

الأمل في خضم الحرب



Yemen

Hope in the midst of war



IMPROVE YOUR SOCIETY  
ORGANIZATION (IYSO)



IYSO exhibition | LDC5

## OVERVIEW

The exhibition highlights the impact of the conflict on achieving SDGs in Yemen through display facts and figures on topics of poverty, education, women and girls, water and climate) and includes the priorities of solutions in the context of conflict for some targeted topics.

In addition to highlighting the efforts of **Improve Your Society Organization (IYSO)** as a CSO to support SDGs in the context of conflict in the sectors (peacebuilding, women and youth empowerment, good governance, education and climate).

**The exhibition's vision:** No sustainable development without sustainable peace.

**The exhibition's appeal:** End war for sustainable development in Yemen.



## Poverty

The conflict in Yemen that has been raging since early 2015 has resulted in food insecurity, infrastructure damage,

the collapse of essential services ,displaced millions and the high rates of poverty.

The UN estimated that 24.1 million people – 80 per cent of the population in need of humanitarian aid and protection and more than 14 million people are in acute need.

# Poverty

The conflict in Yemen has ,displaced millions and the high rates of poverty. An estimated 73 percent of the over 4 million people displaced in Yemen are women and children.

As of the end of 2021, estimated 1.6 million displaced Yemenis lived across 2,200 IDPs sites , with less than 25% of them receiving humanitarian assistance.



## Education

After 8 years of armed conflict, Yemen is facing an education crisis, with more than 2 million children out of school with girls making up 47 per cent of this number. and more than 523,000 displaced school-age children have difficulty accessing education.

The estimates indicate to 5.9 million children are in schools they are not in receipt of quality education. Education of girls and boys has been severely disrupted by the conflict, which includes the destruction or occupation of school buildings , as well as that poverty cause families to decide to remove children from schools.



## women and girls

Within the context of conflict , women and girls increasingly experience multiple forms of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and remain extremely vulnerable to violence and abuse lacking effective protection mechanisms , as well as limited access to livelihoods and public services, As a UN-held estimate 6.1 million women are in need of protection.

and 72.5% of girls get married at an early age (below the age of 18)  
30 % displaced women may now be heading their families.





## Water

Water scarcity in Yemen exacerbated by the protracted conflict and several years of droughts, has limited access to safe water,

Around 18 million Yemenis are without safe water and sanitation.



## Climate

Climate change induced effects present the gravest threat to life , especially on agriculture and food security, which have recently increased due to human interventions that are not environment friendly and lacking the necessary plans and strategies to preserve agricultural lands and the surrounding environment in general.

In Yemen, where communities are facing conflict, economic deterioration, and high fuel prices, this has negatively affected the environment, which has become threatened with desertification as a result of uprooting trees and using their wood as an alternative source of fuel for homes and bakeries, this phenomenon has become worrying.

## **The priorities of solutions in the context of conflict**

- Focus on collaboration between humanitarian, development and peace actors is key to delivering more sustainable solutions.
- Increase food security and creating livelihood options and job creation and strengthen basic social services, social protection and inclusion for all.
- Integrate and address the needs and priorities of women and girls into crisis response mechanisms and plans in Yemen by all actors, including empower leadership for women and girls towards achieving gender equality.
- Investing in education for long-term sustainable development.
- Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts , and more support to help people cope and adapt to climate change.

## Yemen

**The war which has not yet been over, it's considered the biggest obstacle in achieving SDGs.**

**#End the war for SDGs**

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# IYSO Efforts



IYSO devotes its efforts to promoting community dialogue as a approach for resolving conflicts and enhance social cohesion in local communities affected by conflict.



# Promote dialogue as an approach to addressing conflicts in local communities

Community leaders, men and women, during a dialogue session sponsored by IYSO to discuss and exchange views on solutions for community conflicts in the Al-Azaz area - Taiz

IYSO works to create opportunities for girls to participate in economic and social networks and to enable them to take on leadership roles in representing youth in the peacebuilding process.

# Women leadership empowerment



Sa'ada Al-Areqi during her participation in a round table - Socioeconomic coexistence project - Taiz



**Psychological support for girls affected by the conflict through sports activities.**

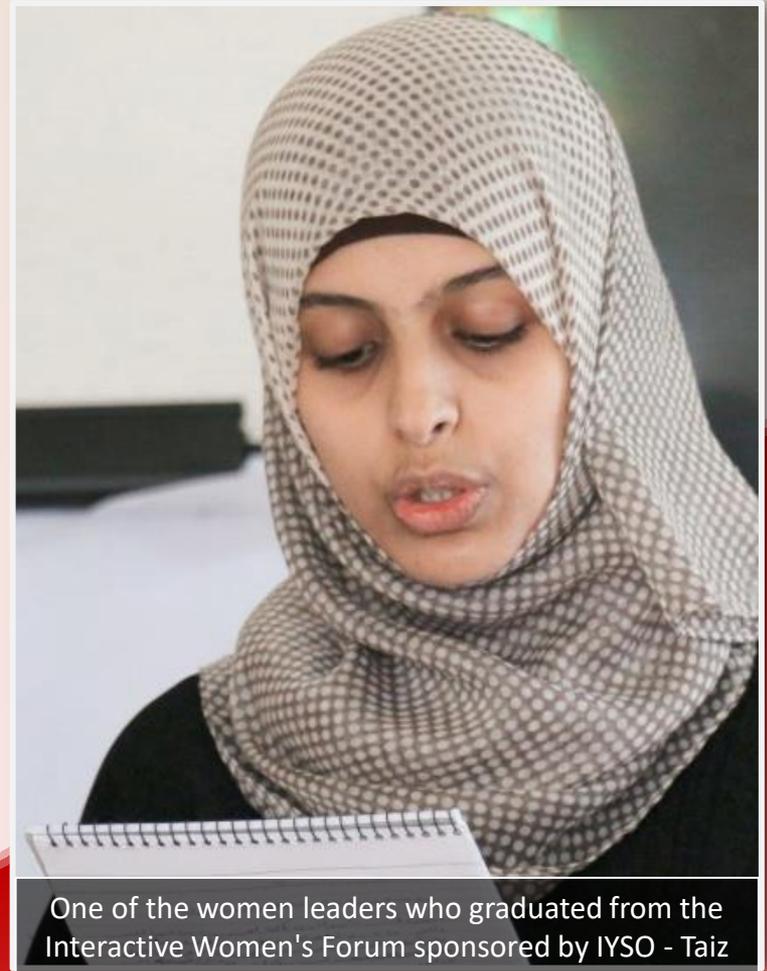
Promoting women's leadership and strengthening the role of gender in peacebuilding processes in support of UNSC Resolution 1325.



**Promoting women's leadership**

# Women leadership in the context of conflict

IYSO implements activities aimed at ensuring the leadership of women and girls in the context of conflict through capacity building and technical support for women-led initiatives to improve participation and influence in local communities.



One of the women leaders who graduated from the Interactive Women's Forum sponsored by IYSO - Taiz

# Promote youth participation in community peace and security

IYSO works on capacity building of Youth and enhance their participation in civic life and peace-building in local communities.



One of the trainees in Future Leaders project reviews a proposal to implement an initiative to solve a community conflict in Al-Ma'afir district - Taiz.



Youth leaders analyses the local context in their communities within youth leaders project - Taiz

# Sport for peace and coexistence

IYSO recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace and promotion of tolerance and respect in communities, and works to involve youth in sports activities permanently.



An audience watching matches between young people - Sports for Peace project-Taiz



A group of young people participating in Sports for peace project

# Social Accountability, Engage citizens for good governance



Hadeel one of monitoring team in IYSO present a report on cleaning services in a social accountability session



Social accountability session with manger of water foundation Mr. Sameer Abdulwahed - Taiz city

IYSO works to empower youth and women through engage them in monitoring public services and anti-corruption



# Engaging youth in fight against corruption

Public Services Monitoring Team - Good Governance Program in IYSO

IYSO makes development learning and building youth knowledges on SDGs s an ongoing part of its work, Youth are active partners in making decisions, program planning and define the priorities.



# Promote building youth knowledges on SDGs

Youth leaders in the Future Leaders Program working to support stability in their local communities – Taiz city Yemen

# Support youth initiatives to face climate risks

IYSO contributes in capacity building of youth and women and build their knowledge on climate change and support their initiatives that seek to mitigating climate change risks and adapt good practices with environment.



"My village development initiative" members, they invention a way to collect rainwater from rooftops to combat drought in their community - Al shamaytain district - Taiz city



# Knowledge building for youth on climate change

Youth are important contributors to climate action and building their knowledge is a priority in light of the negative effects of the climate crisis.

# Providing school needs for improve education

IYSO contributes to meeting the needs of schools affected by the conflict by providing chairs and contributing to donations for the rehabilitation of schools.



Rehabilitation of a school after its evacuation from armed groups, to which IYSO contributed by providing windows for the school - Al-Azaz area, Taiz



IYSO's contribution to providing a set of chairs for students in one of the schools in Al-Azaz area – Alshamaytain district -TAIZ city

In cooperation with its partners, IYSO contributes to relief displaced and vulnerable families by distributing shelter materials, hygiene kits and food baskets.

# Humanitarian Response for IDPs



Shelter items before distributing to IDPs in Alkadaha camp - Al-Ma'afer district Taiz city



One of children who received assistance (shelter items) in the displaced camps - Al-Ma'afer district Taiz city

Improve Your Society Organization (IYSO) is a non-governmental organization focuses on peacebuilding, women and youth empowerment , good governance and climate ), IYSO started as a voluntary initiative and became a legally registered organization in 2015.

IYSO has membership in UNCAC coalition, in addition to its membership in many local, regional and international networks and alliances.



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