







Supporting Resilient Livelihoods, Food Security, and Climate Adaptation in Yemen, Joint Programme

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Overview



Supporting Resilient Livelihoods, Food Security, and Climate Adaptation in Yemen, Joint Programme (ERRYJP III) seeks to strengthen the resilience and self-reliance of crisis-affected communities.

It focuses on creating economic opportunities, enhancing employment, improving productive capacities, and supporting sustainable livelihoods to enhance food security.

ERRYJP III pays particular attention to the

restoration of community assets, the development of agricultural value chains, the economic empowerment of women and the improvement of access to clean energy.

It also focuses on strengthening local capacities by supporting local institutions and priority projects to improve access to basic services, resilience and long-term self-sufficiency.

Overall Objective



Strengthen the resilience of communities in Yemen's most vulnerable governorates.

Overall Output



Improving the resilience of crisis-affected communities to manage local shocks and risks in Yemen's most vulnerable governorates.

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In March 2022, co-funded by the European Union (EU) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Food

Programme (WFP), implementing "Supporting Resilient Livelihoods, Food Security, and Climate Adaptation in Yemen, Joint Programme (ERRYJP III)". It targets seven governorates classified as the most in need: Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Sa'ada, Lahj, Abyan, Al Mahwit, and Taiz.

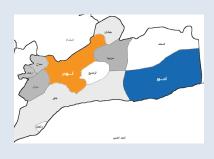
Tamdeen Youth Foundation a National Implementing Partner

Tamdeen Youth Foundation is a national implementing partner of "Supporting Resilient Livelihoods, Food Security, and Climate Adaptation in Yemen, Joint Programme (ERRYJP III). TYF worked closely with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP Yemen) in implementing (livelihoods and employment) component, which aims to improve access to food in local communities, create income opportunities for the most vulnerable individuals, and increase the capacity of youth to participate in entrepreneurship.



TYF targeted:

Lawdar and Ahwar Districts in Abyan Governo-.rate



Al Ma'afer District in Taiz Governorate



Community-based Approach Focuses on Investing in Local Capacities





Through a community-based approach that focuses on investing in local capacities, encouraging community ownership, involving their prioritization, and working directly with them to support the resilience of vulnerable families and communities, and achieving sustainable recovery, UNDP Yemen through Tamdeen Youth Foundation (TYF) has been able to:



Restore 10 Community Assets in Lawdar and Ahwar Districts, Abyan Governorate, and Al Ma'afer District, Taiz Governorate

Which Contributed to

- Creating sustainable livelihoods
- Enhancing food security

- Restoring essential community services
- Economic empowerment
- Promoting renewable energy

- Encouraging communities to recover and develop
- Adapting to environmental and climate challenges



Protecting Al Kayal Village in Lawdar from the Risks of Flood Disasters





Al Kayal village in Lawdar district, Abyan governorate, was constantly at risk of flood disasters, especially in the rainy season, the summer, when floods cut off roads, making it difficult for 3,000 residents in the village to move around and get their needs.

Within the activities of "ERRYJP III", protecting Al Kayal village project was implemented through:

Employing 70 young villagers through cash-for-work approach

Building a defensive barrier and flood buffers of gabions Lifting stones and piles of sand washed away by floods

Sustainable Solution:



The project contributed to providing safety for the village's residents, protecting them and their properties from the risks of floods, and improving their living conditions.

Joint Contributions:



ERRYJP III contributed \$4,200 to the rehabilitation of this asset, and the local authority contributed \$8,000.





Reclaiming a Water Canal to Improve the Efficiency of Its Use in Irrigating 20,000 Agricultural Acres





As part of ERRYJP III efforts to improve food security, a water canal was reclaimed in Al Jawf area in Lawdar district, Abyan governorate.

Past Suffering:



The water canal was neglected, resulting in: Water wastage: Large amounts of water leaking from the canal, resulting in a lack of water available for irrigation.

Low productivity: Lack of water negatively affected the productivity of farmland, and farmers had difficulty irrigating their crops.

Sustainable Solution:



The water canal reclamation project was implemented through:

- Employing 95 young people from the region through cash-for-work approach.
- Rehabilitating the canal along 500 meters.

Positive Outcomes:



The project contributed to:



Improving water use efficiency: The amount of wasted water has been significantly reduced, increasing the amount of water available to irrigate 20,000 agricultural acres for 400 farmers in Al Jawf and nearby villages, thus improving farmers' livelihoods and food production.

Increased productivity:



Agricultural land productivity improved significantly, which increased farmers' incomes.

Job creation:



The project provided temporary employment opportunities for youth in the region, which contributed to improving their economic conditions.

Enhancing food security:



The project contributed to enhancing food security in the region by increasing agricultural production.

Joint tContributions



The cost of rehabilitating this asset was \$7,700, of which the local authority contributed \$2,000.

Through cash-for-work mechanism, 95 young people from the region were employed in the rehabilitation of the canal. ERRYJP III provided them with \$5,700 to improve their livelihoods and contribute to the development of their community.

Reclaming a Road Linking Four Villages to Lawdar Market

Al Ahmed Saleh, Al Humaysha, Al Koura, Al Tur and Al Ghouz villages in Lawdar district, Abyan governorate, have suffered for years from difficulty of reaching the district market. This was due to the accumulation of rainwater and flood wastes and the spread of harmful sesbania trees that covered the road with a length of half a kilometer.

As part of the activities of ERRYJP III, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through Tamdeen Youth Foundation, the main road linking these villages to the market of Lawdar district has been rehabilitated.

Through the "cash-for-work" approach:

- 58 beneficiaries of the project were employed in the rehabilitation of the road.
- The local authority contributed \$10,000, which was allocated to the supply of logging saws, the rental of a 25-ton tamper and a road scraper, and the supply of organic-free silty soil.
- ERRYJP III contributed 3,480 to employ 58 beneficiaries with cash-for-work approach.

The road has been completely rehabilitated. This allowed traffic to be significantly improved, facilitating residents' access to basic services such as the market, hospitals and schools.

Health Center for Vaccination and Therapeutic Nutrition in Lawdar District

With the support of ERRYJP III, and in cooperation with the Public Health and Population Office and the Education Office in Lawdar District, a health center for vaccination and therapeutic nutrition for children and women was established at Al Shaheed Mohammed Hussein Naji School in Lawdar. Located in the northeast corner of the school, the health centre is an important addition to strengthening the children's and women's healthcare system and protecting

Establishing this health center was not easy, it required concerted efforts and cooperation from all. ERRYJP III contributed \$6,160 as a total cost of rehabilitation, while the local authority and community contributed \$9,000.

them from infectious diseases.

Thanks to this cooperation, the Center has become a reality that serves children, contributing to protecting them from infectious diseases, and helping to build a healthy generation capable of giving and achievement.

The story of the vaccination center at Al Shaheed Mohammed Hussein Naji School embodies the spirit of cooperation and solidarity among different entities, and shows how small initiatives can make a big difference in people's lives.







Paving the Entrance of Al Shaheed Mahnaf General Hospital in Lawdar District

As part of ERRYJP III efforts to improve infrastructure in rural areas, interlock was paved at the entrance of Al Shaheed Mahnaf General Hospital in Lawdar district.

Past Suffering:



Prior to the implementation of the project, the hospital's entrance had serious problems, most notably:

Rainwater collection:



Whenever it rains, the entrance turns into a swamp of mud, making it difficult for patients and visitors to get in and out of the hospital.

Dirt prevalence:



The rain caused the accumulation of dirt and soil on the entrance, negatively affected the hospital's overall appearance.

Health risks:



Due to the accumulation of rainwater and dirt, the likelihood of spreading infectious diseases has increased.

Sustainable Solution:



Supported by ERRYJP III, the hospital entrance has been paved with interlock as a successful and sustainable solution where:

- There is a healthy environment suitable for patients and visitors: Getting in and out of the hospital is now easier and safer.
- The entrance has become more elegant and wonderful, contributing to keeping it clean and free of dust and dirt.









Construction of Bathrooms for Women and Children in Ahwar Women's Market







In the mid of Ahwar district in Abyan governorate, there is a special market for women. However, the market has a major problem of women's lack of bathrooms. This forced them to leave the market and stop shopping to get the necessary comfort and hygiene for them and their children.

In 2023, Tamdeen Youth Foundation, through ERRYJP III of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP Yemen), funded by the European Union and the Government of Sweden, built two bathrooms for women in Ahwar Market in Abyan Governorate that provide privacy, protection and hygiene for them and for their children.

The new women's bathrooms are carefully designed to provide privacy and protection

for women, and provide safe, healthy and clean sanitation services that comply with social and cultural laws and standards. These services are fundamental human rights, affirmed by international human rights law.

The new women's bathrooms have proven their importance and positive impact on the lives of women in the market. Women can now shop with confidence and comfort without any more worries. A woman in the market expressed her joy by saying, "Women's bathrooms are a blessing. In the past, I had to leave the market and not complete my shopping because there were no bathrooms. Now, I can shop with confidence and convenience and enjoy the shopping experience fully."



Solar Market Lighting





The success of the interventions of (ERRYJP III) was not only to build women's bathrooms, but also to light Ahwar Market with solar energy, which enhanced safety for women while shopping, ensured the continuation of work at night, and made the market more attractive to visitors.

The lighting has increased safety for women while shopping at night, and darkness is no

longer a threat. Thus, women's confidence and comfort to go shopping at any time has increased.

Moreover, tangible economic benefits were achieved for shopkeepers, who expressed their great pleasure and satisfaction with this initiative, as revenues increased and profits improved.

Establishment of a Potable Water Distribution Point in Alboob Area



Alboob village, located in Ahwar district, Abyan governorate, suffers from a shortage of potable water, forcing residents, especially women and children, to rely on open pond water.

However, thanks to Tamdeen Youth Foundation's initiative, and under ERRYJP III, a 2,000-liter water distribution point was established in the village. It contributed to providing potable water, improving public health, reducing the spread of infectious diseases, and saving children's free time and effort for education.



Removal of Sesbania Trees from Canals and Roads in Ahwar





Cash for work is not just cash wages and work skills, but, in ERRYJP III, it is behavioral development that promotes an individual's sense of responsibility, self-reliance, and motivates communities to take the lead in the recovery process from the ongoing crisis in Yemen.

In order to enhance food security and adapt to environmental and climate challenges, and through cash for work, sesbania trees were removed from the rainwater drains in Hanad area. The creeping sands were also removed from the official line of Hanad and Al Masani areas linking villages and the market in the center of Ahwar district, Abyan governorate.

Through their participation in improving the infrastructure in their area, young people become more aware of their responsibility to their community, contributing to protecting the environment from flood risks and enhancing food security.

ERRYJP III provides an inspiring model for empowering Yemen's communities and advancing sustainable development in times of crisis.





Through ERRYJP III, Hope Returns to Al Shorouq Club's Sports Hall in Al Ma'afer District, Taiz Governorate



After 7 years of destruction, ERRYJP III brought life back to Al Shorouq Club's Sports Hall in Al Ma'afer district, Taiz governorate. Amid the joy of youth and community, the region celebrated the opening of the sports hall, which was bombed during the war.

Al Shoroug Club is one of the most prominent

clubs in the countryside of Taiz, which has achieved remarkable successes in the cultural and sports fields. The club's football team has won the governorate championship for three consecutive seasons. It has produced many stars, most notably Goalscorer, Essam Abdul Ghani and Defender, Fouad Taresh.

Sports Hall: From Destruction to Renaissance





As the war raged in Yemen, Al Shorouq Club's Sports Hall was bombed in 2016. Since then, the hall has been subject to looting and vandalism. Its structures have been eroded and its assets have been damaged.

The youth persisted in believing that the sports hall will be repaired and rehabilitated. Their determination has increased as the confrontation lines move away from the region and relative stability returns.



In 2023, Tamdeen Youth Foundation, in partnership with the Youth and Sports Office in the governorate, implemented "Rehabilitating Al Shorouq Club's Sports Hall Project". This comes under "Supporting Resilient Livelihoods, Food Security, and Climate Adaptation in Yemen, Joint Programme (ERRYJP III), affiliated to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and funded by the European Union and the Government of Sweden.

Major Achievement for Youth and the Region





The project included a comprehensive rehabilitation of the sports hall (the entire roof, walls, paint, toilets, windows, doors, playground and electricity, using sustainable and environmentally friendly means).

After the completion of the project, the hall was opened in the presence of local officials and community members. Young people expressed their overwhelming happiness. Akram Sufyan, Head of Al Shorouq Club, said, "The rehabilitation of Al Shorouq Cultural Sports Club is a great achievement for youth in particular, and for the region in general, as the Ministry of Youth and Sports aims to activate sports and cultural activities in the region and at the level of Taiz Governorate. The sports hall in its new form will be a safe space for youth to practice their hob-



bies and sports activities such as tennis, chess, futsal, billiards, handball, and activating the beIN Sport.

As for the cultural field, the club's head said that the hall will be an incubator for holding cultural seminars and scientific competitions, and organizing conferences and social events of interest to the people of the region.

The Head of the club thanked the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Youth and Sports Office, and Tamdeen Youth Foundation for the successful rehabilitation of the sports and cultural hall of Al Shorouq Club, which will enable young people to express themselves and refine their talents in sports, art, theater and skills development.

This Partnership Is an Honorable Model





The project was characterized by activating the role of government agencies, where the Youth and Sports Office contributed 8,000,000 YEP

Mr. Ayman Al Mekhlafi, General Manager of the Youth and Sports Office in Taiz Governorate, said: "We worked in partnership with Tamdeen Youth Foundation to restore and rehabilitate Al Shorouq Club's Sports Hall in Al Ma'afer District after it was damaged by the war. It has been rehabilitated to be a suitable environment for sports and cultural activities.

"This partnership is an honorable model of cooperation between the government sector and civil society organizations in developing sports and empowering youth."

Activating Community Participation

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The reopening of Al Shorouq Club's Sports Hall is an inspiring success story in joint work and activating community participation in local development.

As for Mr. Adel Al Mushamer, General Manager of Al Ma'afer District, he said, "The sports hall will contribute to enhancing social cohesion, local development and youth welfare, by providing a space for social communication among young people from various groups and regions, organizing sports and cultural activities and events, and providing them with opportunities to engage in sports and cultural activities."

"Joint work and activating community participation in local development can achieve tangible and positive results, and contribute to building more stable and prosperous societies."

Employment and Self-development Opportunities



Success did not stop at the rehabilitation of the sports hall. The ERRYJP III has contributed to improving young people's livelihoods, enhancing their self-confidence, and giving them hope for a better future.

400 young men and women from the region were trained in business management skills and provided with temporary employment opportunities through the cash-for-work approach.

"I can't describe the positive impact that ERRYJP III has had on my life," says Waheeb Abdul Qaher Aglan, a young man.

"With the training I received and the opportunity to work in the rehabilitation of the hall in As Sana sub-district and the improvement of the main street in Al Nashamah Market in Al Ma'afer, I became more confident in my abilities and skills. not only was it an opportunity for employment, but it was also an opportunity for personal development and for contributing to the development of my local environment".

"This project not only gave us job opportunities, but also gave us hope and confidence that we can improve our lives and future in our community," says Donia Ahmed Saeed.









Rehabilitation of Al Nashamah Market:

A Success Story in Promoting Local Development



Within "Supporting Resilient Livelihoods, Food Security, and Climate Adaptation in Yemen, Joint Programme (ERRYJP III) and through Tamdeen Youth, the national implementing partner of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP Yemen), and in partnership with the local authority in Al Ma'afer District, Taiz Governorate, the Triangle of Al Nashamah Market in Al Ma'afer District has been rehabilitated. It is a vital street linking Al Ma'afer District with all coastal areas of Taiz and Lahj governorates.



Past Suffering:



Al Nashamah Market Triangle was heavily neglected, resulting in:

- The asphalt layer was damaged, potholes and bumps hindered shopping and distorted the overall appearance.
- When it rains, the street turns into a swamp for shallow water mixed with garbage, making it difficult for people to enter and move in the market.
- The narrow area of the street caused congestion among street vendors, and disputes between them over where to display and sell their goods.
- The accumulation of garbage, dust and water in the potholes hindered cleaners from cleaning the street perfectly.









Important Achievement:



The project of rehabilitating Al Nashamah Market Triangle was implemented through:

- Scraping the damaged asphalt layer.
- Scraping and deepening the road to reach the strong underground layer.
- Mowing and tamping the base course layer.
- Constructing curbstones on both sides of the road.
- Making reinforced dense concrete tiles.

Positive Outcomes:



The project contributed to:

- Improving traffic and promoting business activity in the market.
- Providing a safe environment and reducing the risk of accidents.
- Solving the problem of vendors' congestion and providing spaces for everyone to display and sell their goods.
- Cleaning Al Nashamah Market Triangle has become easier, which has contributed to improving the overall appearance of the market.

Fruitful Partnership:



The rehabilitation of Al Nashamah Market Triangle is a great example of partnership. The local authority in Al Ma'afer district contributed 12 million Yemeni Riyals, and the local community participated in the implementation of the project, thereby enhancing their sense of ownership towards it.

The project has succeeded in achieving a sustainable solution, activating the planning and partnership approach with the local authority.

We are proud to work with the United Nations Development Programme UNDP Yemen, and of the successful partnership with the local authority in Al Ma'afer.

Thanks and appreciation to the European Union in Yemen and the Government of Sweden for supporting the rehabilitation of local infrastructure and assets, and strengthening the resilience of communities affected by the crisis in Yemen.

Entrepreneurship Training Program to Support the Success of 1200 Young Men and Women in Establishing Their Own Businesses











Within the activities of "Supporting Resilient Livelihoods, Food Security, and Climate Adaptation in Yemen, Joint Programme (ERRYJP III), 1,200 young men and women received the entrepreneurship training program in Ahwar and Lawdar Districts, Abyan Governorate, and Al Ma'afer District, Taiz Governorate.

The training included:



Identifying viable project ideas suitable for market needs, teaching young people how to analyze the market and identify entrepreneurial opportunities, developing planning and management skills for startups, as well as marketing their products and services.

Handing Over the Necessary Assets to 750 Young Men and Women in Ahwar, Lawdar and Al Ma'afer Districts to Establish their SMEs







After completing the apprentice-ship training program for 1,200 young men and women in Ahwar and Lawdar Districts, Abyan Governorate, and Al Ma'afer District, Taiz Governorate, the trainees prepared plans to establish their small enterprises. They submitted those plans for review and selection of the winning enterprises proposals.

750 proposals were selected to establish 750 young people's small enterprises. The winning beneficiaries were trained in project management, accounts operations, financial records, and purchase and sale operations. The beneficiaries were then handed the necessary assets to establish their small enterprises and obtain sustainable sources of income.

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Projects financed by ERRYJP III, and the delivery of their assets, have varied to include:

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Retail Trade Coffee & Vegetable Farms

Greenhouses Service Shops Beekeeping and Livestock

Towards Entrepreneurship

Support of young men and women did not stop when they were handed over assets to establish their small enterprises. ERRYJP III, through consultants and mentors, provided services assistance in business planning, financial consulting, marketing and branding support, and access to legal and accounting services.

Eng. Mutlaq Gharsan, Project Manager, stressed that the program not only aims to help

youth establish and maintain their own businesses, but also seeks to drive them towards a new culture of entrepreneurship in their communities.

The beneficiary young men and women expressed their overwhelming pleasure with this support, stressing the importance of these projects in improving their livelihoods and opening up new horizons for their future.

Khaldoun Ahmed Ghaleb: From Forced Displacement to Successful Beekeeper



In 2015, the war forced Khaldoun Ahmed Ghaleb, his family of four children and his wife to flee their home and leave everything behind in At Tawahi, Aden governorate.

Khaldoun faced harsh conditions in the countryside of Taiz governorate. He was forced to live in an uninhabitable abandoned house without any source of income.

Challenges:

Khaldoun struggled to provide food for his family. So he started working on digging and carrying stones. During his work, he met Nathir Salam, a beekeeper, who became his best friend. Khaldoun assisted Nathir in beekeeping, and gained valuable experience in this field.

Dream Comes True:



Over time, Khaldoun became more passionate about beekeeping. His biggest dream now is to have enough beehives to provide a stable source of income for his family. However, he doesn't have money to buy beehives.



Turning Point:

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In 2023, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ERRYJP III supported livelihoods in the countryside of Taiz governorate. This project was implemented by Tamdeen Youth Foundation. It included training in apprenticeships, life skills, establishing SMEs, and distributing assets to 250 young men and women in Al Ma'afer district, Taiz governorate, to start their own businesses and improve their livelihoods with their families.

Golden Opportunity:



"I was over the moon when I was selected as one of ERRYJP III beneficiaries. It was really a golden opportunity for me," Khaldoun said.

"I got the training and qualification through which I was able to prepare a plan to establish a beekeeping business. According to the plan I submitted, the beehives were purchased for me with the support of the project. This enabled me to achieve my dream of becoming a successful beekeeper



Success and Achievement:



Thanks to the grant, Khaldoun now has more than 20 beehives. He is now a full-time beekeeper who provides a steady source of income for his family. Khaldoun is deeply grateful to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Tamdeen Youth Foundation (TYF) for their support, which has made a huge difference in his life and that of his family.

Promoting Women's Participation





One of the most important successes achieved by ERRYJP III is to enhance women's participation in community activities and events, especially in the economic fields, where women in Yemen's rural areas face difficulty in obtaining job opportunities, with a deficient societal view of women. The importance of women's participation in the implementation of the activities of (ERRYJP III) was focused on in Lawdar and Ahwar Districts, Abyan Governorate, and in Al Ma'afer District, Taiz Governorate, where:

386

women benefited from the apprenticeship program, life skills, entrepreneurship skills and small .enterprise management



409
women benefited from
the cash-for-work
program



486
women received
assets to start their
own businesses



Infographic

Achievements of ERRYJP III in Numbers

Geographical Scope:



Lawdar and Ahwar Dstricts, Abyan Governorate, and Al Ma'afer District, Taiz Governorate.





Training and Rehabilitation:

1200 young men and women





Women

Men



Areas of Training:

Apprenticeship

Life Skills

Entrepreneurship



Job Opportunities:

1200



young men and women received temporary job opportunities

409 Women

791 Men



Rehabilitation of Assets and Services:



10 Community assets were

restored and

repaired

Contribution of local authorities in Al Ma'afer district

million Yemeni riyals



Contribution of government agencies in Lawdar and Ahwar districts

45200



Establishing Small Enterprises:

750

their

businesses





young men and women received the assets to establish

Women

Men

Beneficiaries:

85,580 Women

82,000 Men

Total beneficiaries:





167,580 individuals

Lessons Learned





Importance of Community Participation



Involve communities at all phases of program design and implementation to ensure their sustainability and effectiveness.

Focus on Capacity-building



Empower communities through training and capacity-building for self-reliance.

Take a Comprehensive Approach



Address the root causes of poverty and food insecurity through a comprehensive approach to various aspects of life.

Ensure Coordination Among Actors



Have effective coordination among government agencies, organizations and local communities to ensure that efforts are not duplicated and that resources are maximized.

Taking Local Contexts into Account



Take local conditions and contexts into account when designing and implementing programs.



Integrate climate change adaptation practices into programs to enhance community resilience.





