

A woman wearing a colorful, patterned headscarf and a dark, textured garment is smiling and holding a basket of ripe, orange and yellow tomatoes. The background is a blurred green field, suggesting a rural or agricultural setting.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

CHANGING LIVES

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"The thankful prayers of the farmers and the elderly on behalf of ITDC continues without end.

Abdullah, Salah District



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Dear Friends and Partners,

Thank you for choosing to care and engage with the Yemeni people during this last year. Among the global efforts to address suffering and extend humanity, you chose to direct your interests and support to assist this valuable group of people.

Throughout our fifty year history in Yemen, we are committed to helping Yemenis live in peace and dignity. Like you, ITDC will not be intimidated by the challenges the current conflict or dissuaded from pursuing a fresh outlook on this country's future.

We are particularly excited to see our integrated peacebuilding approach bearing fruit during this last year. Yemenis who had refused to enter another's village were finally sitting together again, working together to open new roads, and allowing understanding to grow again after years of strife. We believe these to be just the first fruits of new season for Yemen and ITDC's work here.

Thank you for making it possible for us to promote lasting change in Yemen.

WALDEMAR BRAUN
Country director

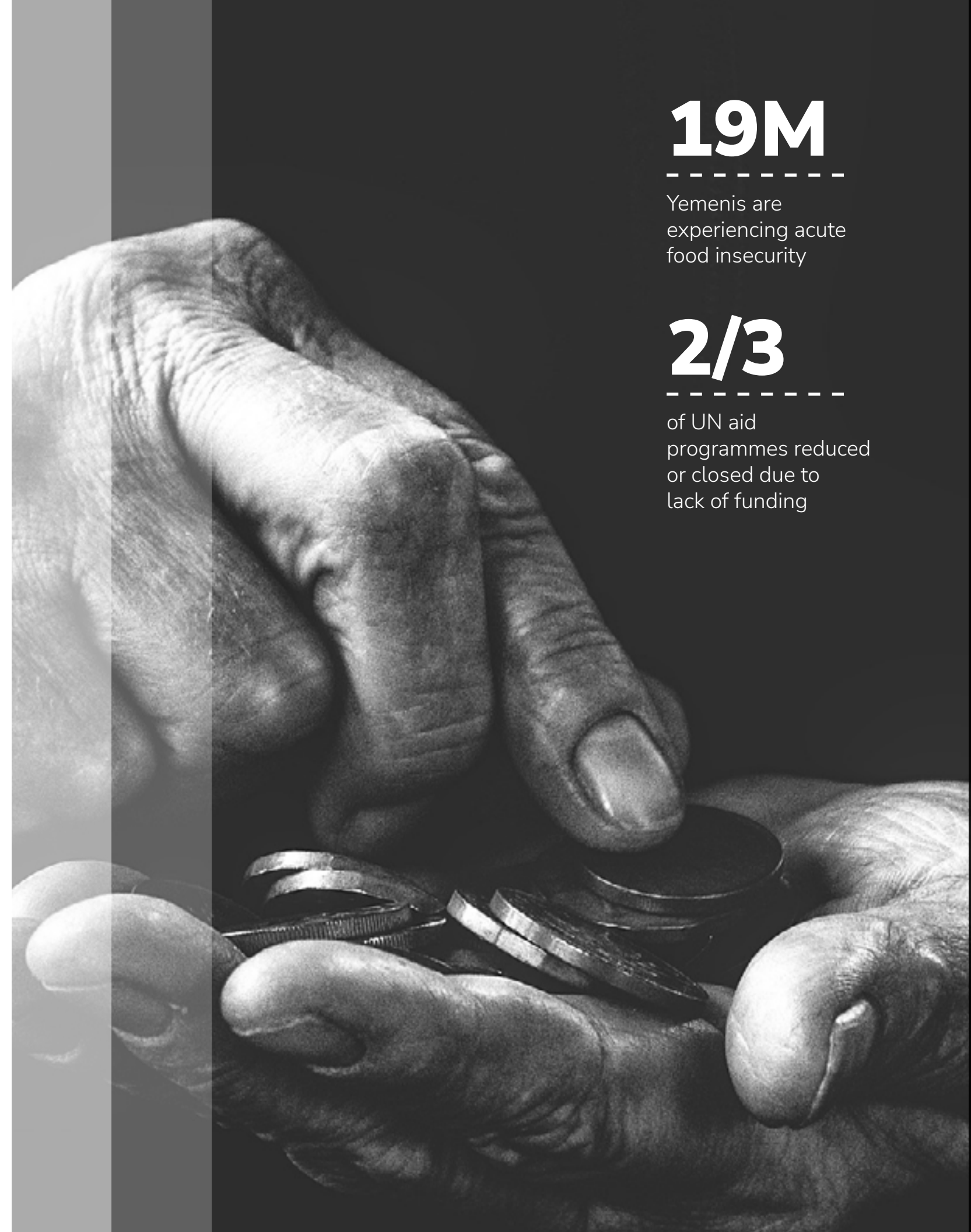
This extended conflict has cost Yemen \$120 billion in economic growth

The last eight years of conflict in Yemen have been very costly in terms of human lives and have dramatically set back decades of development progress in the country. The devastated economy is becoming a greater driver of human suffering than the actual ground combat. The depreciating exchange rate, global fuel and food price increases, and severe humanitarian funding gap has now driven **food insecurity to the highest point since the conflict escalated in 2015.**

Yemen has long been the poorest country in the MENA region, but now more than 40% of Yemeni households find it difficult to buy even the minimum amount of food. The World Bank estimates that 7 out of 10 Yemenis are living in poverty.

Humanitarian aid alone will not solve the Yemen crisis

Urgent support is needed to stabilize Yemen's economy, which will help to reduce humanitarian needs over time. But most importantly, the people of Yemen need to bring an end to the conflict. Without peace, Yemen's humanitarian crisis will almost certainly continue.



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Yemenis are experiencing acute food insecurity

2/3

of UN aid programmes reduced or closed due to lack of funding



PEACEBUILDING

We seek to promote trust, understanding and participation in the target community to bring an end to the conflict cycle.

Project activities take people on a journey from developing their emotional intelligence to accepting other's differences to a sense of belonging and connection to others. Outstanding participants receive deeper investment in order to create powerful peacemakers. The result is a sustainable, grass roots style movement from within the community. This is achieved by engaging at least one third of the community households as direct participants.

DEVELOPMENT

We are seeking to build the community's ability to provide for themselves and design solutions to their own problems in the future.

This takes the form of investment into education, vocational and technical skills, and professional development. Child education is a major focus since it is building block for any career and its absence can make children vulnerable for exploitation. Developing an ability to manage time, finances and a project are fundamental skills for business and the community.

HUMANITARIAN

We are seeking to halt suffering, help households rebuild their financial reserves and rediscover their existing abilities.

Food distributions and cash for work projects seek to increase the target household's economic security. The protection programs address the scars and emotional damage caused by the conflict and help Yemenis to cope or heal from their emotional wounds. Their improved emotional state helps them become valuable participants in further community development.



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ZERO
HUNGER



15,000

people fed every
month by ITDC



“Wherever there is a person in need, there you will find ITDC”

We providing emergency food assistance to combat the continuing threat of famine and address one of the highest felt needs in Yemeni households. Over 51,000 men, women and children in 2022 were reached with monthly food baskets, which usually consist of 75kg of wheat, 10kg of beans, 8L of oil, 2.5kg of sugar, and 1kg of salt.

A total of 2,500 metric tons of food was distributed to vulnerable households in both the Northern and Southern areas of the country. Not only does emergency food support help meet households’ food needs, but it also supports economic, psychological, and educational health.

“My eight year old child had to beg for food. But the moldy scraps made us sick and worried all the time.” Faris, who is a person with a disability, living with his family in an IDP camp in Ibb governorate.

He described what changed when his family was targeted for food security assistance by ITDC: “The first month we received the food basket, my spirit revived and I went back looking for work, with fresh determination because I knew that our food needs were covered. After that, my children stopped going out to beg and re-enrolled in school. By the fourth month of food support, I opened a small stand in the IDP camp selling basic goods in order to provide my family with a source of income for the future. Faris concluded:

“ITDC revived us, both personally and economically”





2,024

beneficiaries in the psychosocial support program and the trauma coping courses



“In other trainings, I learned how to change others. But in this course, I learned how to start changing myself”

Laith reflects the difference that ITDC brings, as we seek to support the psychosocial health for Yemen’s communities affected by the conflict. We are helping them to not just respond to what they have experienced, but to also develop tools to be able to handle their next challenge.

77 community facilitators were trained during this period and 838 participants graduated from the full 10-week PSS program, which uses a support group approach to assist community members struggling with anxiety or depression.

For children, ITDC offers the ‘I Will Be Fine’ program, which provides coping tools to those suffering from personal exposure to trauma or violence. The 5 day program has enabled children to stop routine nightmares or panic attacks and reengage with their families and friends. 1,109 children ranging in age from 7 to 17 years old have benefited from this course in Taiz governorate.

“After the sessions, my world was no longer dark but bright as the sun”

As Ibtisam shared after participating in one of the protection programs: “Farewell to the dark days. Now beautiful days are here because of your help. You are the ones who planted the tree, and we will continue to water it, as we learned from you.”



“Before this course, I hated studying and school”

“Now I have a clear vision in front of me. I will not give up in spite of the obstacles. I decided that I must love studying so that I can achieve my dream of being a doctor.

I used to judge my friends as being stupid, but after learning about the idea of multiple intelligences, I have completely changed this idea.”

This is 13 year old Akram’s story, a student in our Classroom Dynamics course.

ITDC is working with students, parents, teachers, school directors and school inspectors to create engaging student-centric classrooms where learning is for everyone.

950+ students received training in learning styles and mapping their future to help them make the most of their education opportunities. Workshops were held with 200 of their parents to awaken them to their child’s needs. Training for their teachers covered facilitation skills, multiple intelligences, learning styles, and experiential learning techniques.

1,500 Yemeni schools were closed due to the conflict

ITDC restored two damaged schools by repairing leaking roofs, resurfacing walls and re-equipping the classrooms with desk/chairs and whiteboards. ITDC supported a total of six schools and 4,000 students in Taiz and Al Dhale’e during 2022.



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



4,039

Children have access to education by the provision of textbooks, school supplies, renovated facilities, teacher salaries, and national exams.



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



3,962

Solar cookers built by food security beneficiaries



“I am now capable to improve my lifestyle and give a helping hand to my husband and neighbors”

This was shared by Nabilah, a married women and mother of two, who attended our Solar Technician’s Course. Using what she learned, she began advising others. “One day, my father bought a new battery for his shop. I advised him to also buy a charge controller, but he refused to listen. As a result, the battery overcharged and exploded and my father got upset. So he returned to the market to buy a new battery with a controller this time. After I helped him install them, my father thanked me for my advice and assistance.”

The nine day course graduated 772 Yemenis this year, who can now design, install, and maintain small scale PV solar systems.

The average graduate reports overhauling five old systems and installing five new systems in the first three months after graduation.

ITDC has incorporated solar cooking into humanitarian food distributions, so that beneficiaries have a no-cost way of cooking the food they received. These solar cookers use 60cm satellite dish, or cardboard/ aluminum foil reflectors.

40% of the Solar Course Graduates are females

ITDC is retrofitting village wells with solar PV fields and electric pumps in the place of the current the diesel pumps, reducing cost and increasing water access for thousands Yemeni villagers, who are shackled to the volatile diesel supply chain.



“You rekindled our hope – which had been lost to hunger, poverty, and war”

Mahdi’s comment reflects the value of the Livelihood and Early Recover programming. Going beyond the aid itself, the biggest impact is restored hope. For ITDC, this sector includes Cash-for-Work (CFW) and provision of agriculture kits.

Unemployed laborers were supported for three months in CFW to complete strategic community rehabilitation projects, such as building school bathrooms or repairing village roads. 170 laborers were provided with a total of 5,100 paid workdays, completing 21 rehabilitation projects.

Agriculture kits are used to support farmers who have not returned to farming due to the war or a lack of resources.

The standard UN Cluster kit includes seeds, hand tools and tillage support in order to jumpstart the local economy in the production of essential food stuffs. 206 farming families were provided with full agriculture kits and technical training.

Rinnah’s story is a common one. A widow and mother of three, she was struggling to effectively farm her small plot. But after receiving the agriculture kit, she was able to triple her harvest last year, which provided both food and income for the months following. Tamer from Ibb expresses the change that livelihood programming can bring:

“We were unemployed and eating just one or two meals a day.

But now with ITDC support, we feel like we are in heaven”

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



5,100

- | paid workdays through cash-for-work community rehabilitation projects



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LIVELIHOODS



“I decided to mend the relationship between us and bridge the gap”

These statements are common from our junior peacemakers, the children of Yemen. Our 950 child advocates continue to have significant impact, like 7th grade, Khalid: “My father would often come home angry and he would beat us, if we spoke to him. But after I sat with him and shared with him about the topic of inner peace, he started talking and laughing with us instead.” Our engagement extends to equipping men and women, age 15 to 45 years old.

We seek to do larger scale, integrated projects that build social cohesion and reconcile differences. We take people on

a journey to know themselves better and develop understanding, listening skills, emotional intelligence and an understanding of others. Working among a cluster of 10 villages this year, ITDC brought opposing villagers back into the same room after 25 years of deadly clashes, where they began to forgive and move forward.

”I was able to resolve the conflict between them”

We mentored and equipped 6 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to promote human rights, civic involvement, and advocacy. Each one had to plan and execute follow-on activities to engage the wider Taiz community with these messages.



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| Leaders Equipped
| in Peacemaking and
| Conflict Resolution





"ITDC's support was a lifeline for our family. Their food baskets and financial aid allowed us to provide the treatment our child needed, and now he is on the road to recovery."

Samah, Al Shamayatayn

<i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i>	2021	2022
Integrated Peacebuilding Projects	\$447,269	\$1,079,039
Humanitarian Projects	\$3,242,940	\$2,412,278
Development Projects	\$ 608,064	\$561,546
Total (USD)	\$4,298,273	\$4,052,863

MAJOR PROJECT DONORS

-  Canadian Foodgrains Bank
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