

SUPPORTING RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS
& FOOD SECURITY IN YEMEN

JOINT PROGRAMME

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

Programme Title

Supporting Resilient Livelihoods and Food Security in Yemen Joint Programme ERRY II.

Timeframe (start date – end date)

March 2019 to Feb 2022

Participating UN agenci

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

Sector

Resilience, livelihood & Food Security.

Total Budget EU & Sida Contribution

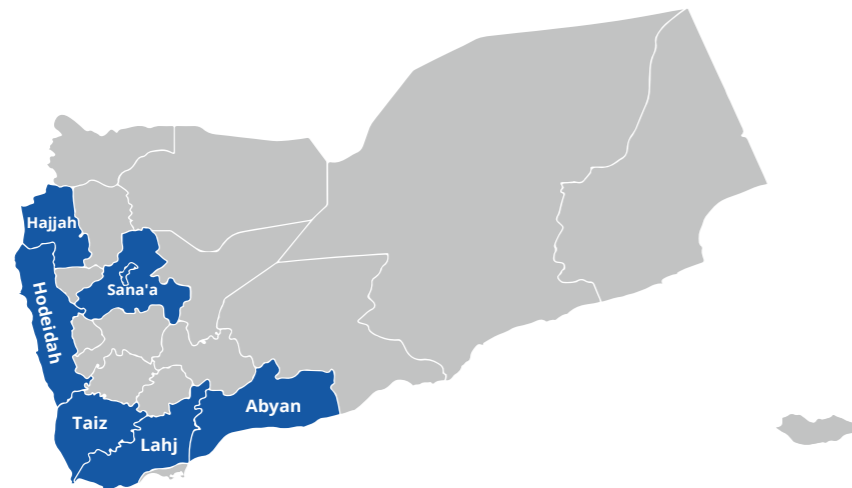
USD 51.8 M

Beneficiaries (number of people or target groups)

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

Geographic Scope (Governorates)

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



Project summary (Project Objective(s), Main activities, Main Outcomes or Results) Including progress so far

Supporting Resilient Livelihoods and Food Security in Yemen Joint Programme (ERRY II) is a three-year programme co-financed by EU and Sida. It is implemented in Yemen by the Food and Agriculture Organization

(FAO), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and World Food Programme (WFP) in six vulnerable governorates: Hajjah, Hodeidah, Lahj, Abyan, Taiz and Sana'a. The overall objective of



the Programme is to contribute to reduced vulnerability and strengthened resilience of crisis-affected rural communities in Yemen through the creation of sustainable livelihoods and improving access to basic services. Specific

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

The Joint Programme is Expected to Achieve the Following Results Over The Implementation Timeframe:

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

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

Output 3: Communities and local authorities have enhanced capacities to respond to conflict- and gender-sensitive needs.

Components of the Programme:



Local Governance and Social Cohesion



Solar Energy



Food Assistance for Assets



Livelihood and Emergency Employment



Agriculture Value Chain



Skills and Entrepreneurship Development

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS



7

District Management Teams were reactivated, trained, and oriented.

46

Sub District Cooperative Committees (SDCs) were established.

46

Community Resilience plans at the sub district level were developed.

23

Selected priority interventions identified under the community resilience plans have been implemented.

2

Recovery plans were developed.

230

members of SDCs 59 females have been trained on developing resilience plan and recovery priorities



SOCIAL COHESION

114

insider mediators were trained on conflict scanning and gender sensitivity.

2

sensitive conflict scans were conducted in the districts of Khanfar & Ash Shim'yatayn



LIVELIHOOD & EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT

26

of community market assets were restored through 3x6 approach.

3404

women and youth improved livelihoods & food security through participating in the rehabilitation of their community market assets through 3x6

880

beneficiaries have been trained on life skills and business management.



SOLAR ENERGY

36

solar off-grid vaccine refrigerators were distributed to health centers.

81

solar systems were installed in public institution facilities Schools & Health centers
Solar Inventor: an online Solar Energy Intervention Mapping platform was launched to help organizations prioritize and coordinate their solar interventions.



SKILLS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

360

IP's agreements have been updated to include COVID19 protective equipment to ensure safe environment for all beneficiaries during activities implementation.

implementation has been expanded to target 640 apprentices 320 in the south and 320 in the north.

beneficiaries of Food for Asset (FFA) components were selected.

50

individuals have been trained to improve their employability skills in solar energy micro-enterprises

590

master craftspersons have been trained on learning methodologies, CBT/A and OSH under the apprenticeship scheme

7

CBT curricula were developed, and craftsperson's training materials were updated.

Preparation for training business continuity planning for SMEs through chambers of commerce in target governorates, adapting the training materials, and arrangement the training will be conducted in August online.

A TOT workshop on business training package "I own small business" is prepared to be conducted in August



AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN

5

dairy processing units for female beneficiaries have been **rehabilitated**.

3,500

rural farmers were supported with improved fodder crops to **improve livestock productivity**.

1400

female farmers have been **trained** on dairy processing, proper method of **milking**, and **fattening activities**.

400

male farmers have been **trained** on **planting Alfalfa & Rhodes grass**.



(FFA) FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR ASSETS

6,934

participants in community assets construction have **received USD 2,318,642** benefiting **61,873** direct beneficiaries

94%

of community members confirmed that the restored assets **improved** their **access to markets** and the **basic social services**.

13.3

kilometer of roads were constructed to facilitate the beneficiaries' access to the main services in Bajil and Tur Albaha

53,901

cubic meter of **water sources** is being **rehabilitated** and **constructed**.

3,000

linear meters of **sewage** has been **rehabilitated** in Zenjubar, Abyan.

157

Community Assets Are Being Restored

94

39 water tanks
9 water harvesting ponds
22 earth dams
5 water channels and a number of gabions and ponds to support water channels.
40,500 people will benefit from these assets

37

road rehabilitation

14

school rehabilitation

5

environment protection projects: solid waste disposal in an area inhabited by 3,000 residents to decrease risk of disease and contamination of water sources.

3

sanitation 2 Latrine,
1 sewage rehabilitation

4

agriculture land protection



ERRY II-COVID-19 RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS

hygienic materials were distributed to 1,000 hand washing stations in Ash Shim'yatayn, Taiz.

120

women in Ash Shim'yatayn, Taiz were **trained** on **how to make masks & hospital gowns**.

rapid energy assessment was conducted to assess energy gaps in **38 COVID-19** health isolation centers and hospitals across Yemen.

5

awareness flashes were **made** and **broadcasted** through the **local radio channels** in all Yemen governorates.

81

as mentioned in the progress report for solar systems **installed for public institution facilities in general**

part of **COVID-19 Rapid Response Facility**, 16 INDVs from Aden & Lahj were **trained** on **how to produce handwashing soap and hospital gowns**

a Report on **MSMEs and COVID-19** Analysis was published.

5,000

households received **COVID-19 handwashing kits** in Sarar

3,000

households were **oriented** on the **preventive measures of COVID-19** through poster distribution in Sarar.

12

youth engineers were **supported** to **develop** a low-cost prototype designs for

- ventilator
- personal protective equipment PPE
- disinfection tunnel.
- mask making machine for hospital consumption and communities

MAJOR EVENTS AND SUCCESS STORIES...

Major Achievements of The Joint Programme Ashden Award

ERRY Joint programme through United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) solar component has been announced as the winner of the acclaimed Ashden Awards for Humanitarian Energy. UNDP Yemen was among 11 winners selected from over 200 global applications in the areas of creating resilience, green growth, and fairer societies.

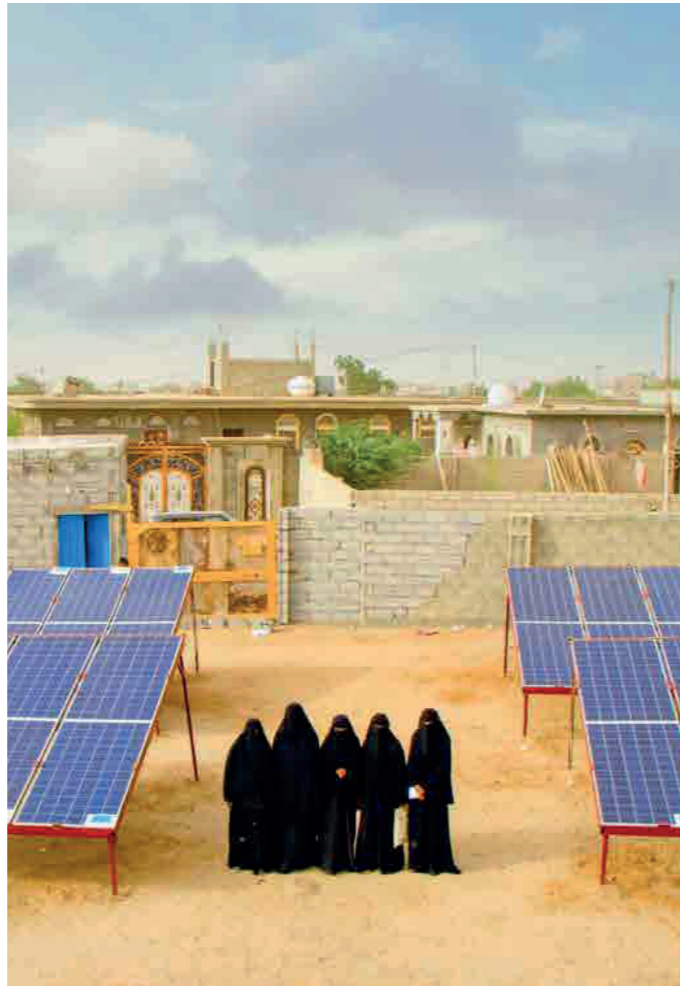
ERRY Joint Programme Solar component Cuts the cost of energy by 65 per cent. It has worked with the women and youth to train, develop and manage micro-grid businesses to help electrify their communities one home and business at a time. *“Community-owned solar microgrids are an ideal low carbon energy solution in any circumstance but is even more powerful given the conflict and ongoing hardship in Yemen,”* says Harriet Lamb, CEO of Ashden.

The Joint Programme has helped 2,100 people gain access to disposable income and 10,000 people with access to sustainable energy. More About **Ashden Awards**.

Sustainable Energy for Displaced People

Bold Solutions Tackle Refugee Energy Crisis

UNDP Yemen wins acclaimed international Ashden Awards for Humanitarian Energy



Abyan Central Fish & Vegetable Market

To enhance resilience of people in Yemen and provide support to small and medium businesses, UNDP in Yemen under ERRYII joint programme Livelihood and Emergency Employment component has supported 150 individual “23 women & 127 man” to participate in the rehabilitation of Abyan central fish & vegetable market. This market is serving 10 villages and more than 15,000 people will benefit from this intervention.



Production of Handwashing Soap Training

Part of COVID19 Rapid Response Facility, ERRY II Joint programme through UNDP Yemen and their partners supports Individuals in Abyan and Lahj establish their own micro- businesses as well as contribute to fighting covid19 outbreak in their communities. 16 women and men were given a TOT Training on how to produce locally made handwashing soap. Those individuals will also help people in their communities fight against the outbreak by building awareness and helping others produce similar products.



Local Women Are Gearing Up to Fight Against COVID-19

In Taiz Governorate, women in Ash Shim'yatayn District are playing a key role in the fight against the spread of Coronavirus. With support from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Yemen through Social Fund for Development (SFD) under the Supporting Resilient Livelihoods and Food Security in Yemen Joint Programme / ERRY II, women are engaged in making personal protective equipment (PPE) such as face masks and gowns, essential items that are important in the fight against the epidemic.

The initiative was the idea of the local women who participate in the Sub-District Communities (SDCs). A self-initiative community plan that contributes to COVID-19 response, they aim to ramp up efforts to curb the spread of the virus in the district.

The women have managed to produce 6800 masks and 50 hospital gowns. These were then delivered to the health centers of the district and accordingly has contributed to alleviating the danger that health workers encounter during COVID-19 outbreak.



*"When the rich wage war, it's the poor who die",
Jean-Paul Sartre.*

The war forced Bushra and her six little kids to leave their village Addoba' Tuban/ lahj to another district, Yafea. And this was her first catastrophe; her displacement for three months to a city which has no mercy on poor or broke people!!

Bushra kept thinking day and night on a solution, until she heard her friend one day talking about a project supporting farmers with some input that help in animal feeding and dairy processing. For her, it was the first time to hear about something called dairy processing; yet, Bushra's curiosity and her strong willing to do something for her family have pushed her to go to the Agriculture Office in the district center and ask about that project. She insist-

ed to be registered and all farmers in her village, as well. Luckily, Addoba' village is targeted by ERRYII Joint programme which is funded by EU & Sida and since then the poor lady life has been getting better gradually.

Shaikah Bushra as she is so called by her neighborhood since taking that action. "I've started with one goat and now I have 14 goats without those I have sold " She added "I'm no more that useless housewife; rather, I'm a lady that can ensure a regular 30,000_70,000 YER as a monthly income for my family", she is saying with confidence.



Lunching Craftsperson's Training Programme in Abyan

Under ERRYII Joint programme that is co-funded by EU and Sida, ILO and its local partner launched the craftspersons training programme in Abyan, in Khanfar and Zengbar districts at the district vocational Institute.

The training targets 80 mastercraft persons and 7 supervisors; 47 males and 39 females, in five days. The crafts includes air conditioning & refrigeration, solar energy maintenance and installation, mobile maintenance, motorcycle maintenance, coiffeur,

sewing and sweets and pastries manufacturing. Both mastercrafts persons and skilled craftsperson will then transmit appropriate skills and experience to 160 young men and women apprentices in Abyan governorate.

The training was launched by the Director of Jaar directorate, Mr. Naser Almansary, and the Director General of the Technical Education and Vocational Training Office in Abyan, Mr. Mahdi Al-Juhaini, who praised the joint programme that support young professional craftspersons and apprentices acquire the skills they need to become more resilient and independent

Food Assistance for Assets: a u-shaped Gabion wall Construction Helped People in Abyan Enhance Livelihoods and Food Security

Within Supporting Resilient Livelihoods and Food Security Joint Programme (ERRY II JP) interventions co-funded by EU & SIDA, Care International in partnership with WFP and in consultation with the targeted community has constructed a u-shaped gabion wall to retain the heavy rainwater which is also used to irrigate agricultural lands affected by drought and desertification that are estimated to be more than 1000 acres (404.686 Hectare).

The gabion construction lasted for five months (Nov 2019- March 2020) and was handed over to the community and the local authorities upon completion of the project.

With the onset of rainfall, the outcomes of the project were very positive; more than 1,000 acers of farmlands were completely watered after a shortage for more than 10 years.



Challenges

The difficulties in getting implementation permits for the target governorates in the north has caused a major delay to the implementation of activities in the districts of Hodaidah and Hajjah governorates.

Implementation of activities has been delayed due to COVID19 outbreak in most of the governorates and districts targeted by the joint programme.

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