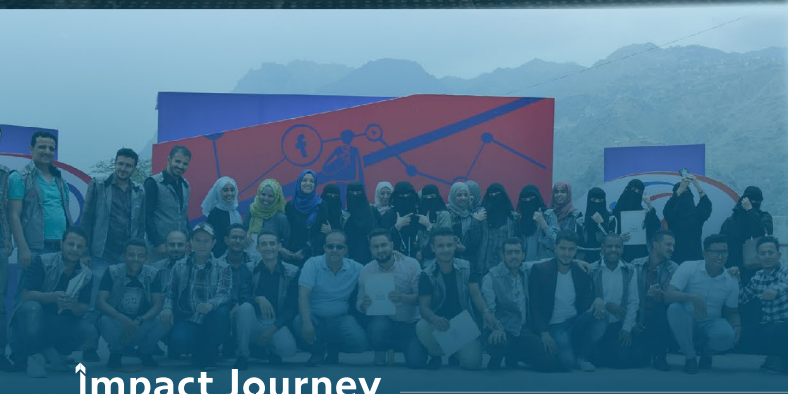
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Civic Voices Hub

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Success stories & case Studies





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Turning Potential into Paycheck: How Khaled Found His Path

Built capacities of youth

Khaled Sajed, a 26-year-old, is a young man living in Moula district, Aden. He was a motivated young man eager to start his professional journey but faced many challenges in securing a suitable job. He lacked practical skills to start a career opportunity.

He was targeted in the Occupational Development capacity-building program at YTRC in 2024, through the program's well-designed curriculum, Khaled gained essential employability skills; he learned how to create a professional CV, identify and correct common mistakes, and understand the key criteria HR officers look for in applications. He also improved his cover letter writing and interview skills, learning how to communicate his strengths with confidence, and handle challenging interview questions effectively.



Being regular and committed in the capacity building training, YTRC referred Khaled to a private sector named Aden Islamic Bank as an intern for on-the-job training. His performance during the on-the-job training impressed employers and opened the door for him to officially be employed in the bank as an Organization Specialist. Khaled Sajed Said; "The internship program is really the best outcome of joining the capacity building training as it created opportunity to network with professionals and ultimately led to my current position as an Organizations Specialist at Aden Islamic Bank."

Today, Khaled is independent and able to cover his personal needs and the needs of his family. He became a social and economic contributor to his community. In short, Khaled is just an example of how investing in youth capacity-building can create lasting change - transforming potential into opportunity and turning learning into success.



Case Study 2 Built capacities of youth

Heba Mohammed – From Passion to Profession

Heba Mohammed, a -23year young woman from Taiz, has always had a passion for design, photography, and handcrafted gifts. For years, she carried creative ideas and dreamed of transforming them into a tangible project. However, like many aspiring entrepreneurs, she lacked the practical tools and structured knowledge needed to turn her vision into a viable business.

That changed when Heba joined the Entrepreneurship Program at the Youth Services Center in Taiz in 2025 Through the program's comprehensive curriculum, she gained essential entrepreneurial skills, including: refining a business idea, developing a Business Model Canvas, conducting market research and identifying target audiences, pricing products and services, creating a basic financial plan, marketing her project, and improving time management and decision-making. Beyond the technical skills, the program ignited a profound personal transformation. Heba emerged with renewed confidence in herself and her ability to manage a business. Reflecting on her journey, she shares:



"Entrepreneurship skills helped me turn the ideas in my mind into reality. I learned how to clarify my project, organize my services, set prices, understand customer needs, and market my work more effectively—this supported me in launching and managing my business more professionally."

Today, Heba has successfully launched her own venture, specializing in graphic design, photography, and the creation of custom gifts, bouquets, and gift boxes. The economic impact has been significant: she now generates a steady monthly income, with strong potential for growth over time. Socially, she has become an active contributor in her community, embodying the transformative power of investing in youth.

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for Heba project social media page

Heba's story is a testament to how the right training and support can unlock potential, turning passion into profession and dreams into sustainable success.



Case Study 3 Built capacities of youth

Ahmad Yahya is a young man living in Taiz. Ahmad complained about the fact that he lacked capacities and skills that could help him contribute effectively to his life career and to the development of his community as well. Stemming from our mission of building the capacity and empowering young men and women, Ahmed was targeted in My Contribution is Development project to provide him with the opportunity he was seeking then. Ahmed was engaged in the project's activities ranging from capacity building and engagement in community activities. The activities have made a positive impact on him personally and professionally, in the sense he has become capable of performing projects and activities pertaining to the community and in various societal areas.



Case Study 4 Built capacities of youth

In the Yemen Peace Voice II Project, 20 young men and women participated in capacity building training on debating skills and then engaged as debaters in debates on the localization of the SDG+16. Hilal Abdullah is one of those participants whose skills were refined and capacities uplifted during the project. Before his engagement in the project, Hilal was an active young man with an ambition to develop himself; yet, he lacked certain technical skills that were addressed by the project's activities, such as presentation skills and delivery of public speech. The project responded to the knowledge gap witnessed throughout the assessment phase and dedicated several sessions that addressed key issues related to the SDG+16. Hilal was able to listen and talk to many official figures and personalities from the civil society and international organizations through debates. Hilal's application for the Global Youth Summit in Munich, Germany (an online event), supporting his application with a video displaying his participation in the debate on the SDG+16, that was coordinated and implemented by YWBOD, was accepted. Hilal now receives plenty of invitations as a guest speaker with local authority figures and societal personalities, and has been accepted to more than an international organization. The impact on Hilal contributes to our mission of empowering young men and women through smart, unique and sustainable programs.





Case Study 5 Established coalitions

Dalia Mohammed is a -37year-old woman activist. Before she joined Wahg Women Hub (WWH)¹ jointly formed by YWBOD and NODS Yemen Organization, she was involved in advocating multiple issues on an individual basis, same as many other women activists. Though those issues were related to women, they lacked focus in the sense Dalia and her peers had their own private beliefs, interests and agenda. Thus, they were incapable of amplifying the voices to upper levels, with extra complication put on their shoulders, considering, of course, the inadequacy of the technical and functional skills needed to accomplish the objectives they dedicated themselves to.



YWBOD targeted Dalia through Effective Communities project and included her in an alliance of 15 women activists in Taiz. To help them stand on their own, the project gave the alliance an identity and a vision, WWH. Throughout the project, Dalia was provided with necessary technical and functional support: capacity building training, empowerment activities and then, most importantly, extensive exposure to practice. Dalia developed in multiple aspects: knowledge increased, teamwork strengthened, and effective and efficient planning and implementation enhanced. Working as a hub now, with commitment to a high level of achievement, to a common goal and to a common vision, Dalia along with her colleagues have become capable of reaching out to high level entities and implementing effective activities.



¹A hub of 15 women activists, which is the first women hub of its kind in Taiz governorate. Having different backgrounds (education and academics, research, CSOs and women activists, security, etc.), WWH is interested and involved in civic engagement and gender issues.



Case Study

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Increased civic engagement

From Conflict to Collaboration: A Success Story in Taiz

In 2024, YWBOD implemented a project titled “Civil Society Support for the Security in Taiz”, funded by UNDP- Peace Support Facility. The project targeted civil society organizations to build their capacities and provide them with technical and financial support to engage in local mediation and supporting security in the city of Taiz. Experts for Development Org was one of these organizations. Based on what they gained in the capacity of building training, the project team of Experts Org identified a very critical situation that might be a local conflict between two governmental authorities.

This was in Salah district, exactly in Al- gahamaleya where a tense conflict arose between the police department and the Works Department over the removal an illegal building belonging to Al-Mughbashi Police Station. The police refused to remove the room; the works team halted operations, and frustration grew on both sides. The situation threatened local stability. The capacity skills the team gained enabled them to collect accurate information and systemically analyze the conflict through meetings with the parties involved, including the director of the directorate and the head of the local councils and accordingly they developed a local mediation conflict resolution plan and proposal.



YWBOD financially and technically supported the implementation of the proposal and the activities proposed and agreed by all the parties and stakeholders i.e. the Works Department in Salah Directorate will remove the violating room and provide a financial contribution of 6,888,000 Yemeni riyals to enhance the joint work between the local authority and the Taiz police to renovate additional rooms in Al-Magbashi Police Station, so that the Salah police Department will be transferred from the rented building (hotel) to the building to be restored of the Taiz Police Department.

Experts Org in partnership with all stakeholders particularly the security and police department and the local authority worked in a collaborative way. As a result, the violating structure was removed without conflict, and the renovation of two rooms, a hall, and structural columns was completed at the Al-Mughbashi Police Station. The Salah Police Department moved from a rented building into the newly restored facility, improving security services and restoring public confidence.

Today, this intervention stands as a testament to the power of civic engagement, dialogue, and partnership. What once began as a source of conflict became a model of collaboration proving that when communities and institutions work together, even the toughest challenges can lead to lasting peace and development



Case Study 7 Increased engagement

From Youth Center Training to Champions: The I-Grow Team's Innovation Jour

The success story of the "I-Grow" team began with meetings and introductions at the Youth Training and Rehabilitation Center in Aden. In 2024, they established their own initiative as one of the outputs of the "Institutionalizing Initiatives" program provided at the center. This program helped them develop their capabilities and skills, enabling them to engage in community work and scientific competitions. Recently, they participated in the "#Social Innovation Lab Hackathon," which focused on the agricultural sector and was held in Hadramout. This hackathon included numerous teams from various governorates, and the competition was fierce among the participants. At the end of the competition, their team secured the first-place prize for the innovative ideas they submitted. This success was a result of the support and training they received at the Youth Training and Rehabilitation Center, which served as their starting point for building the team, forming the initiative, and gaining the knowledge and skills to participate in scientific competitions and community work.



Case Study 8 Increased civic engagement

Youth Initiatives Led Climate Solutions

The Green Footprint initiative was created as one of the outputs of the "Institutionalizing Initiatives" program implemented by youth service center in Taiz as part of the Capacity Building and Skills Development program in 2023. By the end of the year, the "Green Footprint" initiative was selected as one of the participating initiatives in the Climate Change program, which was implemented by the youth service center with self-funding from YWBOD. During the program's implementation, there was intense competition among the initiatives to submit the best project proposal aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the environment.

The project proposal submitted by the "Green Footprint" initiative was selected for funding and implementation as the best. Recently, the initiative successfully implemented a funded project. This story demonstrates how youth centers can create successful and impactful youth initiatives within the community. The achievements of the "Green Footprint" initiative confirm the positive impact that these initiatives, supported by youth centers, can achieve.





Case Study 9

Increased civic engagement

Maimona Abdullah, a 25-year-old, is the only woman who was a fresh university graduate willing to have engagement in the civic sphere, but limited space was there. Maimonah was targeted by YWBOD and engaged in Young People Behind Cameras, a project that falls under YWBOD's peacebuilding program, to depict the impacts of the war in Yemen. The project allowed Maimona to act constructively on the hard realities living in a conflict-affected context. By learning the skills of video making and sharing her stories with the world, she has become a change agent in her community, improving the situation for young people. Having built their capacities, Maimona along with her peers produced a short film reflecting the situation in Yemen and how the war affected their lives. Their videos are being used to convince policymakers to invest in young people and to invite them as equal partners at the decision-making table. In the film, they also call for peace. What has made it a success for Maimona was that her film was displayed in the Conference on Yemen: Going beyond Humanitarian Assistance. It also was displayed in another online conference in which short films were displayed for international actors. This contribution has had a great impact on Maimona and other youth to play an effective role in contributing to peacebuilding efforts in multiple ways possible.



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Case Study 10

Increased civic engagement

Zeid Alhumaidi, head of Take my Hand Youth Initiative in Taiz, is a young man who passed through plenty of difficulties ranging from inadequate capacities and lack of opportunities. He did not have much interest in social work due to the fact that he lacked necessary knowledge capacities and key skills to engage in any effective community and humanitarian work. Zeid, representing Take my Hand Initiative, was targeted by the Enhancing Peacebuilding Mechanisms project. Through this project, Zeid underwent extensive capacity building training related to conflict resolution, conflict and gender sensitivities, advocacy for peacebuilding and project management. Those training boosted his capabilities and extended his network of relationships, which at the end enabled him to actively participate in social work activities contributing to the development of his society. This engaging experience expanded Zeid's initiative's presence and enhanced their opportunities in terms of receiving technical and financial support to implement several activities in the fields of peacebuilding and development.





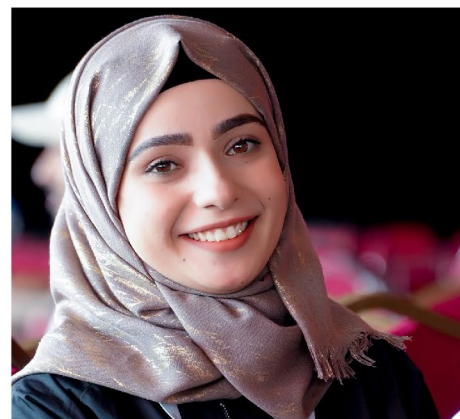
Case Study 11 Increased engagement

Salem Mohammed, a -28year-old young man, was one of our target youth beneficiaries in Marib, who did not have a clear perception of the role of youth in social work and community engagement. He was engaged as a volunteer for YWBOD in the Saving Lives in Conflict Affected Areas project, which motivated him to play an effective role in his community. The project was of great behavioral impact on Salem's activism and personality as a whole. Salem is involved in humanitarian and civic activism to help people and to address issues affecting them. His involvement in the Saving Lives in Conflict Affected Areas project has had a positive impact on the way he recognized the role he could play in his society and in the activities he has been contributing through to the people and community he belongs to.



Case Study 12 Increased civic engagement

Ihsan Muraish, a -29year-old young woman from Taiz. Due to underappreciation and disempowerment, Ihsan, representing young women in the Yemeni society, felt her contributions, thoughts and opinions were not listened to or valued, which restricts her ability to influence and shape the agenda pertaining to the lives of youth and, thus, hers. Consequently, she so long felt to the extent that she did not have a right to participate in a political process or/and have civic engagement. Ihsan was targeted by the Sharakat project. The project provided a space and an environment for Ihsan where she received capacity building training, enrolled in empowerment activities and awareness sessions, and exposed extensively to practice. Now she has become aware enough of how important young men's and women's voices shall be loud and audible. Ihsan is now in a position where she is able to find ways to make her voice heard, and she engages in activities pertaining to formal politics. Further, she represents the young women segment in working with policymakers and concerned entities to help develop meaningful and relevant approaches to enhance the lives of youth.





Case Study

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Created, operationalized safe spaces

X is a woman from Marib whose life was badly affected by the ongoing conflict. She suffered from gender-based violence by her husband. She was unable to get out of her situation and secure divorce as she was short of sufficient income to cover court and lawyer's expenses. X registered at the Women Empowerment Center which was opened by YWBOD in Marib. She received legal support that helped her secure divorce from her husband and put an end to the violence committed against her. During her engagement in the center, she received psychological support that helped her gain psychological recovery and stability. Further, she attended capacity building courses that helped her find work and secure an independent livelihood. As a result, she is in a better situation now, an outcome that serves the overall YWBOD's strategic objective. That is, to build youth's and local communities' capacities, provide them with safe spaces, raise awareness and empower them to play effective roles.





Case Study 14

Healed trauma

Safa Abdulkareem is a -25year-old young woman from Taiz. Due to the ongoing war, she was suffering from instability due to multiple factors: psychologically, securely and professionally. She could not find opportunities to invest her youth energy and capacities. Thus, this gave her the feeling that she could not be effective in her life and society. Safa was targeted by the Youth Services Center, which was founded by YWBOD in Taiz, through several activities: Job Rehabilitation, Developmental Rehabilitation and Mental Health Support. After she participated, she felt quite different. Different in the sense she regained her mental focus and realized she gained a good package of multiple skills that enabled her to apply for jobs and get one. The Center has been a safe space for Safa to express and overcome the challenges she faced and has had a positive impact in her life particularly in the psychological and professional aspects. Believing in herself and that she gained the necessary skills, Safa now is working in a big institution and is able to lead a normal life. This is an additional value on the role of young men and women who are enabled to have better access to opportunities to contribute to the good of their communities and invested by YWBOD in their design and approach for projects.



Case Study 15

Healed trauma

Galal, a -35young-man from Al-Bayda governorate, was among plenty of young men who were undergoing a state of depression, an attitude of aggression and unacceptance of others. Whatever money Galal gained he used to spend it in chewing Qat. Support Youth Sports project targeted Galal and engaged him in several sports activities, in which he could get out of the hollow circle he was living in. The football tournament activity provided an opportunity to Galal to get out of the situation of depression and distress caused by the conflict. The sports activities helped him quit chewing Qat and, however, improved his health. Galal, in place of several negative perceptions, adapted considerable values: coexistence, change starts within oneself, hope should prevail even during the most depressing situations.





Case Study

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Improved health

From Limited Resources to Expanded Care

People with special needs in the community face major challenges in accessing health services, compounded by the decline in the number of disability centers able to support them. In Taiz among the few centers practicalng vital assistance is the Al-Khair Center for People with Multiple Disabilities, which has long been dedicated to serving this vulnerable group. However, limited resources had severely constrained its ability to reach and support more beneficiaries.

This situation began to change with the intervention of the Peace Ambassadors Initiative, with technical and financial support by YWBOD within “Active Communities” project in 2024, which worked to strengthen the center’s capacity to deliver health and rehabilitation services both inside and



outside the facility. Through this initiative, the center received nine medical and physical therapy devices, while Badayel Company contributed an additional six devices, significantly expanding the range and quality of services offered.

As a result of this support, the Al-Khair Center successfully increased the number of beneficiaries accessing its rehabilitation programs and was able to receive and treat more cases, offering hope and improved well-being to people with disabilities in the community.



Case Study 17

Improved health

Hamid Al-Abyad, head of a -10member family, is an IDP from Arbaeen Street-Taiz, which is an area amidst fire. Hamid belongs to the marginalized shelter called Al-Mahwa in Salla district, Taiz city. 2020 was a terrifying year to him and his family. That was due to the outbreak of COVID19- as well as other epidemics. His extreme poverty and his inability to acquire health supplies doubled his suffering. YWBOD targeted Hamid and provided him with a necessary prevention kit against Covid 19.



YWBOD's intervention also through awareness sessions on COVID19- prevention measures was crucial to him and his family members. The good impact has been the change in their attitude towards maintaining personal hygiene and following health preventive instructions to avoid infection to diseases. This impact serves YWBOD's core objective in alleviating community's dilemmas during crises.

[Click here to watch a video of the beneficiary.](#)





Case Study 18 Improved livelihood

From Struggle to Stability Zubaida's Journey to Sustainable Livelihoods

Zubaida Nabil, a mother of six orphaned children who live in Al-Dhohrah Camp, Alshamayatain district Taiz. She was facing severe challenges in providing for her family's daily needs. Although she had a small shop store inside her home, she lacked basic business skills and was unaware of essential sales practices. She would buy and sell goods without tracking profits, losses, or expenses, and her limited knowledge made it difficult to sustain the business effectively. "I used to sell products without calculating profit or loss. I just kept buying and selling without understanding where the money was going."



After participating in the small business management training provided by Youth Without Borders for Development Organization in 2025, Zubaida's approach changed significantly. She learned to manage her income and expenses properly and gained valuable knowledge in running a small business.

Following the training, she received a small grant that enabled her to open a proper grocery stall outside her home something she had long dreamed of achieving. As part of the support, she also purchased essential equipment such as a refrigerator and electric appliances, which helped her store perishable goods safely and offer fresh items to her customers.

"I learned how to save money and how to buy it at the right time. Now, I know how to calculate my earnings and spend wisely."

With renewed confidence and a clear plan, Zubaida is now better able to meet her family's needs. The support she received not only improved her livelihood but also brought stability to a household that once struggled to survive.

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To watch Zubaida's story

In her own voice, she shares how support became a real opportunity and how determination, when met with the right backing, can transform an entire life.



Case Study **19** Improved livelihood

Khaled Turns His Passion into a Sustainable Source of Income

Khaled Saif Salem, Al-Dhohrah Camp, Alshamayata district in Taiz governate.

After joining the motorcycle maintenance training, Khaled Saif gained valuable technical knowledge and hands-on skills in engine repair, including how to dismantle parts and replace worn-out bearings.

Before the training, Khaled's income was unstable he worked on some days and stayed idle on others. However, the situation changed after he received a specialized toolkit as part of the vocational empowerment package. The tools enabled him to start practicing what he had learned and take on repair jobs more confidently.



"Thanks to the support, I now work every day and have begun attracting customers. This has helped me cover my family's basic needs and improve our living conditions," Khaled shared. Currently, he works alongside a friend in a small repair shop, but his dream is to open his own motorcycle workshop in the near future.

"With God's help, I believe the best is yet to come," he said with optimism.

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To watch Khalid's story



Case Study **20** Improved livelihood

Ali Hassan's Chicken Stall: A Success Story of Change through Livelihood Support

Ali Hassan Saeed, one of the beneficiaries of the Cash Assistance and Livelihoods Enhancement Project in Al-Shemayatain district - Taiz, implemented by YWBOD in partnership with Cordaid in 2025. He received temporary cash assistance for six months, along with entrepreneurship and small business training, and then received a small grant that enabled him to start his own microbusiness: a small stall selling chickens in the local market.



Before the project intervention, Ali worked every Friday for someone else, earning only 2-1\$ per day barely enough to buy bread. He lacked basic knowledge of business and lived day by day with no plan for improving his situation.

However, the training opened new horizons for him. He began to understand the principles of self-employment and how to manage a small business. Today, he can carry out his work independently and has started to increase his income. Although he still rents the shop he works in, his earnings now cover his family's needs, and he looks forward to achieving full financial independence.

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To watch more details about Ali's story





Case Study

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Improved livelihood

From Flour to Future: Aqedah's Sweet Success Story

"I never imagined I could make something to sell in the market. I was simply looking for a way to help my family." With these heartfelt words, Aqidah Al-Sayed Ahmed Saif, a displaced woman living in Al-Habeel IDPs camp, AL-Safiyah area in AL-Shamayatain district, began sharing the story of her small homemade sweets project.

Aqidah was selected to participate in vocational training organized by Youth Without Borders, where she received hands-on training in sweets and pastries making. She said, "It was difficult at first. I didn't understand everything easily, but I was very excited to learn. I wrote everything down in my notebook and asked many questions because I wanted to know everything."



Her passion for learning quickly became clear. "I used to help the trainer prepare the flour and wash the dishes. I loved every part of the dough-making process. The trainer was very kind and supportive," she added.

Her joy was indescribable when she received the necessary baking tools, including an oven. She laughed and said, "At first, I didn't know how to use the oven, but I kept trying. Thanks to the training, I started practicing at home right away." Using the ingredients available at home, Aqidah began her journey. One of her female neighbors noticed her enthusiasm and helped by providing some basic ingredients. With her family's support and her neighbor's encouragement, she began producing and selling her sweets. "I made mushabak, tamriya, petit fours, balah al-sham, and more. During Eid vacation, I prepared large batches, and my children sold them in the nearby park," she explained. Gradually, she started seeing the results of her efforts. "I saved a good amount of money, repaid the loan I borrowed from my neighbor, and bought more supplies like flour and oil. Now, I can't even finish the first batch before I have to prepare the next one!". Pausing for a moment, she added gratefully, "I used to struggle to find even 100 Yemeni Riyals. Today, I can afford to buy bread and medicine for my husband." Regarding her ambitions, she said confidently, "I hope to grow my project and one day start making cakes. I dream of expanding my product line. I wish success for myself and all hardworking women."

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To watch Aqedah's Sweet Success Story



Case Study 22 Improved livelihood

Skills That Rebuild Lives

When the life of Abdul Athim Abdullah Saif, a householder which displaced to Taiz and arrived in Salah district in 2019, was full of challenges as he used to be facing poor living conditions, limited income, and few job opportunities with a son suffering from polio. Despite having experience in carpentry and decoration work, Abdul Athim struggled to provide his family the essential needs. Everything began to change when he received an opportunity to join a vocational training and economic empowerment program focused on electricity and solar energy which was provided by YWBOD in the project titled "Improving Access to Food and Livelihood Opportunities in Sallah district – Taiz governorate" in 2020. Through trainings, he gained new technical skills that complemented his previous experience in decoration and carpentry.



Now, Abdul Athim combines decoration and electrical installation services, significantly increasing his productivity and income. His story demonstrates how vocational training can empower displaced individuals to rebuild their lives, improve their livelihoods, and provide better living conditions for their families.

"I am more productive, my income has increased dramatically, and I now do electrical installations for all my decorating jobs." said by Abdul Athim Abdullah Saif- Ben. Improve access to basic needs and foods"





Case Study 23

Improved livelihood

Noha Gawad, a -30year-old young woman from Taiz, suffered along with her family from a very hard living condition. She lacked almost any source of income. Noha was targeted in the Improve Access to Livelihood Opportunities project for the purpose of enabling her to uplift her opportunities in living a normal life. The project involved her in vocational training. The training and the vocational tools kit provided to her were all of great help to her. Now, Noha is already in progress of opening her own shop project to be a sustainable source of income to cover family needs and improve living conditions. The shift of Noha's situation from instability to stability has indeed had a great impact and contributes to community resilience amidst an ongoing status of conflict.



Case Study 24

Improved livelihood

Riyadh Mohammed lives close to the conflict areas in Taiz with his wife and 4 children. His living condition was getting worse and worse due to the lack of income. The fact that he lacked capacities and skills made it difficult for him to work and gain money. Riyadh was targeted by the Improve Access to Livelihood Opportunities project. Sustainable in nature, the project involved him in vocational training on solar power maintenance. Then, the project provided him with a livelihood kit that includes all the tools required to work in solar power equipment installation and maintenance. Now, Riyadh is working in this field which has so far been a sustainable source of income for him and his family.





Case Study

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Improved access to humanitarian needs

Before the war, Mansour Abdullah Sharaf was a farmer in one of the villages in Al-Shaqab area in Sabr district Taiz governate , but Mansour did not continue his normal life as a result of the war, as Al-Shaqab was affected by the war and its residents were displaced. His house was destroyed, and he was forced to flee with his wife to Salah district. Mansour also suffered an injury from a mine that affected his body, causing him to lose his foot, skin injuries and the loss of his eye.

Mansour lives in One room with his sick wife who needs an emergency operation, and he also receives ongoing treatment for his amputated foot. He recounts their struggles and their difficulty in securing the basic needs of food. They try to live minimally and meet only their most basic needs. ‘He had never been targeted by humanitarian aid before,’ Mansour says, “but through the intervention of Youth Without Borders, funded by Cordaid, and targeted with cash assistance, he and his wife were able to buy the basics and get the treatments they needed.” The story of Mansour's success is evident in the fact that he and his wife were able to buy the basics they needed.





Case Study

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Improved access to humanitarian needs

Ahmed Al-Azab, who lived in the war-torn city of Taiz, Yemen, and was known for his charitable work and good reputation in the area. As a television transmission engineer, he had a good salary that helped him provide for his family. However, as the war escalated, his salary stopped, and his house was destroyed, forcing him to flee to safer areas. Ahmed lived a long period of displacement and relocation, settling in several different cities before returning home after six years. Upon his return, he found his house in ruins, and his family was struggling financially. They could only afford to buy essentials like flour and rice in small quantities, and they hadn't tasted fish in a long time, according to their own words.

The project "Improving Access to Food," implemented by Youth Without Borders, came to improve their nutritional situation. Ahmed received cash assistance from the project, allowing him to buy flour and rice in larger quantities instead of small ones, and he was able to enjoy a fish meal that he had missed for a long time. After a prolonged period of deprivation and difficult living conditions, their spirit and dignity were restored





Case Study

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Improved access to humanitarian needs

Nasser Mohammed Hassan Al-Fouad, a -30year-old man living with his family in the Sallah district Taiz governate . Nasser works in daily work to secure the basic needs for himself and his family. Nasser and his family live in a single room at the Cultural Center neighborhood, after being displaced from his home. He remembers his previous home, and how the war affected his work and diminished his source of income. It was challenging for Nasser to secure the basic food needs for his family. However, their lives changed significantly, thanks to the intervention of Youth Without Borders organization. They were able to purchase their essential food supplies. Nasser expressed, "This project has a significant role in helping people. I hope it continues to assist those in need and provides employment opportunities for the unemployed to improve their economic situation."



Case Study

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Improved access to humanitarian needs

Marwan, who has suffered greatly due to the war and its aftermath, lost his home and source of income in the Sabr area. He was forced to flee to the Salih district, where he struggled to find work and shelter. However, Marwan's situation was extremely dire. He is illiterate and unemployed, and he has a malnourished daughter whom he cannot afford to treat. His wife also suffers from a psychological condition as a result of the war's effects, and she is unable to care for their daughter properly and struggles to provide regular breastfeeding or alternative milk options. The family is severely affected by food and financial insecurity. Marwan states that their home is devoid of all basic's food, and they do not even have enough for breakfast. When his daughter fell seriously ill, he did not receive any assistance, not even from relatives. With the intervention of Youth Without Borders and the provision of financial aid, the burden on Marwan is significantly alleviated. He was overjoyed to receive the money and immediately used it to purchase essential household items and food for his family. He also paid off his debts and was able to buy medication for his wife and daughter. Marwan mentions that the intervention of Youth Without Borders and the distribution of cash for food was a dream come true. Through it, he was able to meet his own and his family's needs. He expresses his gratitude to the organization for this assistance. The aid provided to Marwan contributes to improving his access to basic necessities and food, significantly alleviating the suffering he and his family endure





Case Study

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Improved access to humanitarian needs

Musa Ahmed, a -36year-old man from Lahj, is a person with disability. The Improve Access to Basic Services and Food project targeted Musa with cash for food assistance to improve his life conditions against the hardships he was living in a war-torn country. Such a project reduced the suffering of Musa and ensured access to food for his family. Musa's hard situation was alleviated and his access to food was improved.





 Case Study **30**
Built state institutions capacities

**Coordinated Response Starts Here;
Functional Operations Room in Taiz**

Because of the weak coordination and communication between security and military institutions. Also, the Joint Operations Room was inactive and lacked the resources and equipment needed to coordinate between security and military agencies.

Through the CSST project's intervention in 2024, the Joint Operations Room was fully restored and equipped, providing a functional coordination that now receives and manages reports, directs field responses, and ensures smooth communication between security units. In parallel, the Women's Police Offices were rehabilitated and furnished, creating a professional and safe working environment that empowers female officers to carry out their duties effectively.



This initiative not only improved the infrastructure and coordination mechanisms of the Taiz Security Department but also invested in capacity building for female police officers, enhancing their technical and professional skills in handling cases related to women and children.

Colonel Anis Al-Shamiri, Deputy Director of the Taiz Security Department, highlighted: "This program contributes to building qualified female cadres capable of achieving security and stability. We are proud of their achievements and emphasize the importance of supporting them with all necessary capabilities. These training programs should continue and expand to all directorates across the governorate." He also stressed the importance of partnership between civil society organizations and security institutions in strengthening security and stability in Taiz, especially amid limited government funding.



Case Study

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Built state institutions capacities

When Care Improves, Trust Returns:

Dar Al-Ahdath Upgrades Strengthen Community Cohesion in Taiz

In Taiz city where daily challenges often collide with big dreams there has been a growing need for practical, humane interventions that protect one of the most overlooked groups in society: children and juveniles in contact with the law. Responding to this need, the Takamol Project, implemented by Youth Without Borders for Development in partnership with Saferworld funded by the European Union, worked to strengthen social cohesion and build peace through a bottom-up approach starting with real change at the community level.



As part of this locally driven model, in 2025, a grant was awarded to the Civic Voices Alliance, enabling them to lead a focused intervention targeting the Juvenile Care Home (Dar Al-Ahdath) in Taiz. The goal was not only to highlight the needs of juveniles and the challenges faced by the facility, but to deliver tangible improvements that would make the center safer, more dignified, and better equipped to serve children. One of the most significant outcomes was the creation of a more organized and humane space for juveniles, an improvement that eased pressure on staff and supported better monitoring and daily operations. Just as importantly, these upgrades helped rebuild trust with families. When parents arrive and see their children in a clean, prepared, and respectful environment, they feel reassured and are more willing to hand their children over to the responsible authorities with confidence and peace of mind.

This success story reflects more than upgraded rooms or equipment. It shows how targeted funding and strong local partnership through Youth Without Borders for Development and with EU support, can create meaningful, lasting impact: safer conditions for juveniles and increased community trust, ultimately contributing to a more cohesive and peaceful society from the ground up.

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to watch a video showing the Civic Voices Alliance's efforts to strengthen juvenile justice and rehabilitate the juvenile temporary detention facility and the special juvenile court, as part of the activities of the Takamol Project, implemented by Youth Without Borders for Development in partnership with Saferworld and funded by the European Union



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Case Study 32 Built state institutions capacities

Because of the weak capacities of the Investigation Office in Taiz, a lot of issues and cases were not addressed and not filed properly. Consequently, this turbulent condition in the office led to a common mistrust of people. Even worse, this led people to seek other security providers such as non-state armed groups or take revenge, etc. Such a serious issue was mapped and addressed in a proposal submitted by Renewal Youth Foundation for Development to YWBOD. Considering the importance of the issue, YWBOD provided technical and financial support to the implementing partner. The activities included activating an operation room in the Investigation Office, providing it with necessary equipment to perform well, and essential equipment to automatize six departments in the Investigation office including: Crimes Information, Murdering, Administrative Affairs, Archive, Statistics and Theft, along with CCTV system inside all the departments of the Investigation office to ensure control and transparency.



To ensure full awareness and establish coordination and communication mechanisms, a workshop session attended by community members, CSOs' representatives, policemen and the leaders of the Investigation Office was essential. As a result of this intervention, the number of cases received and addressed by the Investigation Office was increased and better coordination and communication between community members and the Investigation Office was achieved. In addition, corruption and misconduct by staff in the Office decreased because of the internal control and CCTV system.

Case Study 33 Built state institutions capacities

In Local Communities' Engagement in Public Life Recovery, the Neighborhood Aqils Management Unit in the Security Department was provided with office desks and chairs together with equipment like laptops, printers, etc. This could help refunction this unit to help improve the performance of not only this unit, but the Security Department as a whole.



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Built state institutions capacities

In My Contribution is Development, Bilal Premintary School and the Vocational Training Institute were rehabilitated and provided with furniture such as chairs, boards, etc. It helped such educational institutions to provide education service for children and youth.





Case Study

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Women's empowerment increases women's security

Improved women's access to security

In Aden Crater District, domestic violence cases have long been handled in an extremely sensitive environment. Many women especially in more conservative communities hesitate to file complaints or share what they have experienced inside police stations, due to fear of stigma or the difficulty of speaking with staff who may not be specialized or appropriate for the nature of these cases. This reality created a real gap between the need for protection and the ability to access justice safely and with dignity.



In response, the Takamol Project, funded by the European Union and implemented by Youth Without Borders for Development in partnership with Saferworld, has strengthened pathways for peacebuilding and social cohesion through practical, locally led interventions. Within this framework, in 2025, Youth Without Borders provided a grant to the Noon Alliance to deliver a targeted intervention focused on strengthening women's presence in police and security facilities and improving the response to gender-based violence (GBV) ensuring safer access for women to justice and essential services.

The Noon Alliance supported an integrated approach that begins with building trust and ends with delivering justice. This included organizing awareness and coordination activities that highlighted the importance of having female police officers within Family Protection units and raising community awareness that when women find female staff inside the police station, they are more able to speak openly and provide statements without fear. The coalition's interventions also contributed to strengthening staff capacity to handle cases with confidentiality and sensitivity, and to clarifying referral pathways whether through court procedures or amicable solutions that safeguard survivors' rights when appropriate and when safety considerations are met.

A female police officer working in the Family Protection unit described the impact clearly: the presence of female police officers "made a difference," because it created a safe space for women to report their cases, helped them share their testimonies with reassurance, and enabled more effective follow-up of procedures. As the grant activities were implemented, the unit gained greater ability to handle larger and more complex cases at a higher pace, while community awareness around women's roles in the security sector expanded encouraging more women to seek help without hesitation. Click here to watch the video which highlighted the project's impact in empowering women and integrating them into security structures as part of Yemen's peace and security pathway

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Case Study

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Improved women's access to security

The turbulent condition due to the rampant conflict in the country caused several gaps in security, at community level in particular. Those gaps were represented in the lack of understanding of human rights by security officials, a loss of trust between communities and local security officials and, most importantly, inconsideration of gender sensitivity. Those issues were highly considered and addressed by the Community Safety project through implementing quarterly forums, dialogues and workshops that focused on communicating community issues about community peace and security. One of those issues was the lack of female police to make women's cases better accessible and feasibly addressed.

The project has made a remarkable impact through its recommendations. The impact has been that decisions were issued to appoint a number of women in the police in leadership positions at the level of the security department as well as police departments in Taiz city.





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Addressed community security issues

In the Thaabat area of Salah district in Taiz governate, residents once faced frequent community disputes caused by blocked sewers and sanitation systems. The overflowing wastewater not only reached the homes of citizens in the lower neighborhoods, sparking conflicts between residents of the upper and lower areas, but also led to health and environmental risks, including the spread of mosquitoes and disease.

“Every month, we used to have disagreements and conflicts among community members,” recalls Abdullah Amir, the community leader of Thaabat. “The sewage overflow caused serious problems between landowners and neighbors. It affected our relationships and our health.”

The situation began to change with the intervention of the Himmatna Athar Initiative, one of the local initiatives supported through small grants under the ‘Active Communities’ project, funded by Youth Without Borders Organization in 2024. The initiative carried out maintenance and installation of sewage lines, repaired the flood ferry, and improved the drainage system in both Thaabat and nearby villages such as Malawi.

“After the intervention of the Himmatna Athar Initiative and the support from Youth Without Borders,” Abdullah explains, “the damage was repaired, and the disputes that used to occur every month disappeared. The community became more united, and life became healthier and more peaceful.”

“I consider this a success story for the Himmatna Athar Initiative, for Youth Without Borders, and for all members of our community,” says Abdullah. “These projects bring people together, ease burdens, and strengthen the bonds of society especially in these difficult times





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Ended conflicts over resources

In Aldeem village in Saber district- Taiz governorate, people depended to a great extent on a faraway water tank filled by rain in summer as a resource of water. People, particularly women and children, used to take a long distance carrying big bottles of water back and forth. That exposed them to security and health risks. Security risks such as harassment, theft, etc. frequently occurred, especially for women and children. Worse still, people used to gather in big numbers around the water tank to collect water, a matter that triggered more conflicts to occur.

Take my Hand Youth Initiative, with technical and financial support by YWBOD and with effective coordination and cooperation from community members themselves, addressed this issue providing multiple tanks for the areas in the village, and then made a network of pipes from the resource tank to those tanks placed in all the areas. As a result of this intervention, people, around 1108 families, now have become able to get water from nearby tanks, which resulted effectively in putting an end to conflicts and in decreasing risks for children and women.



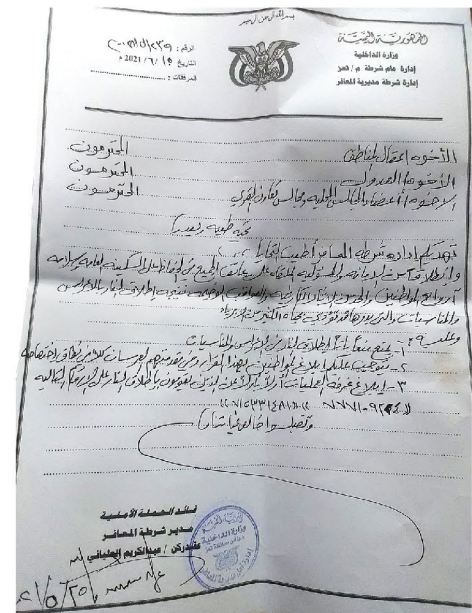


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Fire shooting in wedding ceremonies

The issue of [celebratory] fire-shooting as a part of wedding ceremonies was raised as one of the security and safety threats in Al-Ma'afer district, Taiz governorate. This issue was addressed by the Community Security project through conducting dialogue forums that connected community members and local police together. In one of the dialogue forums, one of the participating local community members was already preparing for his son's marriage and he allocated 3,000,000 YR for ammunition to be used in the marriage ceremony. Through the activities of the forum, which were concerned with raising the level of awareness of the local community, as well as the role of the local police regarding the seriousness of shooting at wedding celebrations, the man decided to abandon shooting and donated the allocated amount for rehabilitating one of the schools in the district. The community security, thus, has improved and no incidents of death occurred due to recoiled bullets were reported.





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Enhanced people-state institutions trust

There has been a security threat in the form of theft and misuse of authority practiced by some people and armed groups in the areas of Al-Jumhuri and Al-Khiateen in Al-Qahera District, Taiz city. Such a problem was of great threat to the civilians affecting their security, resilience and wellbeing. To address this problem, Peace Path Foundation, a youth-led CSO, in coordination with the security department and the police stations in those areas developed a proposal which was technically and financially supported by YWBOD. The activities implemented included providing and fixing CCTV networks in those two areas connected to the police stations, preparing a monitor and control room in the police stations in the two areas, and building the capacities of the policemen in the police stations.

As a result, the two areas have been monitored and controlled by police stations through the CCTV system. The police stations are now able to identify people practicing any illegal actions and can take actions to arrest such people. As a result, the cases of theft and misuse of authority and power is reduced to a great extent, increasing the security and safety of people living and passing by those areas.





Case Study 41 Empowered Civil Actor

In Taiz, Abdul Salam Ali, a passionate young man and the head of the Full Step Initiative, dreamed of making a difference in his community. However, like many youth-led initiatives, his team faced significant challenges limited experience, weak institutional capacity, and few opportunities to engage with decision-makers. Their efforts to represent youth voices and influence change were often hindered by a lack of skills and organizational structure.

Everything began to change when Abdul Salam and his initiative joined the Sharakat 1 Project in 2024 -2023 , which focuses on strengthening the role of youth and civil society in governance and peacebuilding. Through a series of capacity-building trainings, mentorship sessions, and participatory planning activities, Abdul Salam and his team gained the tools and confidence they needed to transform their work. “The initiative’s participation in the Sharakat Project was a paradigm leap for us,” Abdul Salam explained. “We learned about institutional building, participatory planning, and gained knowledge that we might never have acquired otherwise. The project shortened many learning phases for our initiative and for me personally.”



The impact went far beyond training. Abdul Salam developed strong leadership, expanded his professional network, and strengthened his team’s capacity to engage in Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) activities.

“My capabilities have grown significantly,” he said. “The Sharakat Project opened new horizons for me and accelerated our plan to transform the initiative into a registered organization. It has truly been a turning point in my life, helping me realize my dream of being among those who shape the future and leave a positive mark on the community.”

Today, the Full Step Initiative stands as a growing youth initiative more confident, better equipped, and more engaged than ever, a true testament to how investing in young leaders creates lasting change and community impact.



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Empowered CSOs and established partnerships

Dalal Adel, a -39year-old young woman and head of Hafedat Bilqis Youth Initiative from Aden, lacked key knowledge and skills necessary in the fields of civic engagement, conflict resolution, and, most importantly, they lagged behind Track II actors (CSOs) in their capacity to transform ideas into action, which contribute to the overall peacebuilding efforts.



Belonging to Track III, the Initiative was targeted in the Building Bridges project. The project provided them with several training: research and data collection capacities, knowledge on conflict resolution and peacebuilding, planning and coordination skills, advocacy and, most importantly, to address the challenges presented by the disconnect and the fragmentation across CSOs and youth actors to work together to build peace. The project also gave the opportunity for Dalal to work in well-planned coordination and collaboration with the participating CSOs, which contributed in building and strengthening the linkages among all partners (CSOs and youth initiatives) from different governorates who are working at track II and track III. Taking effective participation in producing research reports on community resilience and youth vision for peacebuilding along with a practical role in advocacy campaigns, Dalal has developed both awareness and capacity to amplify youth needs and voices to the concerned actors at local, national and international level.



