

Strengthen the Engagement

Capacity for Young men,
women and Youth initiatives
in community led
peacebuilding process in (Al
Misrakh and Marib districts)
of Taiz and Mareb
Governorates of Yemen

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

IYCY	International Youth Council-Yemen
IDPs	Internally Displaced People
WASH	Water and Sanitation
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
CSI	Community Support Initiatives



I. Executive summary

According to UN OCHA, Taiz and Marib are among the most affected governorates in Yemen in terms of the number of population, escalating conflict, displacement, and poverty. Women and youth are the marginalized component in the community, lack of basic needs, education, employment, poor in health and WASH, and inclusion.

The resilience, recovery, and peacebuilding process depends on the women and youth, meaning that: empowered, included, and qualified women and youth will contribute to the sustained development and peace. Without paying much attention to women and youth the conflict will spread and violence will continue.

Empowerment and capacity building of women and youth in an integrated approach is very essential and very highly urgent, this one of the most significant findings IYCY has come up with especially from this project implemented in partnership with UN WOMEN in Taiz and Marib governorates. As a result, IYCY has developed and designed the OPEN DOOR CENTER approach throughout this project to empower and equip women and youth with knowledge, skills, experience, and to include them as well as activate their potential which subsequently will contribute to the sustainable development and peace.

The open door center is a platform and free space established for women and youth to enable them to have the knowledge, training, skills transformation, as well as to provide a common ground for them to plan, integrate, discuss, participate, and host their activities and implement their ideas in the field.



Education bags and material distribution in Al Misrakh district in Taiz governorate / 26th February / 2020 (Credit: Abdulateef / IYCY)

The open door center of women and youth has been working at three main areas as follows :

First : Develop women and youth skills and capabilities .

Second : Second: Activate women and youth to positively contribute to the community's needs.

Third: Enhance the women's and youth's professionalism and deepen their experience.

The open door center of women and youth aimed at addressing the gaps and unmet needs in the following sectors:

- Women Economic empowerment
- Youth empowerment:
 - Peacebuilding
 - Protection and shelter
 - Education
 - WASH
- Community engagement

Furthermore, and under the project of Strengthen the Engagement Capacity for Young, men, women and youth initiatives in community-led peacebuilding process in (Al Misrakh and Marib districts) of Taiz and Marib Governorates of Yemen, the international Youth Council-Yemen (IYCY) has implemented the project activities during the period of 1st December 2019 to 29th February 2020, the activities included coordination with the local authorities, selecting, recruiting, and mapping the initiatives and peacebuilders, also, to hold three-days training for youth initiatives, three-days training for community leaders, 10 days vocational training for 40 women in Taiz and Marib governorates.

IYCY has coordinated with the different stakeholders such as the local authorities, social affairs office, educational office, judiciary bodies, and community committees and through organizing workshops for participants from these bodies, the advocacy and coordination have resulted in gathering different efforts which impact apparently in the implementation and outcomes of the project.



IYCY has strengthened the capacities, empowered, and enabled the community (IDPs and host community) to proactively participate to play a vital role in peace, coexistence culture, and civic engagement. These effort has trained 126 youth, women and community leader in two governorates of Taiz and Marib (40 youth peacebuilders 50% women and 50% men, 42 women in the vocational training, and 42 community leader where 25 % of them are women) and provided participants with skills, knowledge, and tools to raise new initiatives, projects or products to facilitate their inclusion and become agents of change.

IYCY through the project has strengthened the IDPs and host communities bonds and interconnected relationships by working together and developing plans, strategies, and implementation. As a result, the volunteers, community activists, and displaced people have participated in several activities which aimed at guaranteed access to save water through conducting cleaning campaigns, awareness sessions as well as advocating for the best hygiene practice and SDGs. More than 150 IDPs and host communities gained knowledge and improved practices in regards to WASH and personal health in the camps they live in.

Furthermore, the economic growth activities have reinforced a positive enabling environment whereby women and youth can pursue productive livelihoods, find employment, build entrepreneurial skills, and access financing and business development services.

Through building on the existing effort and outcomes have achieved, the women and youth and community initiatives have been established and trained, they will found and manage the open door center of women and youth and therefore transforming and transferring the knowledge, skills and gather the community potentials for better life and integration.

II. PURPOSE AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The philosophy of the project Strengthen the Engagement Capacity for Young men, women and youth initiatives in community-led peacebuilding process rely on enhancing and enforcing the inclusion and participation of the IDPs and local communities (Youth men, women, initiatives, peacebuilders) to come out with innovative and effective actions in seek of building the peace and prevent conflict and to develop such a prototype and experience which will inspire other communities and by spreading such actions and efforts the change and the peace will hopefully achieved.

At the core of the project stands the building of trust and a stable, predictable, law-based relationship among IDPs, host communities, and municipalities. To achieve this, the project works in 3-ways :

1. On the demand side, the project provides inclusive processes for local civil society, including IDP groups, to elaborate realistic demands towards local government actors. In addition, citizen's participation practices in local policy and project development will be developed.
2. On the response side, the project provides support to local authorities to formulate systematically accurate, accountable responses to demands put forward by (civil) society.
3. On a third level, crucial dissemination of the results of the project to other local governments within local authorities will be done through the partners (local government associations).

As IYCY is working in most conflict-affected districts in Taiz governorate IYCY has faced several challenges and difficulties, for example, there are two governments in every district

The intensifying of the war in the target governorates of Taiz and Marib increase the displacement and lead to an increase the vulnerability among the community and IDPs. More efforts are required to cover all the gaps and respond to the ongoing conflict and provide life-saving services to the most affected vulnerable people.

The main risk relates to the status of the conflict and the political situation throughout the area. A further worsening of the situation with increasing conflict between the parties is highly likely and therefore further waves of cholera outbreaks and displacement with an increase of humanitarian needs. Insecurity and active hostilities constrain freedom of movement of the civilian population and require complex negotiation with state and non-state actors for access to humanitarian space. It is assumed that IYCY maintains its physical access to target communities and direct access to vulnerable groups (including unaccompanied female-headed families), gained with over 3-years experience implementing in the target geography and working with local authorities, international and local NGOs and the community Leaders and Contingency plan in place in the implementation of the project.

III. KEY PARTNERSHIPS

IYCY has coordinated with the different stakeholders such as the local authorities, social affairs office, educational office, judiciary bodies, and community committees and through organizing workshops for participants from these bodies, the advocacy and coordination have resulted in gathering different efforts which impact apparently in the implementation and outcomes of the project.

As coordination is a lifeline of any successful activity or event. Maximum coordination is ensured at every step & initiative to make the project successful as agreed in true spirits to serve the community. During the project coordination & consultation with District Govt. and other stakeholders were managed.

IYCY also coordinated with the relevant authorities at the level of governorate and districts and sub-districts and with local community leaders. IYCY has coordinated with stakeholders such as local authority, targeted beneficiaries to guarantee effective and successful intervention.

Further, IYCY has conducted several meetings with the local authority and relevant stakeholders. Despite the diversified parties in Taiz ruling on the ground, IYCY keeps maintaining a very good relationship with all parties (Annex 1).

Status	- Achieved
Approach:	- Meetings, official letters, field visit.
Deliverable:	- Bilateral meetings with local authorities were conducted. - Project action plans were discussed and explained. - Set up evidence files to support judgments.
Outcomes:	- Successful Coordinating for the implementation. - complete the official requirements - Start the implementation.



IV. RESULTS

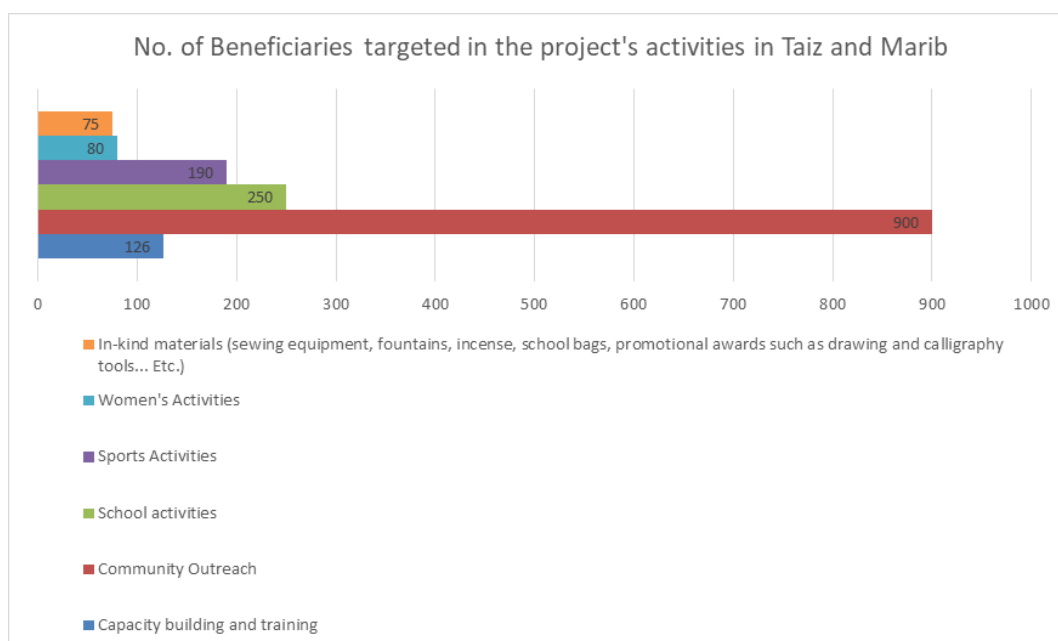
SUMMARY

Young people and women play a vital role in the peacemaking process and even development as a whole, where they make up the largest proportion of the population, and have more potential and capabilities than others. As a result of the ongoing conflict, young people and women have been affected, and they have become the most affected and marginalized group, especially in terms of protection, inclusion, inclusion, and inclusion, especially in displaced and vulnerable communities.

In the remote and rural governorates that affected by the conflict and war such as Taiz and Marib, which suffer from scarcity if not the absence of interventions for young people and women, the priority of the International Youth Council - Yemen in partnership with the UN WOMEN is to start, design and then implement the project and its activities, which are concerned with young people and women in the displaced and host communities, under a comprehensive strategy with the slogan: Sustainable partnership for every young man and woman.

In the first projects implemented by the International Youth Council - Yemen in partnership with UN Women, the council succeeded in reaching more than 1621 people, who were targeted and involved in the project's activities in Taiz and Marib provinces as follows :

Intervention	No. of Beneficiaries	Intervention	No. of Beneficiaries
Capacity building and training	126	Sports Activities	190
Community Outreach	900	Women's Activities	80
School activities	250	In-kind materials (sewing equipment, fountains, incense, school bags, promotional awards such as drawing and calligraphy tools... Etc.)	75



Outputs and activities

Output 1: Strengthening the community acceptance and harmonization among the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and integrated them with the host community through community participatory approach through 6 local initiatives (42 members)/ peacebuilders.



Sports activities in Al Misrakh district in Taiz governorate / 26th February / 2020 (Credit: Abdulateef / IYCY)

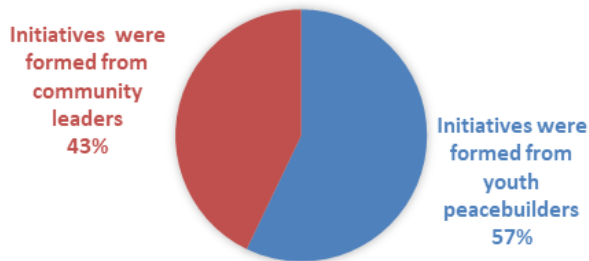
SUMMARY

Youth empowerment is the heart of any development process, and therefore activates such potentials as resources are the most urgent and crucial intervention must be implemented. This can be achieved through establishing youth bodies, building their capacities, support them technically and financially, and enforce their inclusion and participation in the community. The main gaps based on the assessment conducted by IYCY during the project that Youth can be addressed and responded to are the following:

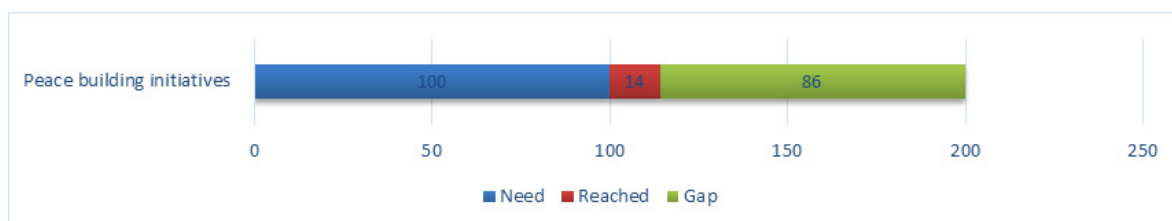
Peace building

Youth play a vital role in building peace and strengthen coexistence. Thus, youth can drive such change through their ideas and energy which might not be found in the other group. Youth people need to be structured with good governance, then they should be led to consolidating their ideas to effectively address the gaps and needs in the surrounding they live in. IYCY with support of UN Women has established 14 youth initiatives (8 initiatives were formed from 42 youth peacebuilders and 6 were formed from 42 community leaders trained) in Taiz and Marib governorate, and build their capacity and strengthen their participation and inclusion through implementing of 20 activities in the society to support IDPs, host communities to contribute to peacebuilding process and advocate for the coexistence.

14 YOUTH INITIATIVES HAS ESTABLISHED



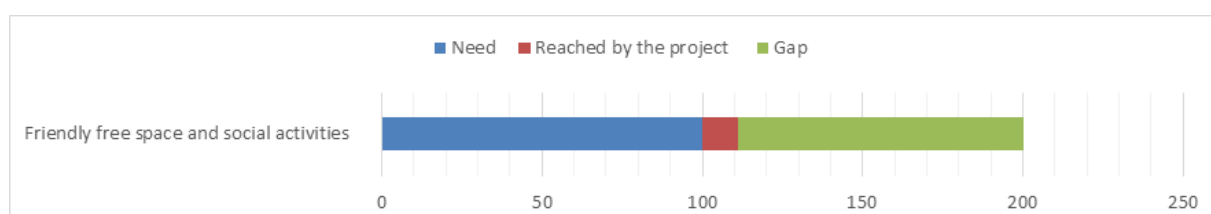
Type of intervention	Need	Reached	gap
Peace building initiatives	100	14	86



Protection and gender

Access to Protection services is not yet possible in the camps and affected areas as well as shelter. Such absence will lead to spreading and escalating to the violence and conflict. IYCY with support of UN Women has implemented more than 11 activities and participates with the local community to address protection urgent needs and to improve access to its services through organizing social events and awareness sessions. The following gap is based on the assessment conducted by IYCY during the project (Annex 2).

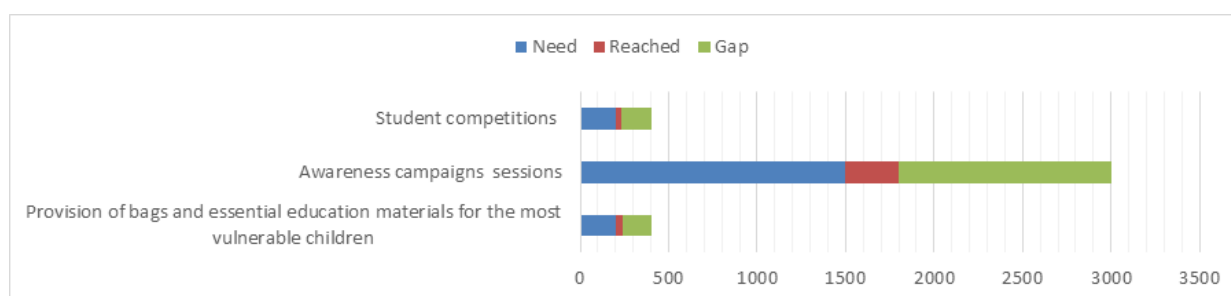
Type of intervention	Need	Reached	gap
Friendly free space and social activities	100	11	89



Education

Following to the coordination meeting with education centers in Taiz and Marib governorates, selection for 40 most vulnerable children IDPs student was conducted (20 in Taiz governorate and 20 in Marib governorate), and henceforth distribution of education bags and materials were taken place to support those students and encourage them to continue their study. Meanwhile, awareness sessions and student competitions were implemented as will be demonstrated below.

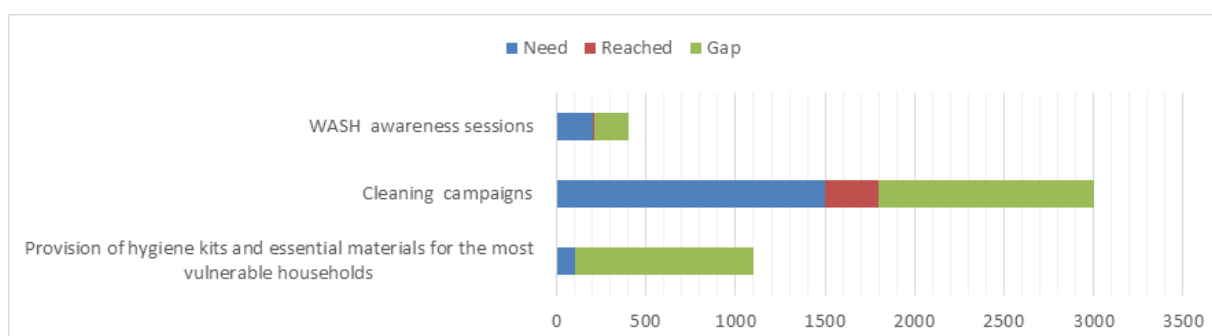
Type of intervention	Need	Reached	gap
Provision of bags and essential education materials for the most vulnerable children	200	40	160
awareness campaigns sessions	1500	300	1200
Student competitions	200	30	170



WASH

IYCY with support from UN WOMEN has implemented WASH activities. Cleaning campaigns and awareness session has reached more than 500 IDPs and host communities. The following assessed needs are based on the assessment conducted by IYCY during the project (Annex 2).

Type of intervention	Need	Reached	gap
Provision of hygiene kits and essential materials for the most vulnerable households	1000	0	1000
Cleaning campaigns	1500	300	1200
WASH awareness sessions	200	10	190



Activities (Planned Vs Achieved)

Planned

Youth engagement

1.1 : Register and select the available peacebuilding initiatives at the local and community level.

1.2 : Carry out refreshment training for the selected initiatives on project activities, implementation, ToR, leadership, decision making and harmonized integration as stated in UN Security Council -UNSCR2250

1.3 : Engage the IDPs and highly vulnerable youth within the major community participative activities with focus on entertainment activities

Achieved

1.1: Register and select the available peacebuilding initiatives at the local and community level.

In partnership with UN Women, and under the project of Strengthen the Engagement Capacity for Young men, women and youth initiatives in the community-led peacebuilding process in (Al Misrakh and Marib districts) of Taiz and Marib Governorates of Yemen, IYCY has coordinated with government officers to obtain the permissions and letters to carry out the project activities from all relevant local bodies. IYCY has selected and established 6 youth peacebuilding initiatives (42 youth and women) in the two targeted governorates.

1.2: Carry out refreshment training for the selected initiatives on project activities, implementation, ToR, leadership, decision making and harmonized integration as stated in UN Security Council -UNSCR2250

Training on leadership, decision making, and harmonized integration as stated in UN Security Council -UNSCR2250, IDPs inclusion was held for 42 (50% women and 50% men). The training was held for three days in Taiz for 21 youth peacebuilders and three days for 21 youth peacebuilders in Marib. The training targeted participants from the host communities and IDPs, the Participant's knowledge was improved. Also, 6 youth peacebuilding initiatives developed action plans to support and strengthen the engagement capacity for young men, women in the community-led peacebuilding process (Annex). The training also provided participants with skills, knowledge, and tools to raise new initiatives, projects, or products to facilitate their inclusion and become agents of change.

1.3: Engage the IDPs and highly vulnerable youth within the major community participative activities with a focus on entertainment activities

The Youth initiatives have organized football sports team competition among the selected schools in each district and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Where three schools were selected in each district. In addition, T-shirts and shorts were designed with the UN WOMEN logo, IYCY logo, and team name. Furthermore, community audiences were welcomed to support this completion and Youth initiatives raised awareness for all community audiences on the importance of peace and community acceptance and harmonization for the IDPs and integrated them with the community.



Sport activities in Al Misrakh district in Taiz governorate / 26th February / 2020 (Credit : Abdulateef / IYCY)



Sport activities in Mareb governorate / 24th February / 2020 (Credit : Zubair / IYCY)

1.4: Include the IDPs and highly vulnerable children in school participative activities; tree planting, delivering awareness sessions, and co-curricular activities.

Enabling IDPs and their children to have their right to access education and facilitate their entrance to the school and include them will result in building peace

Protection and Entrainment activities for displaced women

Empowering young women to participate in society and enhance their leadership abilities and role by managing and organizing the following activities :

- Entrainment and social activities for more than 70 displaced women after targeting two locations whereby those displaced women were living in, Khaled bin Alwaleed school in AlMisrakh district in Taiz governorate and the 9th section in Aljufina settlement for IDPs in Marib governorate.



preparation of basketball women competition activities in Khaled Bin Alwaleed school Al Misrakh district in Taiz governorate / 25th February / 2020
(Credit: Abdulateef / IYCY)



- School activities that targeted and engaged more than 250 displaced students and the host community in Al-Jafina camp in Marib governorate and the district of Al-Misrakh in Taiz governorate through cultural competitions and skills in drawing, throwing, calligraphy, and others, in order to strengthen peace and prevent violence.



- Education competition activities in Al Misrakh district in Taiz governorate / 26th February / 2020 (Credit : Abdulateef / IYCY)

- Community awareness to raise the awareness of displaced people and the host community as well as the field visits to assess their needs and involve them in responding to needs and communicating their voice and opinions. The awareness was about SDGs concerning women Annex 4).



- Awareness sessions in Mareb governorate / 24th February / 2020 (Credit : Zubair / IYCY)

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1.5: Facilitate the school entry and harmonization of IDPs and the most vulnerable children at schools.

Coordination and meetings

IYCY team and initiatives leaders have conducted several meetings with the education local authorities to facilitate the entry of the IDPs children students as well as discuss the challenges and barriers than face students in the settlements of IDPs. These efforts resulted in facilitating the entrance of the IDPs students and advocate for the IDPs students' rights of the accessing to the education in general.



Coordination meeting with education office in Taizz governorate / 15th February / 2020 (Credit: Amr / IYCY)

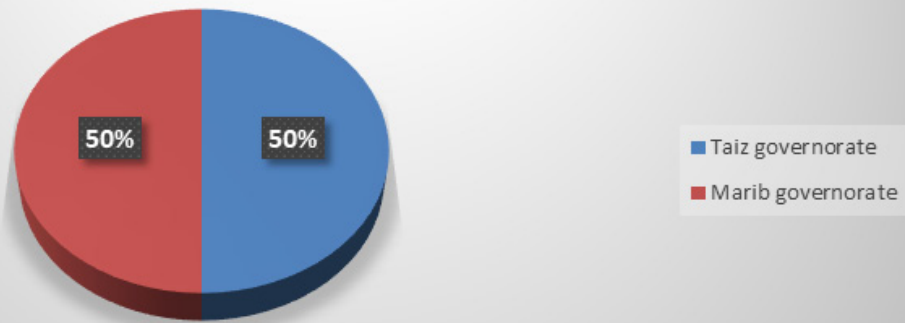
Distribution of 40 educational bags and materials

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Education bags and material distribution in Al Misrakh district in Taiz governorate / 26th February / 2020 (Credit: Abdulateef / IYCY)

Distribution of 40 educational bags and materials



Indicator	Target	Result as of 28 th February	Status
# 6 of peacebuilding initiatives to be selected	100%	100%	Achieved
# 42 are trained on leadership, decision making and harmonized integration as stated in UN Security Council -UNSCR2250	100%	100%	Achieved
44 of beneficiaries were engaged in football match	100%	100%	Achieved
4 coordination meetings are to be conducted with the school principles and key leaders	100%	100%	Achieved
30 of beneficiaries were engaged in gaming competitions	100%	100%	Achieved
% monitoring the progress	100%	100%	Achieved

Output 2 : Reduced the violence against 50 vulnerable women by increasing their access to economic opportunities and hands-on experience through 2 initiatives/ 12 members or peacebuilders.



Vocational Training in Aljufina IDPs settlement in Marib governorate / 6th February / 2020 (Credit : Hind / IYCY)

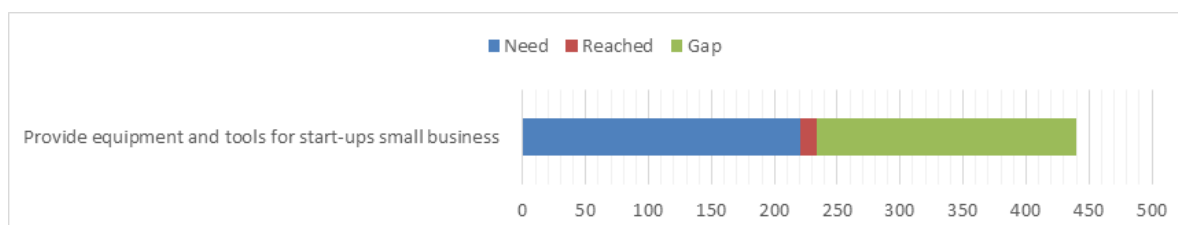


SUMMARY

Vocational training

Economic empowerment of women is a significant factor that determines the poverty and conflict reduction, especially in unstable situations. IYCY has prioritized this in its strategy and matrix of intervention which aims at reinforcement of women inclusion and strengthens their empowerment. IYCY has conducted field visits in coordination with the local authorities and thus the mapping and selection of the economic empowerment initiatives and identifying and registering the most vulnerable women and IDPs affected by displacement has successfully achieved. IYCY with support of UN WOMEN has built capacity 40 (20 women in Taiz and 20 women in Marib), vulnerable women, with the average age of 25 and support 14 women with equipment to start a small business in Taiz and Marib governorates of Yemen. These 40 empowered and trained women shall further enable, empower, and train 200 vulnerable women in their community. These data are based on the assessment conducted by IYCY during the project (Annex 2).

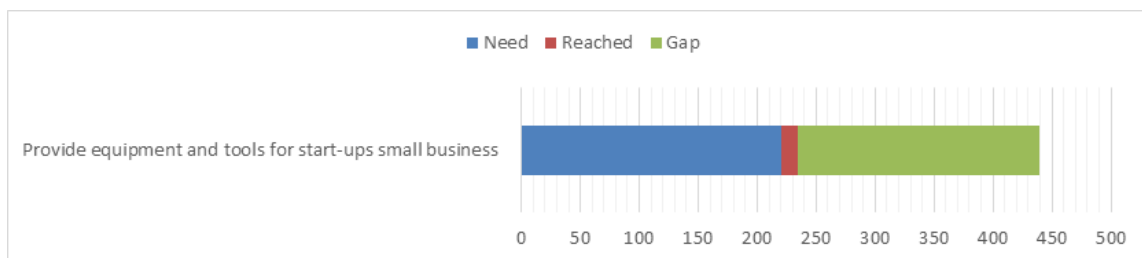
Type of intervention	Targeted	Reached	gap
Vocational training for women	220	40	180



Start- ups business

Providing support for women to start their small business through small grants or providing equipment and the operational cost they need. Yet, IYCY with support of UN WOMEN has established 14 women (9 in Taiz and 6 in Marib) start-up small business in the governorate of Taiz and Marib, particularly, 3 tailoring equipment and tools for 3 trained women in Taiz while 5 tailoring equipment for trained women in Marib governorate, in addition to 3 hair addressing equipment and materials for 3 trained women in Taiz governorate as well as 3 ALBAKHOUR making equipment and materials for 3 women in Taiz governorate, and with nearly 220 women are targeted there still an urgent need to support also those women who have been trained and assessed.

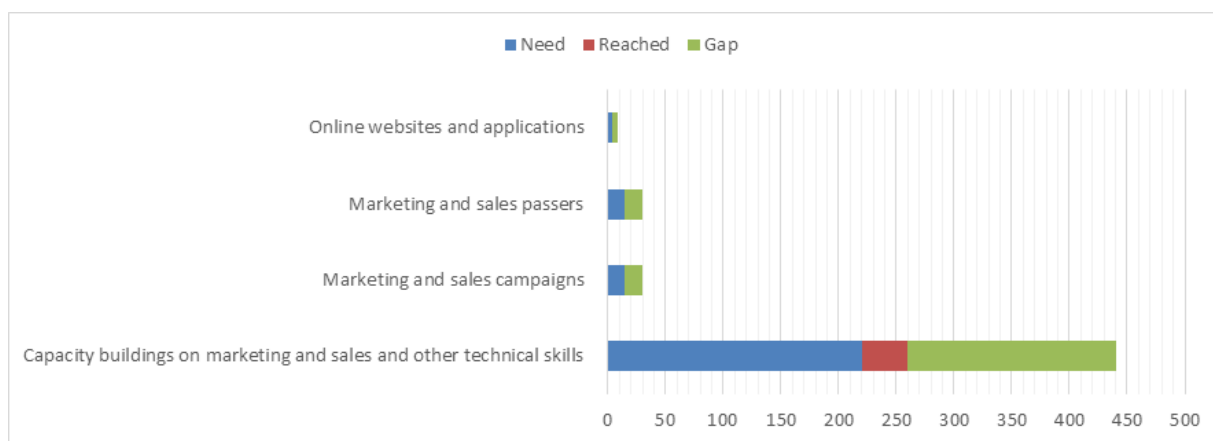
Type of intervention	Need	Reached	gap
Provide equipment and tools for start-ups small business	220	14	206



Marketing and sales support

To complement the interventions implemented, it is essential to advance the support to women by assisting them to run and gain from their established small business through enhancing their skills in marketing and sales, as well as to provide technical support to them. Additionally, to advocate and organized particular markets and campaigns to ensure positive and rapid growth and development of these small businesses.





Type of intervention	No. days	Need	Reached	gap
Capacity buildings on marketing and sales and other technical skills	10	220	40	180
Marketing and sales campaigns	4	15	0	15
Marketing and sales passers	4	15	0	15
Online websites and applications		4	0	4

Activities (Planned Vs Achieved)

Planned Economic empowerment and resilience

It will address economic vulnerability and violence by increasing women's access to financial assets and recovery and income opportunities

2.1: Map and select the economic empowerment initiatives at the targeted communities
2.2: Identify and register the most vulnerable women and IDPs affected by displacement and conflict
2.3: Provide vocational training for targeted women on tailoring, hairdressing, and baking
2.4: Select the best candidates and provide essential equipment for new start-ups.
2.5: Make an agreement with the start-ups to train similarly affected women to ensure the transferring of knowledge and experience
2.6: Engage the similarly affected women with hands-on learning activities/ simulation (tutorials) sessions
2.7: Document the needs and priorities of the targeted groups in the framework of the current peace process and in view of the upcoming peace agreements, recovery, and reconstruction plans.

Achieved Activities

2.1 : Map and select the economic empowerment initiatives at the targeted communities, and 2.2: Identify and register the most vulnerable women and IDPs affected by displacement and conflict

The mapping and selection of the economic empowerment initiatives and identifying and registering the most vulnerable women and IDPs affected by displacement have been achieved.



Mapping and selecting the most vulnerable women in AlMisrakh district Taiz governorate / 26th January / 2020 (Credit: Kateba / IYCY)

2.2 : Provide vocational training for targeted women on tailoring, hair dressing and baking

Provide vocational training for 40 targeted women on tailoring and hairdressing. The vocational training was conducted for 10 days during February 2020 in both Taiz and Marib governorate.

Furthermore, The economic growth activities have reinforced a positive enabling environment whereby women and youth can pursue productive livelihoods, find employment, build entrepreneurial skills, and access financing and business development services.





Vocational Training in Taizz goverenate / 6th February / 2020 (Credit : Yassimn / IYCY)

2.3 : Select best candidates and provide essential equipment for new start-ups.

16 venerable women among 40 of the trained women were selected based on their excellent performance and been supported with equipment to start their small business in tailoring, hairdressing, and ALBAKHOUR making.

2.4 : Engage the similarly affected women with hands-on learning activities/simulation (tutorials) sessions



Simulation sessions Training in AlMisrakh district in Taiz governorate / 16th February / 2020 (Credit : Yasimeen / IYCY)



2.5 : Document the needs and priorities of the targeted groups in the framework of the current peace process and in view of the upcoming peace agreements, recovery and reconstruction plans.

Indicator	Target	Result as of 29th February	Status
# 40 of the vulnerable women were selected .	100%	100%	Achieved
# 40 vulnerable women were trained on vocational training	100%	100%	Achieved
6 women were economically empowered	100%	216% (14 women were economically empowered)	Achieved
60 of Similarly affected women Engaged with hands-on learning activities.	100%	100%	Achieved



Output 3 : Engaging local initiatives in decision making processes concerning the water and land conflict resolution through 37 peacebuilders.



Community leaders training in Mareb governorate / 2nd February / 2020
(Credit : Zubair / IYCY)

SUMMARY

The community has been empowered by building the capacity of 42 community leaders and influential figures in conflict resolution, peacemaking, and water, and land disputes, in addition to engaging with displaced and host communities, raising awareness, assessing needs, and communicating with local authorities. The community to promote social peace and advocate issues of peace and coexistence and reduce the proportion of conflict over water and land, and create effective community communication channels between the affected community and the relevant authorities.

In addition to activating the community in responding to its needs and organizing and managing community campaigns in the field of hygiene and awareness of women's rights as stated in the Sustainable Development Goals, education, social reform, and other areas affecting the lives of displaced and host communities.

Activities (Planned Vs Achieved)

Planned Activities Community engagement :

3.1: Formulate and establish local initiatives consisting of community leaders to handle land conflict matters
3.2 : Conduct the training for the local initiatives on fundraising and build their capacities on water and land conflict resolution
3.3 : Link the local initiatives with the authorities, GARWASP, and technical bodies to collaboratively resolve the water and land relevant issues and gaps through coordination and consultative meetings on the local and community level.
3.4 : Document the needs and priorities of the targeted groups in the framework of the current peace process and in view of the upcoming peace agreements, recovery and reconstruction plans
3.5 : Spread the awareness among affected parties in regards to the legal procedures to be taken and the water drilling protocol.

Achieved activities

3.1: Formulate and establish local initiatives consisting of community leaders to handle land conflict matters

Community mobilization is a key component of the community-based approach of IYCY, which supports communities to be aware of their rights and strengthen their capacity to find solutions to the protection risks they face. Community mobilization also means investing in the resilience of persons of concern and involving them in determining and meeting their own needs.

The mapping, identifying, and registering the local initiatives consisting of community leaders to handle land conflict matters. IYCY has selected 42 community leaders in coordination with the local authorities and the community committees in the two governorates of Taiz and Mareb.



3.2 : Conduct the training for the local initiatives on fund-raising and build their capacities on water and land conflict resolution

Before the training day, IYCY has coordinated with government officers to obtain the permissions and letters to carry out the training from all relevant national and local bodies.

IYCY supported IDP and host communities through the community leaders initiatives with training to strengthen their leadership and management skills, raise awareness, fundraising, develop knowledge about water and land conflict, and their skills in professional orientation.



Community leaders training in Taizz governorate / 2nd February / 2020
(Credit: Amr / IYCY)

3.3: Link the local initiatives with the authorities, GAR-WASP, and technical bodies to collaboratively resolve the water and land relevant issues and gaps through coordination and consultative meetings on the local and community level.

Mobilizing, advocating, activating the relationship, and renewing trust with official authorities and local authorities through meetings, workshops, and joint plans, which reflects positively on improving the conditions of displaced persons and the host community, promoting peace and reducing conflicts, conflicts, and violence. IYCY has conducted 4 coordination meetings with the local authority in Taiz and Marib resulting in strengthening the coordination and possible solutions to the IDPs and host communities' problems and addressing their current and urgent needs.



Coordination meeting with local authority in Taizz governorate / 27h February / 2020 (Credit : Amr / IYCY)

3.4: Document the needs and priorities of the targeted groups in the framework of the current peace process and in view of the upcoming peace agreements, recovery and reconstruction plans

3.5: Spread the awareness among affected parties in regards to the legal procedures to be taken and the water drilling protocol.

Community awareness was conducted to raise the awareness of displaced people and the host community as well as the field descent to assess their needs and involve them in responding to needs and communicating their voice and opinions.

Indicator	Target	Result as of 20 th February	Status
# 42 of the water and land community leaders and peacebuilders were selected	100%	100%	Achieved
# 42 of the water and land community leaders and peacebuilders were trained in water and land conflict .	100%	100%	Achieved
% monitoring the progress	100%	100%	Achieved



V. CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

challenges with accessing primary and secondary education, which is mandatory in Yemeni, are often reported by families to IYCY. Also, young people belonging to minority groups in Yemeni face discrimination and often exclusion when they try to participate in society, access education, and find a job. Stereotypes about minority groups and lack of dialogue between displaced persons and their host communities only perpetuate obstacles for youth to meaningfully participate in their communities. The lack of awareness by Yemeni society at large of challenges facing IDPs, stateless, and refugee youth contributes to impeding their ability to fully integrate into society. Furthermore, many of the children and youth who are not documented properly and, therefore, are deprived of access to fundamental human rights, as the right to education, right to work, access to medicine, social benefits, and freedom of movement, among others. IYCY is advocating for their protection and implementing activities that contribute to their empowerment and promote their inclusion in their communities.

Several challenges were faced, most apparently was the time constraint as the project had to be implemented during at most three months, in addition to the complicated and very long process of the coordination with the local and official parties due to the situation in the ground as a result to the conflict. Furthermore, because of the type of this project encountered which local community is not familiar to and its sensitivity, several difficulties were faced and have played a significant role in spending more time and effort in order to explain and convince targeted people about the project tools.

Working in such unstable environment requires utilizing much more sophisticated tools and plans to respond to the issues encountered and challenges found during the implementation, for instance, coordination becomes the most difficult process can be faced, and this is due to several reasons, more apparently the big number of parties which you must coordinate within both sides.

VI. NEXT STEPS



Cleaning campaign in Marlb governorate / 15th February / 2020 (Credit : Hind / IYCY)

Despite a further worsening of the situation with increase the conflict between the parties as well as insecurity and constrain of movement and the complex coordination with authorities in both sides of conflict parties where IYCY is operating its intervention, IYCY has accomplished the implementation and strengthening field level communication with the relevant government organs and arrange meetings with them on to discuss relevant issues and challenges they have encountered with during the implementation process.

The local community as well as Community Support Initiatives (CSI) activities are designed to mobilize and empower communities, building on their education, skills, and their capacities to strengthen their abilities to organize an emergency response and self-advocate with local and national authorities. During the support supervision visits, the community was engaged in the form of focused group discussions to get feedback from them. IYCY is always accompanying the response with informative means such as media, brochures, and materials such as banners. The response to be further escalating and finding more funds to address the needs of the targeted communities. Despite the impact that the project's interventions have made, the gaps still extremely wide and much more should be addressed. It is observed that the inclusion and participation of people, either the venerable people and host communities, is the most powerful tool to build peace, coexistence, and response to the needs of the affected people.





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