

**Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund**  
**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE 2023**  
(Regular Funding Cycle)

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<b>Programme Start Date</b>	<b>Total Approved Budget (USD)</b>														
1 April 2022	\$ 1,250,000														
<b>Programme End Date</b>	<b>Amount Transferred to CSOs (USD)</b>														
31 August 2024	\$ 1,188,223.74														

<sup>1</sup> Non-UN Organization. Applicable to Rapid Response Window for Peace Processes

<sup>2</sup> As per WPHF results framework nested model, WPHF outcome areas are equivalent to the impact level for grantees

## Executive Summary

*In 1 page, summarize the most important achievements of the Programme during the reporting period. The executive summary should be an analysis and consolidation of the achievements and should serve as a standalone summary of the WPHF country' results for the year.*

*Please include:*

- a) Background on WPHF: overview of calls for proposals (CfPs) that were launched (date), and details on NSC meetings, how many CSOs were selected, and when implementation is estimated to begin/has begun*
- b) overall/consolidated WPHF impact at the country level (how WPHF funding has contributed to WPS, gender equality and peacebuilding, gender-responsive humanitarian action etc) and explain if any linkages with national processes (NAPs, humanitarian response, peace processes, etc). and how WPHF funding/grantees contributed.*
- c) one sentence with the consolidated direct and indirect beneficiaries (disaggregated by sex).*
- d) overall challenges*
- e) if the country has received additional funding for capacity building or peer learning initiatives, one sentence on the results of the capacity building project.*

The participation of displaced women and girls in social, economic and political decision-making is a crucial prerequisite to building peace and gender-responsive recovery in Yemen and globally. In response to this, WPHF advertised the CFP in May of 2021 with the focus of on local civil society organizations that promote the social, political and economic empowerment of forcibly displaced women and girls. The projects are part of the WPHF Funding Initiative on Forced Displacement which is linked to the Action Network on Forced Displacement. 169 proposals were received and evaluated, and 117 proposals were longlisted, followed by 29 shortlisted proposals were selected by 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2021. The National Steering Committee selected 9 grantees with a total of USD 1,168,224 (3) from stream 1 - institutional funding, and (6) from stream 2 – programmatic funding – in its meeting held on 31 Oct 2021. Revision of the selected proposals by the partners, signature of agreements, completion and submission of vendor required details, creation of vendor profiles, and transfer of funds to the selected grantees were completed by April of 2022 and implementation began on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2022. The report covers that eight active projects in 2023.

Over the reporting period, the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) has played a crucial role in advancing Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, promoting gender equality, and fostering peacebuilding efforts in Yemen. Through strategic funding and support to local organizations, WPHF initiatives have made significant contributions to addressing the unique needs and challenges faced by women and girls in conflict and humanitarian settings specifically IDP women.

WPHF funding has directly supported a wide range of projects aimed at empowering women economically, socially, and politically. Initiatives such as those implemented by YODET, Hodeidah Girls Foundation, and Marib Girls Foundation, have provided training, capacity building, and financial assistance to displaced women entrepreneurs, and women participating in peacebuilding activities. Gender-responsive humanitarian action has been a key focus of WPHF interventions, with projects addressing critical issues such as education for displaced children, access to healthcare for displaced women, and psychosocial support for survivors of gender-based violence. Grantees have actively engaged with government authorities, humanitarian agencies, and local stakeholders to ensure alignment with national priorities and enhance the sustainability and impact of interventions.

In addition to the impactful initiatives led by WPHF grantees, Itar Foundation and Yemen Peace School have notably contributed to advancing dialogue and awareness surrounding internally displaced persons (IDPs) and IDP women. Through its efforts, Itar Foundation facilitated critical discussions on the challenges faced by IDPs and their integration into host communities, fostering greater understanding and cooperation among stakeholders. This dialogue has not only raised awareness but also led to tangible improvements in the conditions and support provided to displaced populations. Yemen Peace School facilitated dialogue sessions aimed at addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by IDP women, promoting social cohesion, and fostering resilience within displaced communities. As a result, the Yemen Peace School has not only transformed the lives of individual IDP women but has also contributed to building more inclusive and cohesive communities in Taiz amidst the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Yemen.

In conclusion, significant strides have been made in improving the socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts in Yemen. Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund has made important progress in promoting gender equality, peacebuilding, and gender-responsive humanitarian action in Yemen. By empowering IDP women, addressing their specific needs, and fostering their participation in decision-making processes, WPHF initiatives have contributed to building more inclusive and resilient communities amidst the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis in the country. In total, the WPHF projects implemented in 2023 were able to reach 3,448 beneficiaries (2,803 women and girls, 647 men and boys), and 85,614 indirect beneficiaries.

## 1. Project Profile for Reporting Period

Use the following table for an overview by each project/organization. Also include grants for capacity building received at the country level, as outlined in the Project Document submitted to WPHF. Please add a new row for each project. Refer to definitions in the footnotes.

Funding CFP <sup>3</sup>	Lead Organization Name	Type of Organization <sup>4</sup>	Coverage/Level of Organization <sup>5</sup>	WPHF Outcome/ Impact Area <sup>6</sup>	Project Location (State, Province or Region)	Name of Implementing Partner(s) and type of Organisation <sup>7</sup>	Project Start and End Date as per PCAs <sup>8</sup>	Total Approved Budget (USD)
CFP 1	Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF)	Women Led Women/Youth Focused	Sub-National	Outcome 6	Hadramaut		1May22 – 30Sep23	\$193,958
CFP 1	Yemen Peace School Organization (YPS)	Women-led / Women's Rights	Sub-National	Outcome 6	Taiz		1May22 – 31Dec23	\$184,816
CFP 1	Itar Foundation for Social Development	Women Led	Sub-National	Outcome 6	Aden – Taiz – Marib – Hadramaut	- Yemen Women Union - YWBOD - Wa3i - Building Foundation for Development	1May22 – 31Dec23	\$192,938
CFP 1	YODET	Women's Rights, Youth focused	Sub-National	Outcome 6	Taiz		1May22 – 30July23	\$127,008
CFP 1	Social Development Hodeidah Girls Foundation (SDHGF)	Women Led, Women's Rights, Youth focused	Sub-National	Outcome 6	Hodeidah - Taiz		1May22 – 30Sep23	\$189,763
CFP 1	Marib Girls Foundation	Women Led	Sub-National	Outcome 6	Marib		1May22 – 30Sep23	\$192,886
CFP 1	Alzahra Women's Foundation	Women Led	Local	Institutional Funding	Dhamar		1May22 – 30July23	\$29,887
CFP 1	University Youth Foundation for Development	Youth-focused/led	Local	Institutional Funding	Taiz		1May22 – 30July23	\$28,500

<sup>3</sup> For each grant, indicate if it is Country Cfp 1; Cfp 2; Cfp 3, etc. Please also note if it is a Spotlight WPHF Partnership; Partnership with BMZ on Forced Displacement; or COVID-19 Emergency Response

<sup>4</sup> Type of organizations are: i) Women's Led; ii) Women's Rights; iii) Both Women-led and Women's Rights; iv) Youth Focused; v) young women led; vi) both youth focused/young women led; vii) LGBTQI+; viii) Other as identified by the CSO.

<sup>5</sup> Please select from: i) International; ii) National; iii) Sub-National/Regional; or iv) Community-based (local) for each grant. International organizations operate in more than one country. National organizations have a nationwide coverage. Sub-National are organizations that work across multiple provinces/states/regions, but do not cover all provinces/states/regions in the country. Local organizations focus their work at the community level and do not have a sub-national/regional or national scope.

<sup>6</sup> WPHF Outcomes are Outcome 1: Enabling environment for the implementation of WPS commitments; Outcome 2: Conflict prevention; Outcome 3: Humanitarian and Crisis Response; Outcome 4: Conflict resolution; Outcome 5: Protection; Outcome 6: Peacebuilding and recovery. As per WPHF results framework nested model, WPHF outcome areas are equivalent to the impact level for grantees

<sup>7</sup> For each co- implementing partner (those on cover page and who received a transfer), state if they are i) Women's Led; ii) Women's Rights; iii) Both Women-led and Women's Rights; iv) Youth-led/focused; or v) Other.

<sup>8</sup> Use the official PCA for start and end dates. If the project received an extension, please note this.

## 2. Beneficiaries and Reach (Consolidated)

- a) Complete the Excel spreadsheet called “WPHF Beneficiary Template” for each project and attach it to this report during submission. Instructions for this working sheet are found in the template. The excel sheet tracks beneficiaries by each CSO.
- b) In the table below, provide the consolidated number of direct beneficiaries reached for all projects during the reporting period for each sex/age group in your country. Also select the different intersectionalities (e.g. refugees/IDPs, PWDs or another variable important in your country). Refer to definitions in the footnotes.

	CURRENT REPORTING YEAR			CUMULATIVE		
	Direct Beneficiaries for Year	Indirect Beneficiaries	Number of CSOs, CBOs, women's groups supported	Direct Beneficiaries	Indirect Beneficiaries	Number of CSOs, CBOs, women's groups supported
Girls (0-17)	77			77		
Women (18+)	2762			4,991		
Boys (0-17)	1			1		
Men (18+)	646			2,003		
LGBTQI+	0			0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3448</b>	<b>85614</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7,317</b>	<b>113,234</b>	<b>61</b>
<i>Select all that apply</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refugees/IDPs <input type="checkbox"/> People/Women living with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Survivors of SGBV <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQI+ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child/Single Mothers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth/Adolescents <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify:						

**\*ATTACH WPHF Excel Beneficiary Template.**

## 3. Context/New Developments

*Describe any relevant updates in the peace/security/humanitarian/political/human rights context experienced by the country during the reporting period. Specifically describe how it impacts women and operations at the country level.*

Yemen's economy in 2023 remained deeply troubled, exacerbating vulnerabilities among already struggling families. The ongoing conflict, coupled with the global economic downturn, continued to strain resources and hinder economic recovery efforts. The Yemeni Riyal faced further depreciation, leading to skyrocketing prices of basic commodities and exacerbating the plight of the population. Inflation soared, significantly reducing household purchasing power and pushing more families into poverty.

In 2023, there were renewed efforts to achieve a lasting peace in Yemen. International stakeholders, including the United Nations, intensified diplomatic efforts to broker negotiations between warring factions. Despite sporadic breaches, the UN-brokered truce announced in 2022 largely held, marking a significant step towards peace. However, achieving a comprehensive and sustainable ceasefire remained elusive, with intermittent clashes reported in various regions, underscoring the fragility of the situation.

The humanitarian crisis in Yemen persisted in 2023, albeit with slight improvements in certain aspects. The number of people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection services decreased marginally compared to the previous year, standing at an estimated 21 million. However, access to essential services remained severely constrained due to ongoing conflict, bureaucratic impediments, and security risks. Humanitarian organizations faced increasing challenges in delivering aid, with incidents of interference and attacks on personnel and infrastructure continuing to disrupt operations.

Throughout 2023, new and existing restrictions on women's rights persisted and, in some cases, intensified. Local, regional, and national authorities imposed stringent regulations on women's dress, mobility, and participation in public life. The imposition of strict mahram requirements further curtailed women's freedom of movement, particularly hindering female aid workers' ability to travel independently and participate in humanitarian activities. These restrictions not only impeded women's access to essential services but also perpetuated gender inequality, limiting their social and economic opportunities.

The cumulative impact of conflict, economic downturn, and restrictive gender norms disproportionately affected women and girls in Yemen. Women faced heightened risks of violence, including domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, and forced marriage, amid deteriorating living conditions and limited access to support services. The erosion of women's rights and opportunities deepened their marginalization and perpetuated cycles of poverty and vulnerability. Despite these challenges, Yemeni women continued to demonstrate resilience, playing crucial roles in their families and communities and advocating for their rights amidst adversity.

In summary, the situation in Yemen in 2023 remained marked by ongoing conflict, economic hardship, and humanitarian crisis, with women and girls bearing the brunt of the challenges. While some progress was made in peace efforts and slight improvements in humanitarian indicators were observed, sustained international attention and concerted efforts are needed to address the multifaceted challenges facing Yemen and to safeguard the rights and well-being of its population, particularly its most vulnerable members.

In response to these challenges, humanitarian organizations, including those supported by the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF), continued to provide targeted assistance to meet the specific needs of women and girls in Yemen. This included initiatives focused on enhancing economic empowerment through vocational training and business development support, promoting dialogue and social inclusion through the establishment of humanitarian-peace dialogue platforms, strengthening the institutional capacity of women-led organizations to advance the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, and facilitating the integration of displaced women into their host communities through networking and support for economic activities.

#### **4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved**

*a) Provide a short, consolidated COUNTRY LEVEL description of the impact and results achieved for all projects (1-2 paragraphs maximum, drawing on the impact level indicators)*

*b) Following this, report on the results achieved<sup>9</sup> or progress towards<sup>10</sup> results for EACH project by WPHF impact area in the country. Also, use any relevant impact and outcome indicators from the CSO results framework to help illustrate the change, including the change from the previous year. Do not describe outputs or activities. Ensure that the linkages between the projects and building peace, gender equality and WPS are explained.*

*c) If an organization has received funding under two impact areas (e.g., Stream 1 (Impact Area 1) and another impact area), please report them separately.*

*d) Please note for capacity building projects by UNW/ME, please report this in Section 7.*

*For countries with 10 projects or more, you can consolidate the impact and results by WPHF impact area, rather than for each individual project. Complete the Table in **Annex A: Results Framework** for the details and progress against each impact and outcome indicator.*

##### **Overall Impact/Results of Country:**

Through WPHF funding, significant strides have been made in improving the socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts in Yemen. Initiatives led by Itar Foundation for Social Development, Yemen Peace School Organization (YPS), Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF), YODET, Social Development Hodeidah Girls Foundation (SDHGF), and Marib Girls Foundation have collectively impacted the lives of thousands of Yemeni women and girls. Itar Foundation's establishment of the Displaced Women and Girls' Humanitarian-Peace Dialogue Platform has facilitated critical discussions on issues ranging from the economy to culture, reaching over 60,000 individuals through communication efforts. Similarly, YPS's vocational training programs have equipped 60 displaced women with essential skills, while YLDF's economic empowerment activities have supported 60 vulnerable IDP women in establishing income-generating projects. Additionally, SDHGF's business development and digital skills training have benefited 400 women, leading to the establishment of 100 small-scale projects and the formation of partnerships with the private sector. As a result of institutional funding, 2 supported organizations were sustainable for at least 12 months after their WPHF project. Additionally, 574 women benefited from increased agency as a result of economic productive resources provided by WPHF partners.

These interventions have collectively contributed to the empowerment and inclusion of women in decision-making processes and peacebuilding efforts, with a total of 3448 direct beneficiaries and 85614 indirect beneficiaries reached in the reporting year of 2023 alone.

Furthermore, WPHF's support has reinforced the institutional capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) working on women and girls in forced displacement. Alzahra Women's Foundation and University Youth Foundation for Development have been empowered to prepare development plans, enhance their operational capacities, and create an enabling environment for the WPS agenda. These interventions have strengthened the organizational resilience of CSOs and promoted women's rights and participation in peacebuilding efforts.

##### **WPHF Impact Area 6: Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.**

##### **• Itar Foundation for Social Development:**

<sup>9</sup> Progress achieved of the impact level or of an outcome is defined as actual change in the value of indicators being tracked as well as other indications that the project has had an effect in contributing to the impact/outcome as stated.

<sup>10</sup> Progress towards an outcome means the target has not yet been met but there is evidence (through data) of meeting incremental milestones towards the eventual achievement of the outcome.

#### 4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved

The engagement of 109 beneficiaries in the humanitarian-peace dialogue platform involved active participation from 30 women IDPs, 63 women, and 16 men representing CSOs, government, and community leaders. This dialogue occurred during the launch of the Displaced Women and Girls' Humanitarian-Peace Dialogue Platform in Aden, Taiz, Hadramaut, and Marib. Through this platform, critical issues concerning the economy, politics, security, justice, society, and culture were discussed. Furthermore, Itar's communication efforts reached 60,303 individuals through Mahlia platform, resulting in increased visibility and influence of displaced women and girls' advocacy endeavours.

- **Yemen Peace School Organization (YPS)**

In Taiz, 60 displaced women received vocational skills training in wool knitting, baking pastries, incense preparation, and perfume making. They also underwent life skills, project management, finance, and marketing training. Additionally, YPS provided protection services to 228 cases and supported 120 callers through the free helpline. The market bazaar organized by YPS provided a platform for the beneficiaries to showcase their products (including Wool knitted products, pastries, incense and perfumes, and hand-made accessories), attracting a large number of visitors and buyers, thereby supporting marketing efforts for the 60 women and resulting in income generation for 60 women.

- **Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF)**

In Al-Mukalla district, Hadramaut governorate, YLDF continued its economic empowerment activities targeting 60 vulnerable IDP women. Thirty of these women received seed grants for their business projects, while 16 targeted displaced women participated in stakeholder workshops involving representatives from the Governor's office, executive unit, MOSAL, and TEVT. YLDF also organized Market-linkage Exhibitions, attracting various business sectors to support the products and small businesses of displaced girls and women.

- **YODET**

The pitching conference held in 2022 for the 10 teams to present their final start-ups plans in front of specialized committee that selected 6 ideas to qualify to the next stage. The winning projects were as follows:

1. **Linda:**

The project is an app selling accessories and clothes, and operates as intermediary between global shopping applications such as eBay, Amazon and She-in, and local customers in Turbah City. Social media pages have been built for sales, and a point of sale has been equipped in Turbah City.

2. **Lifestyle:**

The project is a factory for knitting woollen clothes for children. The workers in the shop are displaced women and from the local community in the city of Turbah. The goods are marketed through social media pages, and an online platform will be built in the future.

3. **Java:**

As a result of the need for mobile engineers for women to protect their data, the team established a shop for the maintenance of mobile phones and laptops for women in the city of Turbah. The project team is a specialized female cadre.

4. **Rashat Fan:**

The project is based on making carpets and making arts and crafts, and products are marketed and sold online.

5. **Basma:**

The project is a party caterer, provides wedding booth rentals, and party photography and documentation services. Social media platforms are used for marketing and attracting more customers.

6. **Ajwaa Café:**

The idea of the project is a cafe for women in the city of Turbah, where Internet is provided, a place for reading and serving meals. Social media platforms are used for promotion and marketing.

The 6 winners received a seed funding of \$5,000 each toward their project. The start-ups now have open access to a business incubator managed by Yodet to provide logistic, technical, and financial support to the selected start-ups.

In 2023, the six creative technology start-up companies led by young displaced women received seed funding and incubation support. YODET provided technical support and advice to these start-ups, ensuring their sustainability and success. By the end of the evaluation period, all six supported small businesses were operational, sustainable, and generating income and effectively supporting the families of the women entrepreneurs, contributing to their socio-economic recovery.

- **Social Development Hodeidah Girls Foundation (SDHGF)**

SDHGF provided business development and digital skills training to 200 women in Hodeidah, enabling them to develop integrated business plans for income-generating projects. Among these women, 100 received small grants of \$350 each to establish their projects, selected through an evaluation of business plans. Additionally, SDHGF facilitated 10 meetings between start-up owners and private sector



#### 4a. Overall Results (Impact and Outcomes) Achieved

representatives, leading to the establishment of four official partnerships. The foundation also supported eight financial grants for women's NGOs in Taiz and Hodeidah to conduct community engagement activities, furthering the participation of women in peacebuilding efforts.

- **Marib Girls Foundation**

MGF facilitated two cooperation and partnership agreements with government agencies, specifically the Office of Industry and Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce in Marib. These agreements supported 48 small projects of displaced women entrepreneurs and facilitated their integration into the local market enabling the 48 women to generate income and support themselves and families. MGF organized the "Saba Marketing Exhibition for Economic Projects for Displaced Women," attracting more than 1000 visitors from government and the private sector. Furthermore, MGF conducted online workshops involving 80 participants from various sectors to promote the engagement of politically displaced women in peacebuilding efforts in Yemen. Additionally, the foundation held five meetings between women IDPs and government agencies in Marib governorate, addressing challenges faced by displaced women and working towards their resolution.

#### Institutional Funding

- **Alzahra Women's Foundation**

Al-Zahraa Women's Foundation conducted two training courses for a total of 20 staff members and volunteers, focusing on "Risk Management for NGOs" and "Preparing an emergency response plan". This equipped the participants with practical skills and knowledge in community protection and providing protection services to displaced women and girls, ensuring the association's capacity to implement programs related to women's services in Yemen. As a result of institutional funding, Alzahra were able to sustain and train 20 staff members and volunteers.

- **University Youth Foundation for Development –**

UYFD ensured sustainable operations by retaining staff for the full 12-month period from May 2022 to April 2023, covering operational costs and salaries for 5 retained staff members. Additionally, UYFD facilitated a 4-day training workshop in January 2023, with 15 staff members (8 females and 7 males) participating. The workshop focused on Women in Peace and Security (WPS), covering topics such as the role of women in peacebuilding, gender-based violence during conflict, leadership, and advocacy for women's rights. Furthermore, UYFD empowered women with digital entrepreneurship skills, conflict sensitivity, and cybercrime protection awareness, benefiting a total of 100, 21, and 60 women respectively. Through support provided to initiatives by Wiam Youth Initiatives, UYFD facilitated psychosocial support sessions for 112 displaced women and girls and conducted 10 training sessions for 110 women with hearing disabilities, thereby enhancing the efficiency of women and youth initiatives in peacebuilding and humanitarian action.

#### 4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

*Summarize the progress on OUTPUTS and key activities in narrative form by each project. Describe how these outputs were reached (or in progress) and explain if any variance in achieved versus planned results during the reporting period. Ensure all data is disaggregated if reporting on training, capacity building or other outputs. Please put organization names in the same order as Section 4a.*

*Please note that you DO NOT need to complete Annex A for the output level. For countries with 10 projects or more, you can consolidate the outputs by outcome area.*

#### **WPHF Impact Area 6: promote improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.**

- **Itar Foundation for Social Development**

##### Output 1.1 Displaced women and girls' humanitarian-peace dialogue platform is established:

The displaced women and girls' humanitarian-peace dialogue established in through Itar in 2022, continued to engage women IDPs through their membership of the Displaced Women and Girls' Humanitarian-Peace Dialogue Platforms/ Consortiums. in 4 governorates in Yemen (Taiz, Aden, Marib and Hadramout). In 2023, Itar conducted the remaining consultation in the governorate of Marib. In the consultation meeting, women IDPs discussed their issues and challenges and the topics included the economy, politics, security, justice, society and culture.

In June and July 2023, (4) offline seminars were conducted at the governorate level where women IDPs along with other platform members highlighted (6) most important and needed issues in terms of women IDP priorities. 6 critical issues that reflect the needs of displaced women and girls were identified by the Humanitarian-Peace Dialogue conducted. This includes, 1) high rent for houses, 2) lack of legal documentations, 3) closeness of IDPs to areas of conflict, 4) database of humanitarian programs lack essential types of women IDPs' vulnerabilities such as education, 5) humanitarian programs have weak economic empowerment interventions for women, 6) women IDPs are marginalized from participation in community decision-making structures and community conflict resolution. The consultation sessions, seminars & advocacy meetings resulted in the development of (12) reports and (2) policy papers that were published on the ([www.Mahlia.network](http://www.Mahlia.network)) platform, which was developed in 2022 through the WPHF project.

#### 4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

Furthermore, (460) women and girls IDPs in Taiz, Aden, Marib and Hadramout were targeted by an offline/field survey on the Impact of Environmental Disasters and Hazards on Women IDPs.

##### Output 1.2: Multi-partner consortium is developed and strengthened for facilitating the displaced women and girls' humanitarian-peace dialogue at the regional level.

The capacities of twenty one (21) of Itar's multi-partner consortium members and local partners in the Displaced women and girls' humanitarian-peace dialogue platforms, and representatives of CSOs who are partners of Localization Advocacy Initiative, were trained by Itar and with the support of other international partners (Inclusive Peace and POMED) in (6) online training sessions on humanitarian-development-dialogue, women participation in peacebuilding, gender and conflict analysis, transformation and conflict resolution, facilitation and strategic planning skills. The trainings brought exercises and case studies, among them the role of UN Women in women participation in peacebuilding in Yemen. Itar, moreover, enhanced the capacity of regional partners and platforms through online technical sessions and guides on implementing the project activities.

##### Output 1.3: Communication & influence of displaced women and girl & CSOs is enhanced to make advocacy endeavor visible to decisionmakers and the public.

More than 60,000 people including decisionmakers, local authorities, activists and the public were targeted by the project's communication and influence activities. This was achieved through engaging audience through publishing (111) materials on the Mahlia platform (<https://mahlia.network>) ongoing media coverage, social media promotion including posts, infographic & posters, and dissemination. Mahlia platform was accessed by (60,303) people and reached (2,898) followers & (4,505) interactors during 2023. Additionally, Itar developed:

- (4) brief papers resulting from the dialogue's consultation sessions, seminars are developed on Education, Economic and Health. The briefs will be published on Woman International Day 2024, March 8.
- (4) media storytelling reports from Aden, Taiz, Marib and Hadramout are prepared and will be published on Woman International Day 2024, March 8.
- Itar produced (1) video on displaced women & girls' humanitarian-peace requirements ([link](#)) to be published in Mahlia and other media websites on Woman International Day 2024, March 8.

#### • Yemen Peace School Organization (YPS)

##### Output 1.1: Women and Displaced Women formal and informal local groups promote peace education and social inclusion through community dialogues:

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

##### Output 1.2: Women and Displaced Women CSOs strengthen their capacity to provide relevant information on social protection measures, sexual and reproductive health rights, as well as training and self-employment opportunities

The 6 women CSOs working with women and children that were selected in the two targeted districts in Taiz in 2022 continued to provide protection services including psychosocial counselling, psycho-social support, case management, Critical Child Protection services, legal support, and referral to other service providers through the established CBPN network. During 2023, those service providers received and provided services to a total of 228 cases. Additionally, the free helpline (8000499) established in 2022, provided support and referral services to 120 callers.

##### Output 1.3: Women and Displaced Women increase their vocational skills and micro- entrepreneurship capacity thanks to courses provided by women and Displaced Women CSOs:

In 2023, the vocational skills and entrepreneurship capacities of 60 women were built. This was achieved through vocational trainings provided on several skills including Wool knitting, baking pastries, preparing incense and perfumes. Additionally, the 60 women received trainings on life skills, small project management, finance, and marketing. YPS procured start-up packages to the 60 women, and provided advisory and technical support for a period of 5-months ensuring small business are well established and managed. A reportage was filmed documenting success stories from the women who received vocational training, highlighting the change that resulted from the intervention.

Finally, a market Bazaar for the products produced by the beneficiaries was conducted in the two targeted districts, had a large number of visitors and buyers supporting marketing efforts for the 60 women.

#### • Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF)

##### Output 1.1 Girls and women forcibly displaced aged (18 – 40 years), IDPs living in collective centers and with host communities are supported by economic empowerment activities in the targeted districts.

During 2022, the project targeted IDP women in Al-Mukalla district, Hadramaut governorate. A total of 60 vulnerable IDP women have been targeted through provision of employment skills training, Following the trainings 18 of the trained beneficiaries are in the process of



#### 4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

being placed as interns in well recognized entities (companies and NGOs). Additionally, 60 of the beneficiaries have taken business start-up training, to develop their knowledge and skills in developing their income generating projects. All 60 trainees developed their business plan and 30 of the best and most distinguished business plan have been provided with the first instalment of the grant amount to establish their own income generating business.

In 2023, the 30 selected women continued to receive the remaining instalments of the seed grants and were provided with technical advice and support for their projects.

Output 1.2 integration and networking of displaced women and girls in their host communities and relevant authorities and stakeholders is promoted to facilitate support for their economic activities in the targeted governorates.

In 2023, YLDF conducted the final stakeholder workshop with 16 of the targeted displaced women, representatives of the Governor's office, executive unit, MOSAL, TEVT. The workshop included presentation of the supported projects and the challenges those women faced. The workshop highlighted the beneficiaries' recommendations on measures required to improve the situation of displaced women.

YLDF organized Market-linkage Exhibitions for the supported displaced girls and women and their products and small-businesses. The beneficiaries showcased their projects and products appeared and the event received a high turnout of visitors from various business sectors.

##### • YODET

Output 1.1: 50 young, displaced women were trained in using technology to create a start-up company and entrepreneurship

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

Output 1.2: Number of 10 teams from young, displaced women received mentorship services for 2 months.

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

Output 1.3: Number of 6 creative technology start-up companies supported.

In 2022, the pitching conference held for the 10 teams to present their final start-ups plans in front of specialized committee that selected 6 ideas to qualify to the next stage. The 6 winners received a seed funding of \$5,000 each toward their project. The start-ups now have open access to a business incubator managed by Yodet to provide logistic, technical, and financial support to the selected start-ups. Through the 6-months incubator period from November 2022 to April 2023, Yodet followed up the small businesses, provided technical support and advice, budget management support to ensure their businesses stronger and more sustainable. By the end of the evaluation period, all 6 women IDPs with the supported small businesses were supporting their families from the income received from their small-business.

##### • Social Development Hodeidah Girls Foundation (SDHGF)

Output 1: 400 women (an average of 200 women from each targeted governorate) acquired business development and digital skills:

200 women in Hodeidah acquired business development skills through a professional training course focused on business skills. The course included business management skills, entrepreneurship, digital skills, and each trainee developed an integrated business plan for a small income-generating project.

Output 2: 100 women received small grants for the purpose of setting up an income generating project

Business plans from the 400 trained women were evaluated, and 100 grant-winning projects were selected (50 from Taiz, selected in 2022 and 50 from Hodeidah in 2023).

Output 3: 10 meetings were implemented at a rate of 5 meetings in each governorate between the selected beneficiaries of the project and the private sector service providers with market links

10 meetings were conducted between selected start-up owners and private sector (in Hodeidah and Taiz) and beneficiaries obtained valuable information on market needs, and advice on opportunities available to them.

Output 4: Partnerships between beneficiaries and the private sector are established.

Links were developed between start-up owners and private sector and 4 official partnerships were created in 2023.

Output 5: An electronic platform established to activate the role of women's institutions in decision-making

An electronic platform through social media pages were developed by SDHGF that aims to enhance networking and communication between women's organizations and to publish their roles as partner organizations. <https://www.facebook.com/khebratnesaeeva>

Output 6: 8 interactive activities implemented by women's organizations within each governorate

#### 4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

Eight financial grants were provided to women's NGOs in Taiz and Al-Hodeidah (4 local institutions were selected inside Taiz and 4 local institutions inside Hodeidah). The eight NGOs and CBOs conducted small activities in their relative geographical area that aimed to activate, engage communities, and build the capacities of those CBOs.

##### Output 7: 4 awareness infographic flashes published

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

##### Output 8: 6 Tv episodes aired

Four educational TV animated episodes focusing on the importance of strengthening the role of women economically and the need for their participation in decision-making have been completed. The episodes were published on YouTube and other social media platforms.

#### • Marib Girls Foundation

##### Output 1: Enhancing the capabilities of the Foundation's staff in dealing with IDPs with high efficiency

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

##### Output 2: Promoting positive gender norms for social change for women's leadership, participation and economic empowerment.

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

##### Output 3: Promoting women's entrepreneurship through electronic platforms and social media.

Two cooperation and partnership agreements between the Marib Girls Foundation and government agencies including the Office of Industry and Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce in Marib were signed. The agreement with the Office of Industry and Commerce specified that the office will support 48 small projects of displaced women entrepreneurs, facilitating procedures and issuing permits for the women entrepreneurs to launch their projects. The agreement also stated that the Office will cooperate with those 48 women, support to develop their skills in studying the needs of the local market, and will support marketing their products in partnership with the private sector. The agreement with the Chamber of Commerce stated that the chamber will support through coordinating with businessmen, commercial institutions, and concerned parties to facilitate the work of beneficiary women and make their projects successful.

Additionally, "Saba Marketing Exhibition for Economic Projects for Displaced Women" was organized for a total of 6 days. The exhibition represented a free space for displaced women to display and market their products and was visited by more than 1000 visitors from government and the private sector.

##### Output 4: Improving the capabilities of the politically displaced women and engaging them in peacebuilding in Yemen.

An online workshop was implemented with the participation of 80 participants from IDPs, political parties, local decision makers, civil society organizations, government agencies, and the media. The workshop focused on mechanisms of involving displaced women in peace talks, and the most important means of highlighting their challenges and concerns.

##### Output 5: Preparing the local community and motivating it to participate in the efforts exerted to support the peace process in Yemen.

In 2023, MGF held 5 meetings between women IDPs and government agencies in Marib Governorate to convey the messages of women IDPs, highlight the challenges they face and discussing solutions. The meetings were held with Marib Governor's office, and interview on Marib Radio, Office of Social Affairs and Labour, Women's Administration Office, and the Office of Industry and Trade. The meetings allowed IDP women to interact and highlight the challenges they have faced in Marib governorate. Local authorities confirmed that those challenges will be raised to higher authorities, followed up until they are resolved.

#### Reinforce the institutional capacity of civil society organizations working on women and girls in forced displacement.

#### • Alzahra Women's Foundation

##### Output 1: Enables the Al-Zahraa Women's Association to prepare development plans and programs that are compatible with the requirements of humanitarian work in Yemen and to participate in the implementation of humanitarian activities related to women in partnership and coordination with various international and local organizations operating in Yemen:

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

##### Output 2: Al-Zahraa Women's Foundation carries out its business and activities from its new headquarters, and the employees carry out their work from within their office space:

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

#### 4b. Outputs and Activities Completed

Output 3: 15 employees and volunteers working have experience and applied knowledge skills in the field of community protection and providing protection services to displaced women and girls and their counterparts from the host community, to ensure the association's re-implementation of its programs related to women's service in Yemen.

Al-Zahraa implemented two training courses for a total of 20 staff members and volunteers covering the topics of "Risk Management for NGOs" and "Preparing an emergency response plan

Output 4: 15 staff and volunteers have experience and applied knowledge skills in the field of risk management and preparing development plans and programs that are compatible with the requirements of humanitarian work in Yemen and the ability to work remotely using technology and mobile means of communication as a path to adapt to global changes

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

- **University Youth Foundation for Development**

Output 1.1 Operational costs covered to ensure sustainable work with displaced women:

As of April 2023, UYFD has successfully achieved its target of retaining of staff for the full 12-month period (From May 2022 to April 2023) with the help of institutional funding. The UYFD was able to sustain itself for a whole year, covering operational costs and salaries for 5 retained staff members.

Output 1.2: Administrative/Financial procedures developed and adopted by UYFD

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

Output 2.1 UYFD Strategy plan was developed on gender equality, protection, and economic empowerment for displaced women within the context of COVID-19:

Activities under this output were concluded in 2022.

Output 2.2 Training opportunities on leadership, advocacy, planning, designing, implementing and monitoring projects gender-responsive and empowerment displaced women conducted with staff:

A total of 15 UYFD staff (8 females and 7 males) participated in the 4-day training workshop conducted (3-5 Jan 2023), on Women in Peace and Security (WPS), including a humanitarian action, advocacy, leadership". The training covered key topics such as the role of women in peacebuilding, the impact of conflict on women and girls, gender-based violence during conflict and crisis, leadership, and advocacy for women's rights.

Output 3.1 Access to hub/space for women and youth initiatives for dialogue and training on women peace and security and HA

The target of benefiting women from the Hub/Space and trainings has been achieved and exceeded. UYFD have successfully empowered women with digital entrepreneurship skills (100 women), conflict sensitivity (21 women), as well as cybercrime protection (60 women) awareness.

Output 3.2: Increased efficiency of women and youth initiatives in peacebuilding and humanitarian action and promote the WPS

Through support provided by the UYFD hub/space, two initiatives through Wiam Youth Initiatives were able to provide a total of 112 displaced women and girls with psychosocial support sessions (March 2023), and conduct a total of 10 training with 110 women with hearing disabilities.

#### 5. A Specific Story (1/2 page maximum)

*Include a profile of an individual beneficiary or CSO partner, success story or case study to highlight a concrete example that has been important during the reporting period. It can be at the programmatic level (a specific achievement) or an individual story. Attach photos to illustrate the story and include captions (close-up photo portraits of individual beneficiaries and CSO partners being profiled are encouraged). The story should illustrate the main objective of the project (WPHF impact area).*

*\*Please ensure that consent has been obtained from the individual beneficiary or CSO partner to use the story and photo in the WPHF global annual report, website, community of practice and/or social media. Also, consider using a pseudonym (not the person's real name) to ensure protection/security. If obtaining a story could cause an individual harm/emotional stress, please consider doing a story on an organization instead.*

- **Empowering the Displaced Woman: Amira Abdullah's Journey towards Financial Independence**

Amira, a 25-year-old displaced woman, faced the daunting challenge of rebuilding her life after fleeing conflict in Hodeidah and settling in Taiz province with her family. Struggling to make ends meet in a displaced persons' school, Amira harbored a dream of achieving economic independence. Despite initial setbacks, Amira seized the opportunity presented by a project supported by the Banaat Al-

Hodeidah Foundation, UN Women, and funded by the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund. Through this project, Amira received comprehensive training and a financial grant, empowering her to start her own business venture. With unwavering determination, she embarked on her entrepreneurial journey, initially working in a small shop and gradually expanding her business operations. Overcoming societal norms and personal tragedies, including the loss of her aunt, Amira persevered in her pursuit of success, driven by the desire to provide for her family's needs and empower other women in Yemen. Her journey serves as a testament to the transformative impact of targeted interventions in supporting displaced women's economic independence amidst conflict and displacement.

- **Marwa: A Success Story in Empowering Yemeni Women**

Marwa, a displaced Yemeni woman and mother of two, exemplifies resilience and determination in the face of adversity. Displaced from her home due to ongoing conflict, Marwa refused to resign herself to despair and sought opportunities for economic empowerment. With support from the Hodeidah Girls Foundation, UN Women, and the Bitmo Women's Fund for Peace and Humanitarian Action, Marwa participated in training programs aimed at enhancing her entrepreneurial skills. Armed with newfound knowledge and confidence, Marwa received a financial grant that enabled her to establish "Abood Food," her own business venture specializing in handmade products. Despite initial challenges, Marwa's dedication and hard work paid off as she successfully marketed her products, significantly improving her family's living conditions. Through her inspiring journey, Marwa not only transformed her own life but also became a beacon of hope for other displaced women, demonstrating the transformative power of economic empowerment initiatives in fostering self-reliance and resilience amidst conflict and displacement.

- **Um Khaled's Sewing Venture**

Um Khaled, a displaced woman residing in Marib governorate, faced economic hardship after fleeing conflict in her hometown. However, her fortunes changed when she received support from the Marib Girls Foundation, which provided her with a crucial loan to enhance her sewing business. With the financial assistance, Um Khaled was able to acquire essential equipment and materials, enabling her to improve the quality of her products and expand her customer base. As her business flourished, Um Khaled began to dream of establishing a sewing workshop, creating employment opportunities for other women in her community. Through her entrepreneurial spirit and determination, Um Khaled not only secured a sustainable source of income for her family but also contributed to the economic empowerment of displaced individuals in Marib governorate. Her success story highlights the importance of targeted financial assistance in enabling displaced individuals to build sustainable livelihoods and achieve economic independence despite challenging circumstances.

## 6. Knowledge Products and Communications/Visibility

a) Report on any new knowledge products and communication materials produced by UNW or ME during the reporting period. This can include case studies, major surveys/research, evaluations, or assessments conducted during the reporting period. This section should also include a list and description of any new products (websites, policy briefs, social media, case studies etc.) developed to increase visibility of the projects and programme, and of WPHF.

b) List any public knowledge product developed by CSO partners (e.g. research, case studies, etc.) that would be relevant for other WPHF partners.

\* Please attach a copy of the study/evaluation/survey/assessment as an Annex and include the weblinks in this section, if available.

- "Mahlia" Online platform launched by Itar Foundation: <https://mahlia.network>
- Project video produced by YLDF: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh5I5PCa7X8>
- Success story video – Yemen Peace School: <https://youtu.be/BWEj8i1iDFk>
- SDHGF Awareness raising infographic flash videos:
  - [https://youtube.com/0YDyTAKBAoE?si=M\\_Gy9SjF8V6-puPS](https://youtube.com/0YDyTAKBAoE?si=M_Gy9SjF8V6-puPS)
  - <https://youtu.be/8JGxwiOuKoA?si=B5QcTu50YCvkwVDS>
  - [https://youtu.be/dJ5Zka3pIlo?si=fle2q68lo\\_5-8dm](https://youtu.be/dJ5Zka3pIlo?si=fle2q68lo_5-8dm)
  - <https://youtu.be/6MxIcbzUZU0?si=tR3rGj9RQJxg35in>

## 7. Capacity Building of CSOs by UNW Country Office/Management Entity

Briefly describe any capacity building sessions (webinars, in-person, workshops, etc.) that were conducted by the Country Office, Management Entity or other external agencies with CSOs/grantees. DO NOT include capacity building that was conducted by CSO

## 7. Capacity Building of CSOs by UNW Country Office/Management Entity

grantees as part of their projects (except for the Women Have Wings Award<sup>11</sup>). \*If your country has received additional funding from WPHF for capacity building initiatives, please report against your prodoc in this section.

For CB initiatives Indicate i) the topic/subject; ii) who conducted the capacity building; iii) where (virtual/in person) and when it took place; iv) number of WPHF partners and CSO representatives that participated (disaggregated by sex). Describe any results from pre and/or post training surveys that may have been completed. Finally, if any capacity building materials were produced and would benefit other CSOs, please share these with WPHF Global L-Hub team.

UN Women continued to provide mentorship and technical support and guidance on implementation of activities, M&E, reporting, and the UN standards and procedures for financial reporting. This was achieved through conducting monthly meetings with partners to ensure all their questions were addressed as well as provide them with technical support and advice on overcoming challenges faced during the implementation of activities.

## 8. Risks and Mitigation

Using the table below, identify any risks that occurred during the reporting period and assess their i) risk level; ii) likelihood of it occurring; and iii) the impact this risk would have on the project, programme, or country. What are the mitigation measures to minimize the risk to prevent it or respond to it if it occurs? Consider risks related to COVID-19, new or escalating conflict/tensions, climate change, programmatic or institutional risks, monitoring and evaluation and Do No Harm

<b>Risk Area</b> (contextual, programmatic, institutionally, briefly describe)	<b>Risk Level</b> 4=Very High 3=High 2=Medium 1=Low	<b>Likelihood</b> 5=Very High 4=Likely 3=Possible 2=Unlikely 1=Rare	<b>Impact</b> 5=Extreme 4=Major 3=Moderate 2=Minor 1=Insignificant	<b>Mitigation</b> Mitigating measures undertaken during the reporting period to address the risk
Most partners faced some level of delays or resistance in acquiring permits to implement their planned activities. Two partners were denied permits completely.	4	5	5	After more than 4 months of delays in acquiring permits from authorities to implement, the delayed projects had to be diverted to other geographical areas after getting approvals from WPHF.
Beneficiaries and communities may not all be supportive of program design and intervention.	2	3	3	Partners were encouraged to host coordination meetings with government and local community leaders to involve them and get their advice on the interventions. This was especially useful with partners who had to implement local initiatives.

## 9. Delays and Adaptations/Revisions

If there were delays at the country level, please explain the delays and reasons/factors for contributing to the delay, actions taken to mitigate future delays, and adaptations made to account for the delays. Indicate any major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes that took place. This section should also include information on contracting and programmatic changes related to COVID-19 or other crisis.

- Some grantee activities were delayed due to challenges in coordinating with government authorities and inability to acquire the necessary administrative permits from the same authorities. In worst case scenarios, where the permits were completely rejected the project had to be amended in terms of targeted geographical location. This was done in coordination with WPHF project coordinators and after obtaining approvals from WPHF. In other instances, the activities were delayed for a few months until the permits are acquired. In all cases, the partners required a no-cost extension in order to adapt their workplans and ensure they have enough time to implement any pending activities.
- Over a 3-months delay in releasing partner advances to WPHF partners due to migration to Quantum caused Workplan revisions for all partners, additional salary costs in some cases, and frustrations from partners. Budget revisions, Workplan revisions, and agreement extensions took a large portion of UN Women team's time and efforts.

<sup>11</sup> For grantees that have been engaged in the Women Have Wings Awards, please use this section to report on the main results and activities completed as aligned with the Project Document.



## 10. Lessons Learned<sup>12</sup>

*What challenges and lessons were learned during the reporting period at both the project and country level? Include those lessons that can benefit other WPHF countries and of the fund overall. For each challenge, identify and describe the challenge, provide details on what are the factors that may have contributed to it occurring, describe how the challenge was addressed in the reporting period, or will be addressed in the future, and summarize the key lesson that can help inform the project, or improve in the future. These should include both programmatic and operational challenges. Add rows as required.*

<b>Identify Challenge/Describe</b> <i>Challenges can be programmatic or operational affecting the country program and/or of projects.</i>	<b>What are the factors/reasons contributing to this challenge?</b>	<b>How was the challenge addressed? What was done differently, or what will be done to address the challenge?</b>	<b>Key Lesson Learned</b> <i>As a result of the challenge what did you (and partners) learn from the situation that has helped to inform the project, or improve how the project is implemented or for future interventions?</i>
Delay in releasing partner advances	Migration to Quantum delayed release of partner advances for more than 3 months	Partner agreements extended several times to compensate for delay	Advise partners that project start date is on the day their first advance is reached. Direct project managements costs (such as salaries and hiring project staff) should only start on the month the advance is received.
Delay in launching peer-learning (LHUB) projects	Delays from WPHF to release amounts allocated for LHUB projects	Partner agreements extended several times to keep LHUB project under initial (programmatic funding) partner agreement	New agreements should be signed for LHUB/peer learning projects.

## 11. Innovations and Best Practices<sup>13</sup>

*Please include information on any innovative practices (programmatic and operational) that emerged during the reporting period, especially those that can be beneficial for other WPHF countries, expand the body of knowledge on women, peace, and security and humanitarian action. Innovations and best practices can be from projects or country level. Please provide details such as CSO name, location, etc.*

### **Innovations and best practises include:**

- Two of nine implementing partners (Yemen Peace School, and Marib Girls Foundation) included government authorities, as well as local communities during the preparation of proposal phase. This facilitated the process of obtaining implementation permits from the government and avoid any delays.
- Market analysis, FGDs with stakeholders - including the private sector - are a must before any vocational training interventions. YLDF's market analysis and engagement of stakeholders including local business ensured that goods/services that beneficiaries are trained on are in demand in the local markets and increases effectiveness and sustainability of the intervention.

## 12. Auditing and Financial Management

*Mention if any projects were audited during the reporting period and provide a brief summary of results. Do not include detailed findings of the audit as reports are public. Alternatively, you can share an audit report with your programme lead, if relevant.*

NA

## 13. Next Steps and Priority Actions

*In bullet form, please list the priority actions for the coming year including onboarding of new grantees, monitoring missions or other planned initiatives related to WPHF.*

<sup>12</sup> A lesson learned is a systematic reflection of challenges (or successes) that have occurred during the reporting period which has resulted in a change, adaption, or improvement as a result of the challenge, or a planned change or adaptation in the future.

<sup>13</sup> A best practice is strategy, approach, technique, or process that has proven to work well and deemed to be effective or appropriate for addressing a problem based on experience, evaluation or in comparison to other practices, and is therefore recommended as a model. It is also a practice that has been tested and validated and has potential to be replicated and there is value in sharing with others working in similar contexts, sectors, or with similar target groups.



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- Receiving Peer learning LHUB projects funds from WPHF.
- Finalizing LHUB projects by July 2024.
- Advertising new WPHF CFP.

## ANNEX A: Results Framework

Using the **Results Framework from the CSO partner Project Document** - provide an update on the achievement of impact and outcome indicators for each project in the table below, including capacity building grant, if relevant. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, a clear explanation should be given explaining why, as well as plans on how and when this data will be collected.

***\*DO NOT include outputs as these are reported in narrative Section 4b only. For projects which have come to an end in the reporting year, impact level must be reported. For other organizations, and where possible progress towards the impact indicator(s) should be reported.***

Please make sure that the results presented in this table, align with the narrative (Section 4a).

Expected Results	Indicators	Baseline (if applicable)	Planned Target (if applicable)	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator)	Reason for Variance against planned target (if any)
<b>Itar Foundation for Social Development</b>					
Impact: Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts	Number and types of plans and/or policies in peacebuilding contexts influenced by women or civil society organizations	0	6	6	
	Number of women participating in political and decision-making processes (disaggregated by type of displacement and age group)	NA	400	646	
Outcome 1: Increased integration of Visions, interests and needs of displaced women and girls on peace requirements in economy, politics, security, justice, society and culture into stakeholders' plans and community practices.	400 displaced women and girls (200 adult women above 29 years old, 150 young women from 18 to 29 years old, 50 girls under 18) in 4 regions of Yemen (Aden, Taiz, Hadramaut and Marib) are engaged in humanitarian-peace dialogue with host/ local communities, CSOs, local authorities and humanitarian & peace actors.	0	400	646	
	500 direct beneficiaries: 400 displaced women and girls, 50 host/ local community representatives (30% women), 10 local authority representatives (50% women), 15 civil society representatives (women and youth-led CSOs), 15 humanitarian & peace processes representatives (5 UN agencies, 5 INGOs, 5 peace tracks I, II & III), 10 media representatives (30% women)	0	500	579	
	20,000 indirect beneficiaries: 90 CSOs, 30 media, 100 decision makers, 30 INGOs, 750 local community, 7000 IDPs, 12000 masses.	NA	20,000	64,278	Mahlia platform reached (64,278) visitors from various groups including (CSOs, media members, donors, IDPs and local communities).

Expected Results	Indicators	Baseline (if applicable)	Planned Target (if applicable)	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator)	Reason for Variance against planned target (if any)
	At least 6 provisions are integrated into plans/ proposals/ agendas/ practices of humanitarian response, local authorities, host/ local community, civil society and peace arrangements that reflecting visions, interests and needs displaced women and girls.	0	6	6	6 critical issues that reflect the needs of displaced women and girls were identified by the Humanitarian-Peace Dialogue conducted.
<b>Yemen Peace School Organization (YPS)</b>					
Impact: Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.	Number\percentage of women with increased agency as a result of economic productive resources	NA	30	60	60 IDP/host communities women trained through vocational and life skills development training, and provided with the start-up packages to start their microbusinesses in the selected areas.
	Number of women participating in political and decision - making processes.	NA	75	75	15 representatives of women's local trained. 60 women trained and provided with grants.
Outcome 1: Enable Women Civil Society Organization CSOs and Displaced Women Initiatives to engage as actors of development, peace and social inclusion in Yemen.	Number of women forcibly displaced who are supported by the project "targeting IDP camps and host in two districts in Taiz governorate	NA	45	60	60 women trained and provided with grants.
	initiatives to promote and provide services aimed at mitigating vulnerabilities and to realize self-developed peacebuilding initiatives in IDP camps through microgrants.	NA	6	6	6 initiatives supported focusing on peace building, social inclusion, and women empowerment for both IDPs and hosts
	Number of other people directly benefiting from the response	NA	3322	4,864	
	Number of people <b>indirectly</b> benefiting from the response	NA	25000	25,465	11,965 through awareness sessions 13,500 advocacy handouts
<b>Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF)</b>					
Impact: Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.	Women and girls forcibly displaced aged "18-40 years), IDPs increased agency as a result of economic productive resources.	NA	195	195	120 women trained in employment and soft skills training, 75 beneficiaries were targeted in vocational training.

Expected Results	Indicators	Baseline (if applicable)	Planned Target (if applicable)	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator)	Reason for Variance against planned target (if any)
Outcome 1: Enhanced confidence and ability of women who are forcibly displaced to engage in economic recovery.	Girls and women forcibly displaced aged "18-4- years", IDPs living in collective centers and with host communities are supported by the project.	NA	195	195	120 women trained in employment and soft skills training, 75 beneficiaries were targeted in vocational training.
	people directly benefiting from the response "263 Men, 279 Women, Boys 401 and 417 Girls 10" - "Families of the targeted women and girls"	NA	1365	1365	Families of the 195 beneficiaries
	No of CSOs and private sectors that were partners in the internship.	NA	10	15	18 women started internships in 15 CSOs.
	Number of women who have established\strengthened their enterprise.	NA	60	60	Business startup training were conducted for the 60 targeted IDP women
	Average amount of revenue generated from new enterprises by forcibly displaced women.	NA	NA	NA	Evaluation in progress
<b>YODET</b>					
Impact: Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.	Number/percentage of women with increased agency as a result of economic productive resources (disaggregated by type of displacement <sup>7</sup> and age group <sup>8</sup> )	NA	50	50	Trained 50 IDP women
Outcome 1: Empowered displaced women on using technology and social entrepreneurship	Number of young women forcibly displaced who are supported by the project (by type of displacement and age group)	NA	50	50	Trained 50 IDP women
	Number of people indirectly benefiting from the response	NA	350	350	Families of the targeted women
	Number of 50 young displaced women with improved knowledge on using technology and social entrepreneurship.	NA	50	50	Trained 50 IDP women
<b>Social Development Hodeidah Girls Foundation (SDHGF)</b>					
Impact: Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.	Number of 100 women who enjoy increasing influence as a result of productive economic resources (70 percent displaced and 30 percent host community), their ages range from 20 to 25 years.	NA	100	100	100 women were selected out of 400 who were trained in the field of entrepreneurship. These women were distinguished by the strength of their projects that they raised, prepared the feasibility studies for, and implemented.

Expected Results	Indicators	Baseline (if applicable)	Planned Target (if applicable)	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator)	Reason for Variance against planned target (if any)
	100 women (70 percent displaced and 30 percent host community) who have the ability to participate in economic decision-making within their families.	NA	100	100	These 100 beneficiaries received small business grants and opened their own businesses and now participate in economic decision-making within their families.
	400 women, with an average of 200 women "between 20 and 35 years old", were able to know how to manage their projects.	NA	400	400	200 women in Taiz in 2022, 200 women in Hodeidah in 2023.
Outcome 1: Diversifying sources of income and economic opportunities for vulnerable and displaced women through cash interventions based on capacity and skills development.	Number of 100 economic resources for 100 women, at a rate of 50 women from each governorate, "70 percent are displaced persons and 30 percent are host communities," improving their income.	NA	100	100	These 100 beneficiaries received small business grants and opened their own businesses and now participate in economic decision-making within their families.
<b>Marib Girls Foundation</b>					
Impact: Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.	Number/Percentage of women with increased influence as a result of productive economic resources (disaggregated by type of displacement and age group).	NA	48	48	
Outcome 1: Supporting the economic activities of displaced women and directing them to develop innovative long-term solutions to enhance economic activity.	The number of forcibly displaced women supported by the project "by type of homelessness and age group".	NA	68	68	
	The number of other persons directly benefiting from the response (by gender, age group, or type of beneficiary).	NA	178	178	
	The number of people indirectly benefiting from the response.	NA	476	1,167	
<b>Alzahra Women's Foundation</b>					
Impact 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	Average number of months organization can be sustained as a result of institutional funding	NA	18	18	
	Types (and number) of adaptive strategies, tools or systems adopted by organization for continuity of operations		3	3	Remaining strategies / tools will be adopted in 2023.
Outcome 1: Enables the Al-Zahraa Women's Association to strengthen its institutional capabilities to enable it to	15 employees of the association and volunteers obtained knowledge experiences in the field of community protection and how to apply protection standards	NA	15	20	

Expected Results	Indicators	Baseline (if applicable)	Planned Target (if applicable)	Results/Progress (Against Each Indicator)	Reason for Variance against planned target (if any)
continue its work and provide its services to the host community and the displaced community of women and girls in Dhamar city	Al-Zahraa Women's Association has a protection network of volunteers consisting of 10 women and girls who can work with displaced women and girls who are deprived of humanitarian assistance	NA	10	10	
	Increasing the capacity of the association and enabling it to prepare funding proposals for new projects that present new donors with at least two proposals	NA	Yes/No	Yes	
<b>University Youth Foundation for Development</b>					
Impact 1: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	The types (and number) of adaptive strategies, tools, or systems by the organization for continuity of operations.	NA	6	10	
	Development of risk management and/or contingency plans or strategies for organization	NA	NA	1 (3-year Strategic plan developed)	
Outcome 1: To ensure that the UYFD increases its institutional and operational capacities for the continuity of its work and the provision of its services to displaced women and girls.	Number of people directly benefiting from the response (by gender and age group).	NA	115	15 (8 women and 7 men)	Activity to support 100 IDP women to be implemented in 2023
	Number of new project proposals submitted for financing as a result of serious capabilities.	NA	NA	8	8 proposals submitted and approved