



Global Communities in Yemen

Global Communities has been working in Yemen since 2004 helping to empower young people and improve the educational system, as well as build the capacity of media and civil society to address and engage the public around social issues related to the rights of women and children.

Humanitarian Assistance for Vulnerable Populations

Global Communities is implementing the \$6.8 million **Continued Recovery, Emergency Assistance, and Training Engagement in Yemen (CREATE Yemen)**, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA). The program runs from October 2017 to April 2019.

The goal of CREATE Yemen is to meet the humanitarian assistance and early recovery needs of 23,558 conflict-affected households through a holistic approach to bolstering food security and livelihoods, improving WASH outcomes, and promoting economic opportunities in Aden, Lahj and Dhale Governorates in southern Yemen.

CREATE Yemen will provide agricultural inputs (farm tools and seeds) to 350 farmers, three goats for each of 1,000 households, and six-weeks of intensive training to 65 community animal health workers. Several projects are designed to help vulnerable households generate more income through market-driven vocational training for 225 youth,

support for 25 all- female asset building groups (ABGs), and cash- for-work (CFW) opportunities for 1,800 individuals.

These cash-for-work projects will be used to rehabilitate schools and water supply systems. Community hygiene will be improved by way of training 4,500 adults and 9,600 students to cover critical WASH topics including cholera prevention, water storage and treatment, water conservation, latrine use and hand washing, and sanitation and waste management.

Global Communities is implementing the \$3 million **Northern Support to Yemen for Infrastructure, Cash Assistance and Livelihoods (NSYNC Livelihoods)**, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA). The program runs from February 2017 to August 2018.

The goal of NSYNC Livelihoods is to save lives, alleviate human suffering, and reduce the social and economic impact of the crisis on 46,752 vulnerable Yemeni people in Taiz and Ibb Governorates in northern Yemen. NSYNC will work to improve food security and livelihoods for 600 conflict- affected farmers through provision of seeds and farm tools and to boost short-term household incomes through cash- for-work opportunities for 2,240 individuals. Projects include rebuilding critical community infrastructure and improving hygiene awareness and practices for communities where water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services are rehabilitated.

RECENT PROGRAMS

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With funding from USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), Global Communities implemented the \$7.7 million **Emergency Assistance to Support Yemeni Communities (EASE)** from August 10, 2012 to February 28, 2017. Over the life of the award, EASE assisted over 363,879 individuals, including 159,164 IDPs/Returnees, in five governorates and fourteen districts. The program objectives included bolstering food security and livelihoods, improving WASH outcomes, and promoting economic opportunities in Abyan, Aden, Ibb, Lahj, and Taiz Governorates. EASE activities evolved over the four and a half years in response to the evolving situation in Yemen, operational challenges and lessons learned. EASE was designed to be a simple yet impactful program that recognized and worked within the constraints of the rapidly changing operating environment. Key elements of the programmatic approach included providing emergency assistance to displaced populations as well as host communities, while simultaneously addressing early recovery related needs. Key achievements of the project include:

Building on the success of the EASE program, the **Yemen Early Recovery Support (YERS)** program, continued humanitarian assistance and early recovery activities for vulnerable and conflict-affected populations in southern Yemen addressing food security, livelihoods and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) needs for 26,159 vulnerable households (183,113 individuals) in the Aden and Lahj governorates over a 15-month period, from October 1, 2016 – December 22, 2017. Funded by USAID/ OFDA, the key achievements of the YERS program include:

- Support for 4,614 households (21,786 individuals) in five districts across two governorates, exceeding the original program target of 2,750 households.
- Assistance to 2,553 beneficiaries through Livestock Restocking activities including distribution of 921 livestock assets to 300 households; livestock training for 300 households and training of 20 community animal health workers.

- Provision of economic recovery activities that supported 422 beneficiaries, including vocational training for 122 individuals, 60 of whom were women; Provision of ABG Training of trainers for 16 individuals who went on to train 300 ABG members.
- Improvements in Water Sanitation and Hygiene for 8,477 beneficiaries through training of 47 individuals to promote hygiene in communities. A total of 3,845 households received hygiene sessions and WASH starter kits. In addition, 4,585 students received WASH School Kits.

Improving Household Food Security

From September 30, 2013 to March 31, 2017, with funding from USAID's Office of Food for Peace, Global Communities employed an integrated strategy to promote food security among vulnerable households. **Yemen Food for Asset Development (YFAD)** used a food-for-work methodology to re-engage beneficiaries in their own recovery through use of participatory decision-making approaches focused on women, in order to develop productive assets that are owned, managed, and maintained by target households and the community. Food-for-work asset building activities included: household and institutional rainwater harvesting, agriculture infrastructure rehabilitation and kitchen gardens. These activities were integrated with behavioral change communication training on hygiene and nutrition. Over the course of three and a half years YFAD reached over 26,159 vulnerable households (183,113 individuals) across eight districts in the three governorates of Raymah, Taiz and Ibb.

Creating Employment Opportunities for Youth

Through the **MENA Youth Empowerment Strategy (MENA-YES)**, Global Communities, in partnership with the Caterpillar Foundation, implemented a three-year, \$4.4 million program to target youth aged 15 to 29 in Jordan, Lebanon and Yemen to prepare them for the labor market and job placement. Special emphasis was given to disadvantaged youth, low- to medium-level skilled individuals, women, peri-urban and rural youth, and individuals working in hazardous environments. The program provided technical, demand-driven training, assistance with internship and apprenticeship placement, as well as, support for entrepreneurship and self-employment activities and assistance accessing credit.

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