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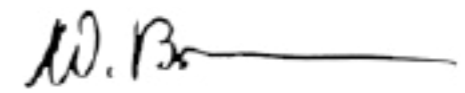
Message from the Regional Director

Yemen is confronted with another year of deepening challenges as the conflict reaches its sixth anniversary without an immediate end in sight. Unprecedented levels of humanitarian assistance helped to avert a famine this last year as well as to combat the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, yet the underlying drivers of the crisis persist. Today in Yemen, 20.7 million people, two out of every three Yemenis, need some form of humanitarian and protection assistance. These hardships have combined to bring the crisis home to many families as coping strategies and emotional capacities have been exhausted.

This ongoing conflict continues to destabilize crucial and foundational aspects of Yemeni society as well as the basic health of individuals. Conflict and a complete lack of respect for international law and human life has exposed Yemenis to extreme physical and psychological harm, triggering a decline in physical and emotional well-being with increased levels of domestic violence toward women and children. In many ways, the war has moved from the streets into the family homes.

In response, we have seen in 2020 a greater desire to engage in the areas of peace building as well as mental and emotional health. These have been key focus areas for ITDC throughout the conflict, which has continued to especially invest in the ongoing development of young people. To address the worsening situation, we expanded ITDC's humanitarian and development programming by 30% in 2020.

We are grateful for all of our partners who have continued to come alongside us and who have demonstrated their commitment to staying positively actively engaged in Yemen during this protracted journey. You have enabled ITDC to continue to actively respond to the needs and remain a frontline implementer of positive change.



W. Braun



YEMEN CONFLICT 2015-2021



Yemen has been the world's worst humanitarian crisis for four consecutive years. The Yemen conflict intensified during 2020 with an expansion of 14 new frontline combat areas, which resulted in an additional 1,500 civilian casualties being reported in 2020. Attacks continue on facilities protected by international humanitarian law, including medical centers. Six years of devastating conflict have caused widespread death, injury and other serious harm to hundreds of thousands of civilians, the destruction of critical civilian infrastructure and the displacement of millions of people.

The impact of the conflict has been compounded by a severe economic crisis, outbreaks of disease as well as natural disasters, further driving the humanitarian need to staggering heights. Alarming levels of food insecurity and acute malnutrition have returned, driven largely by conflict, a significant drop in humanitarian funding and an economic collapse exacerbated by COVID-19.

Economically, Yemen's foreign currency reserves dried up, remittances from Yemenis abroad fell by up to 70 per cent due to the COVID-19 global downturn and the national currency (Yemeni Rial) fell to an all-time low (850YER/USD). If the conflict continues through 2022, the UNDP is predicting Yemen will become the world's poorest country.

Source: Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan 2021

HUMANITARIAN STATISTICS

12.1 million in acute need

3.6 million internally displaced people

16% increase in severe acute malnutrition in 2020

2.9 million people lost aid assistance due to underfunding

“My son was working in the field of health care and helped me support the family. One day, as he was returning from working in the hospital, he was killed by an armed group who were involved in clashes nearby. I grieve for him so much.”

Abed, 56 years old, Taiz



COVID-19 RESPONSE

“When the ITDC team started distributing kits, one of the kids in the hospital hid the kit he received under his pillow so that no one would take it. We found ourselves smiling along with this child and it captured how significant this assistance was.”

Director of Al Amal Cancer Hospital

- » 36,000 Yemenis received pandemic hygiene kits
- » 7,500 COVID-19 brochures distributed
- » 8 hygiene awareness training events held
- » 5 hospitals received hygiene materials in Dhamar and Taiz

“We know that ITDC has never made a distribution without taking us into their consideration. ITDC really cares for their neighbors. Even children know ITDC well.”

Father of COVID-19 beneficiary



HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

ITDC's humanitarian program is focused on saving lives, alleviating suffering and maintaining human dignity during and in the aftermath of crises like the current war in Yemen. This involves interventions in three primary sectors, namely Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL), Protection, and finally Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). Within the FSL sector, ITDC is focused on directly combatting the very real threat of famine with emergency food support. Monthly food baskets are provided to vulnerable households through either in-kind provision or cash transfer, in coordination with the UN OCHA cluster system. Households are targeted for a minimum of six months to provide a meaningful impact in their food security status.

Early recovery and livelihoods is the second phase in our FSL programming, through both Cash-for-Work (CFW) and provision of agriculture kits. Unemployed manual laborers are supported in CFW for three months each to complete small community rehabilitation projects such as well protection, school bathroom repair, or road construction under the supervision of locally elected committees. Agriculture kits are used to support farmers who have not returned to farming due to the war or a lack of resources. A standardized cluster kit is provided to each farmer including seeds, hand tools and tillage support in order to jumpstart the local economy in the production of essential food stuffs.

In the Protection sector, ITDC implements a psychosocial support (PSS) model that is suitable for fragile contexts, training and supporting local communities to undertake PSS groups for vulnerable members of their own society. Each group meets for 9 weeks, with a curriculum that includes emotional regulation, behavior activation, and healthy parenting. The program builds the internal and external resources of individuals and communities as a whole, so they can cope better with adversity.

Within the WASH sector, ITDC is focused on combatting the spread of communicable diseases through both awareness and the provisions to act on that awareness. This includes hygiene kits and hygiene promotion, and is also integrated in the COVID-19 programming.





“This was not the life I dreamed of. Every day I would go to the markets and restaurants to collect the people’s leftover food, for the sake of my younger brothers and sisters. But after receiving this food basket, I no longer go begging. You have protected my dignity and my honor.”

Amal, female beneficiary,
Mawiyah

“The food baskets you provided changed the way people looked at me. The looks of pity used to make me sad and ashamed, but now I am so happy. And my son’s children are all back in school now, all thanks and appreciation to you!”

Abdullah, male beneficiary,
Jabal Habashy

- » **61,495 people received monthly food support**
- » **42,248 food baskets delivered to households in Abyan, Aden & Taiz**
- » **1,102 people supported with three months of Cash-for-Work for manual laborers**
- » **406 people supported with Agriculture Kits**

PROTECTION PROJECTS

- » 508 men and women completed the full Psycho-Social Support (PSS) program
- » 328 children completed the trauma coping course
- » 78 local community facilitators equipped to hold protection courses in their own communities

“I went from one world to another, as if I were in a nightmare and woke up from it. My neighbors even asked my wife, ‘What happened with your husband? We don’t hear you shouting and we don’t see him hitting your children. What changed him to become loving?’ ”

Eisa, male PSS participant,
Shamayatayn

“Since attending the sessions, I started to learn to set my problems aside and not dwell on the bad words others say about me. I will now take care of myself and my children.”

Salha, female PSS participant,
Jabal Habashy

“I had experienced injustice, persecution and suffering, but now I feel as if I have been born again. I am capable. I hope this program reaches many people!”

Shayma,
female PSS participant,
Shamayatayn



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

ITDC's development program is focused on preparing the next generation to lead this country towards peace, stability and hope as well as to improve the living standards of all Yemenis. Access to quality education is foundational since literacy and critical thinking skills can define a community's ability to both sustainably develop itself as well as access outside support. For school age children, ITDC is providing access to education through alternative education centers in areas where schools are damaged or destroyed and by equipping teachers and school inspectors to create engaging student centric classrooms where learning is within the reach of everyone.

ITDC is engaging with youth to build leaders who have confidence in a positive future, placing their communities' needs ahead of their own and promoting peace building. ITDC's Youth Empowerment course (2 weeks) and Leadership Equip course (6 weeks) are the main training courses specifically developed to meet these needs.

The aim is to identify and equip selected men and women who will lead Yemen into tomorrow. The course modules also focus on equipping youth with vocational and livelihood skills. Trauma coping courses enable the youth to process their wartime experiences in healthy ways.

In village areas, ITDC has been helping to empower the village populations through training in photovoltaic solar systems and solar cooking. This training uses a "roadshow" approach by taking this 10-day training course directly to the village populations and giving them hands-on experience with solar energy equipment, while they learn to design, install, and maintain their own systems.



ACCESS TO EDUCATION PROJECTS

- » 4,500 children received a full year of education
- » 330 children discovered their own learning styles
- » 117 teachers employed in 25 Taiz & Al Dhale'e schools
- » 37 teachers trained in facilitation and trauma coping
- » 260 parents taught how to support their child's education journey

"It is a terrible experience to be forced to leave your home, but what helps to mitigate the painful effect is that our children were capable of pursuing their studies in ITDC schools."

Mother of 7th Grade IDP student



Children project class, December

"We are indebted to ITDC because without its efforts hundreds of our girls wouldn't be able to complete their studies. My daughter said, 'The school has saved our lives and our future.' "

*Father of Noha,
10th Grade female Student*

LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS



'We were in darkness and you brought the light to us by delivering the solar training courses.'

Male solar course graduate,
Jabal Habashy

"This training has increased my self-confidence and helped me to believe in my abilities. I designed a solar cooker, installed a solar system for one of my relatives, and started dealing with the problems that arose in my own solar system. I am so proud of myself and the level I've reached in this field."

Female solar course graduate,
Taiz City

- » **819 solar course graduates**
- » **348 women trained as solar technicians**
- » **22 solar courses held onsite in 12 rural villages**
- » **100 youth created personal development action plans**
- » **84 men and women trained to manage finances & time**

PEACEBUILDING PROJECTS

Leadership Equip course, November



- » **100 university students trained in conflict resolution and peacebuilding**
- » **84 graduates of the Leadership Equip course**
- » **13 community projects implemented by graduates in schools, hospitals and prisons**
- » **5 local leaders participated in self-management and emotional intelligence training**

“The idea that benefitted me the most in the training is how to spread peace in society.”

Emad, Youth Empowerment Course Graduate

“The Leadership Equip makes me feel that I have weapons of peace, that I can use everywhere.”

Somaih, Leadership Equip Course Graduate

“I didn’t like to talk to people from a lower cultural standing, but now in this program I have learned acceptance.”

Maged, Leadership Equip Course Graduate

ITDC FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	2019	2020
Relief Projects in Yemen	\$1,940,684	\$3,013,865
Development Projects in Yemen		
Access to Education for Children	\$136,070	\$205,203
Equipping Yemeni Youth	\$128,265	\$110,307
Education Capacity Building	\$120,023	\$67,349
Small Development Projects	\$117,021	\$225,205
Total (USD)	\$2,452,063	\$3,621,929

MAJOR PROJECT DONORS

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