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Yemen continues to face one of the most complex and prolonged crises in the world. After more than a decade of conflict, millions remain affected by economic collapse, weakened public services, and ongoing instability. Nearly two-thirds of Yemen's population — 22.3 million people — still need humanitarian assistance, as many families rely on external support for daily survival.

At the same time, global attention has increasingly shifted toward other crises, resulting in reduced funding and less international focus on Yemen despite its immense needs. For many Yemeni families, this has meant growing pressure on livelihoods, fewer safety nets, and increased vulnerability.

As a long-standing partner alongside Yemeni communities, ITDC responds through a holistic approach — combining humanitarian relief with initiatives that strengthen livelihoods, support small economic activities, and build resilience. Particular emphasis has been placed on the roles of women and young people in rebuilding Yemen's future.

We remain committed to walking alongside the Yemeni people, fostering hope, stability, and opportunity, together with YOU. Thank you for joining us in this endeavor and for believing in the purpose of the Yemeni people to bring a better future for Yemen and the entire region.

2025 KEY FIGURES

67,750 Unique Project Participants

11 Projects implemented

14 Organisational Funding Partners

4 Yemeni Governorates





2 ZERO HUNGER

22,480 Food baskets delivered

The impacts of the protracted conflict have left more than half of Yemen's population (52%) acutely food insecure with alarming rates of malnutrition, especially among children. 18.3 million people require regular food assistance, which makes Yemen the country with the highest Emergency level population (IPC Phase 4) globally.

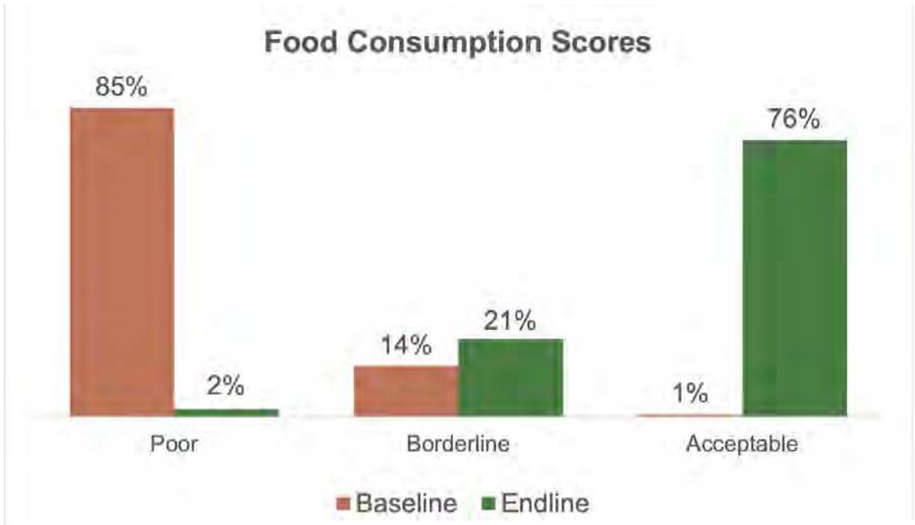
ITDC responds to this through emergency food assistance to vulnerable households. In 2025, **we provided 52,237 Yemenis with regular food baskets** that contained a monthly supply of flour, beans, oil, sugar, and salt.

Additionally, 3,300 individuals received three months of Emergency Cash Assistance as part of a crisis response in Taiz Governorate.

As households receive assistance over 6 months, food support not only reduces hunger and malnutrition; it also enables families to redirect limited resources toward other urgent needs, — medical care, livelihood investments, and their children's education.

"That food basket was not just aid for my family; it was a lifeline."

Interventions across three different food assistance projects led to **significant improvements in 7,100 families' food security**, with the average number of households in the "acceptable" Food Consumption Score (FCS) category rising from 1% to 76%, while "poor" consumption dropped from 85% to 2%.



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"Many in our community had abandoned their fields due to prolonged periods without harvests. But now our confidence as farmers has returned."

Following a phase of multiple pilot initiatives in the agricultural sector last year, ITDC built on early lessons learned, adapted some approaches and expanded its interventions to different governorates in Yemen.

ITDC's regenerative agricultural support initiatives cover:
(1) Conservation Agriculture (CA),
(2) Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR),
(3) Kitchen Gardening, as well as
(4) Drip Irrigation.

In 2025, **ITDC trained 334 farmers in basic and advanced agricultural practices**, incl. CA, teaching them three key principles of a) minimal soil disturbance, b) permanent soil cover, and c) diversified crop rotations to maintain soil health and enhance productivity, especially in light of decreasing rainfall.

Furthermore, 130 rural herders and farmers were trained in the FMNR approach on how to regenerate trees through selective pruning and protection. This approach helps **restore degraded land, improve soil fertility, and increase resilience to drought** while providing additional sources of fodder and fuel wood for rural households.

"Adopting Conservation Agriculture marked a turning point in my life as a farmer. My harvest size *doubled* compared to traditional farming."

This year, ITDC launched a small-scale drip irrigation pilot initiative to support 14 enthusiastic farmers in this water- and nutrient-efficient approach with plans for scaling in 2026.

The Kitchen Gardening program was a particular success in 2025. 208 rural women were supported in creating lush kitchen gardens that provide their families with nutritious food as well as an opportunity for additional household income.



Farmer showcasing enhanced harvest through the Conservation Agriculture approach

3 REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

2 ZERO HUNGER

637 Farmers supplied with agricultural kits and trained in drought-resistant approaches

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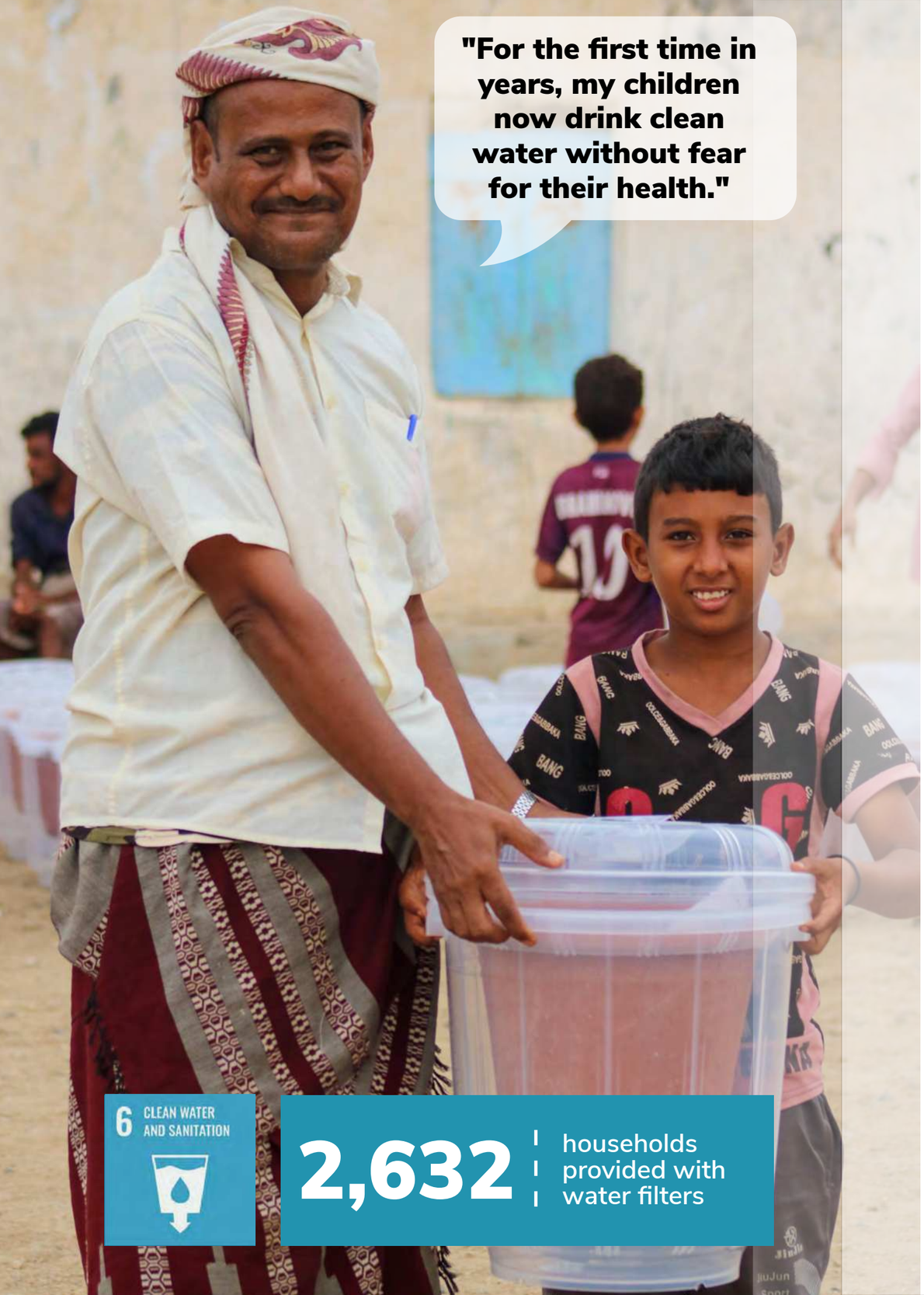
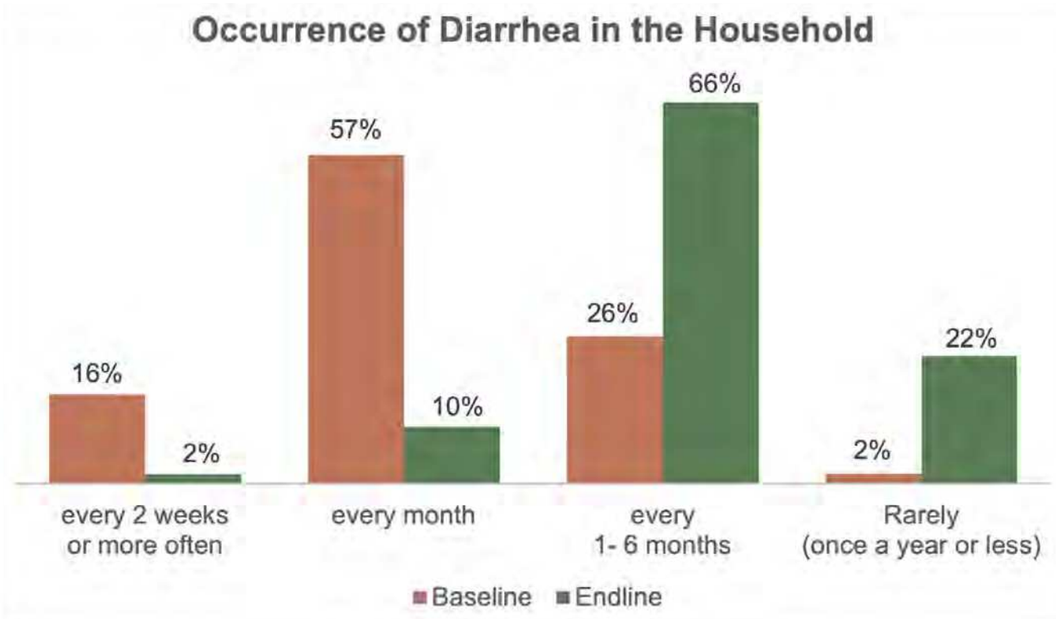


"Obtaining water, the simplest necessity of life, was an existential challenge. Today, harvested water is available right at my doorstep. Never in my life did I dream of such comfort."

ITDC is committed to supporting Yemeni communities in regaining access to life-giving water. In 2025, besides supplying more than 2,600 families with ceramic water filters, ITDC also rehabilitated two village water networks, repaired one community well, and constructed six communal water harvesting reservoirs, as well as house rooftop water harvesting sites for multiple communities. These efforts **enhanced access to sustainable and clean water for more than 24,000 individuals**.

We also support the development of healthy communities by improving hygiene conditions and promoting positive behavioral change. This year, our **hygiene awareness campaigns reached over 5,700 people**, empowering them with vital knowledge on hand washing and safe water practices. ITDC also provided 893 persons with essential hygiene kits, ensuring access to soap, detergent, and clean water containers. The impact of these WASH measures is also seen in the significant reduction of household diarrhea rates across multiple projects.



"This work opportunity gave me new skills and income to support my family and restored my confidence. It was a true turning point that renewed my hope for the future."

Small-scale community infrastructure rehabilitation initiatives have proven a strategic entry point for strengthening local ownership and resilience. Through the Cash-for-Work (CFW) model, ITDC equips community leaders with project management skills to lead locally-driven rehabilitation initiatives, while providing income opportunities for unemployed day laborers.

In 2025, 168 unemployed laborers were hired for three consecutive months to complete community infrastructure projects. CFW participants reported significant improvements in income, and **88% continued to secure day labor employment three months after project completion**, demonstrating sustained livelihood impact.

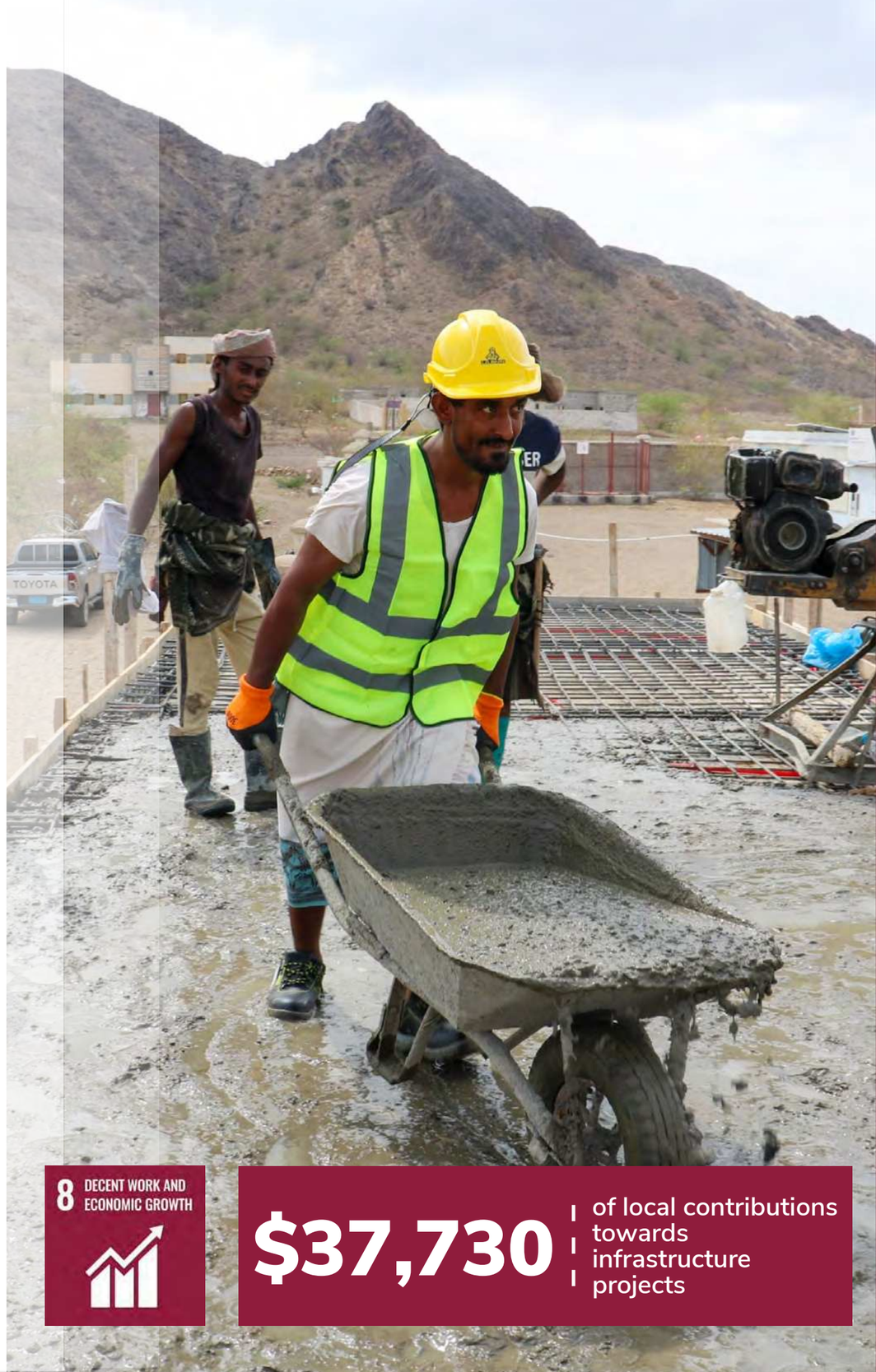
"What used to take one hour now takes just ten minutes. This new road saves us time, money, and effort, and made access to markets and healthcare possible again."

Type of Infrastructure Projects

- **1 Health Unit**
- **3 School Bathrooms**
- **1 Road Repair**
- **3 Water Networks & Wells**
- **1 Water Harvesting Reservoir**
- **1 Flood Protection**
- **1 Child-Friendly Space**

Beyond income generation, the **11 CFW projects** delivered tangible community benefits, including infrastructure supporting vulnerable groups such as persons with disabilities and war-affected children.

Notably, one intervention successfully mediated a previously violent land dispute between two communities, enabling the peaceful construction of a rainwater reservoir and contributing to strengthened social cohesion and local stability.



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

$37,730 of local contributions towards infrastructure projects

5 CASH FOR WORK

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8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

950 Men and Women equipped to start their own business

ITDC is investing in micro-business development to build long-term economic resilience, providing 950 participants with targeted training, starter kits, and technical support across multiple livelihood sectors.

129 women received sewing and tailoring training with starter kits to launch home-based businesses. The participants demonstrated strong initiative, investing their own resources to expand production. Results were strong: **100% reported making a profit within six months**, with 90% citing a substantial increase in monthly income.

"Seeing my product on display, I felt an achievement I never imagined I would accomplish one day."

An additional 20 ex-combatants returning from war were provided with customized vocational training and given a small business starter kit (solar tool kit, sewing machine, tablet, etc).

In the livestock sector, 133 herders were trained on advanced animal care, feeding practices, and animal health, contributing to a **44% increase in their annual financial returns.** To enhance value addition, 70 of them were trained in traditional cheese-making, enabling them to process dairy products from their livestock and supply local markets.

Complementing this, 400 women participated in micro-husbandry training, including distribution of egg-producing hens and veterinary support.

Finally, 222 participants received financial management training, strengthening their ability to manage income to sustain these new micro-enterprises.

"As a widow, my greatest dream was to find a dignified way to secure a livelihood for me and my children; and you granted me that dream."

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“The training transformed me from a woman, who depended on others in the field of solar energy, to a person who is confident in herself."

Yemeni's access to energy has been severely impacted by the country’s economic problems and this is especially true for the rural communities. At the same time, Yemen is blessed with abundant solar energy resources that are being poorly leveraged to serve the people. ITDC’s goal is to help the Yemeni people to harness their local resources to meet their needs for electrification, cooking, and transportation.

ITDC’s solar course trains men women to design, install and maintain solar PV systems and solar cooking systems. To graduate, each participant must personally build a working solar system for the instructors. Forty five of all the trained technicians have been able to improve their income through their new solar skills.

In 2025, ITDC trained 495 solar technicians, who have repaired 837 existing solar systems and installed 45 kW of new solar power - **all self-funded!**

ITDC has built a conversion kit that enables Yemenis to convert Toyota Hilux trucks from petrol into electric vehicles (EV) in only 4 days. With an electric drive train, these solar EV trucks can charge directly from solar power breaking their dependence on petrol and diesel supplies. The solar chargers can be located in the village itself giving them reliable, independent transportation.

"I was in a dream while I was riding in the electric car and I hope to be able to convert my car in the future."

The ITDC pilot vehicle completed 7,700 kilometer of rough road testing in Yemeni mountainous villages, **having carried 280 passengers and 31 MT of cargo.**



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

7,700 kilometers driven by the Solar EV during the field testing

Solar EV Video

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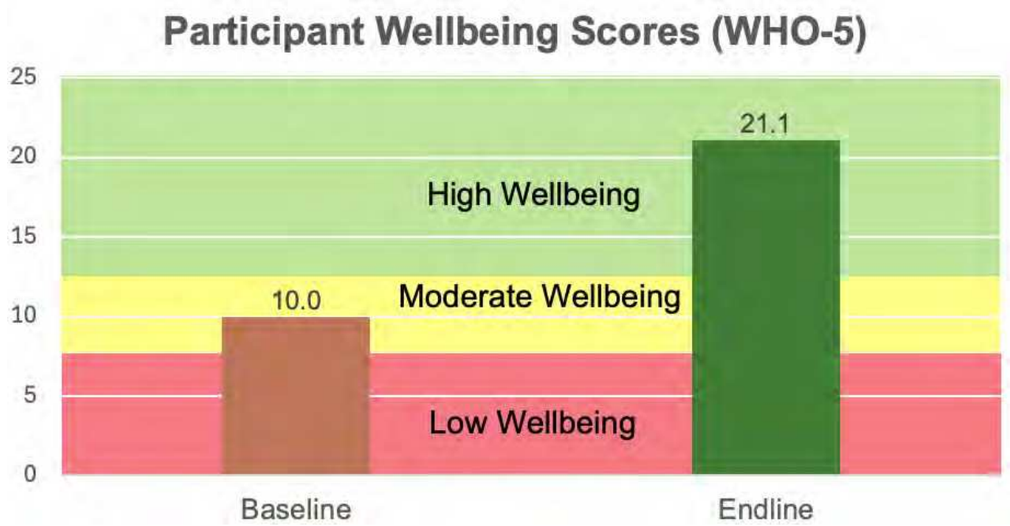
"I used to suffer from anxiety and depression. Sometimes this pushed me to think about suicide. After participating in the PSS sessions, I learned skills and techniques that helped me get rid of my anxiety, stress, and depression. It completely removed the idea of suicide from my mind."

In Yemen, mental health services are extremely limited and the need for mental health support and coping tools is high due to years of prolonged war, violence, and nation-wide turmoil. In healthy communities throughout the world, caring for one's mental health is a vital aspect of holistic health; but in communities and countries experiencing conflict and violence, the need for psychosocial support (PSS) programs is crucial for the healing and health of a family, a community, and a country.

ITDC provides this vital support to individuals and communities affected by conflict. Our PSS programs offer practical tools participants can apply in their personal and communal lives.

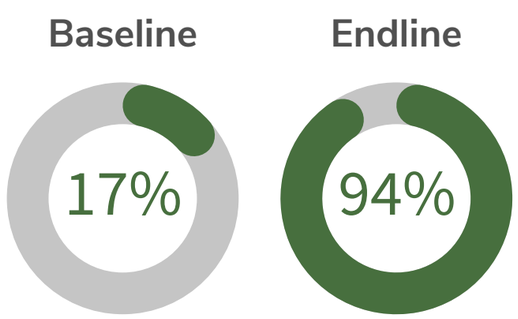
In 2025, **83 community facilitators were trained and 760 adult participants graduated** from the full 10-week PSS program, which uses a support group model to assist community members struggling with anxiety or depression.



Yemeni children are all too familiar with the effects of war. For over a decade now, the results of continual conflict in their country have had profound effects on their development, their education, and their relationships with others.

The “I Will Be Fine” (IWBF) trauma coping program is designed for children ages 10-18 years. This program gives children practical tools to help them cope with the devastating effects of war, helping them regulate their emotions and overcome their fears.

"I no longer get scared when I remember what happened in the war."



Participants who feel able to talk about painful war memories with their family

"I couldn’t sleep before because of frequent nightmares, but now I sleep comfortably."

Saeed, a boy who participated in the IWBF program shared afterwards: "I had been affected by the war and was displaced; I felt distressed by everything happening. But after joining the program, I improved significantly and realized that I will be okay no matter what happens."

Following the IWBF training program, many children reported a significant improvement in sleep, with nightmares easing or ceasing altogether. Mariam shared: "I used to suffer from disturbing nightmares, but after the program I applied the 'safe place' technique — and now my mental state has changed. Those nightmares are gone."

In one project the IWBF program was complemented by the construction and furnishing of a **Child Friendly Space,** which is now staffed by community volunteers who manage the site and run programs to support kids in this rural community.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

1,070 children, parents and community facilitators trained through the IWBF program

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“Like many of her classmates, Ayah began to think about leaving the school she had once loved."

Ayah, a hard-working eighth-grade girl, dreamed of becoming a doctor, but the state of her school left her in despair. Watching her classmates leave or drop out, she began to consider the same. As she felt her dream melting away, she nearly joined those who had left their desks behind to wander in the unknown.

An estimated 4.5 million children are currently out of school in Yemen. Recent data shows that **one in three families reports at least one child dropping out in the last two years.** At the same time, many children are facing chronic violence at home, in school, and in the community, normalizing the experience of trauma.

Four schools were renovated and additional classrooms constructed to ensure continued access to education.

In coordination with trusted partners, ITDC responded to improve access to education through providing textbooks, school supplies, teacher salary support, and training.

Additionally, two schools received trauma coping training, equipping 22 teachers to support their 1661 students, with direct training supporting 429 students through in-school sessions.

“The project arrived as a 'ṭawq najāh' (a lifesaving ring) for the school and its students.”

When Ayah heard the news of her renovated school, she was overwhelmed with joy. She returned to her school and found it transformed — bright classrooms, classmates returning with wide smiles, and teachers who filled them with enthusiasm and hope. Thanks to the project, Ayah and her classmates regained their confidence that a future is possible. They did not simply return to their desks - **they returned to their dreams.**

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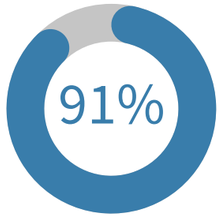
ITDC's Leadership training equips participants not only to understand themselves, but to become active builders of peace in their communities. Through the program, they develop practical skills in dialogue, empathy, and conflict resolution — tools that help address the tensions dividing families and neighbors.

As their confidence grows, many begin mediating disputes and restoring relationships in challenging spaces. These are the moments where peace-building becomes real: a young person stepping forward to listen, bring people together, and guide them toward reconciliation. Saleh's story is one powerful example of how these skills transform everyday conflicts into opportunities for peace.

“Our family faced a serious conflict between my sister and her husband. She wanted a divorce, and no intervention had succeeded so far."

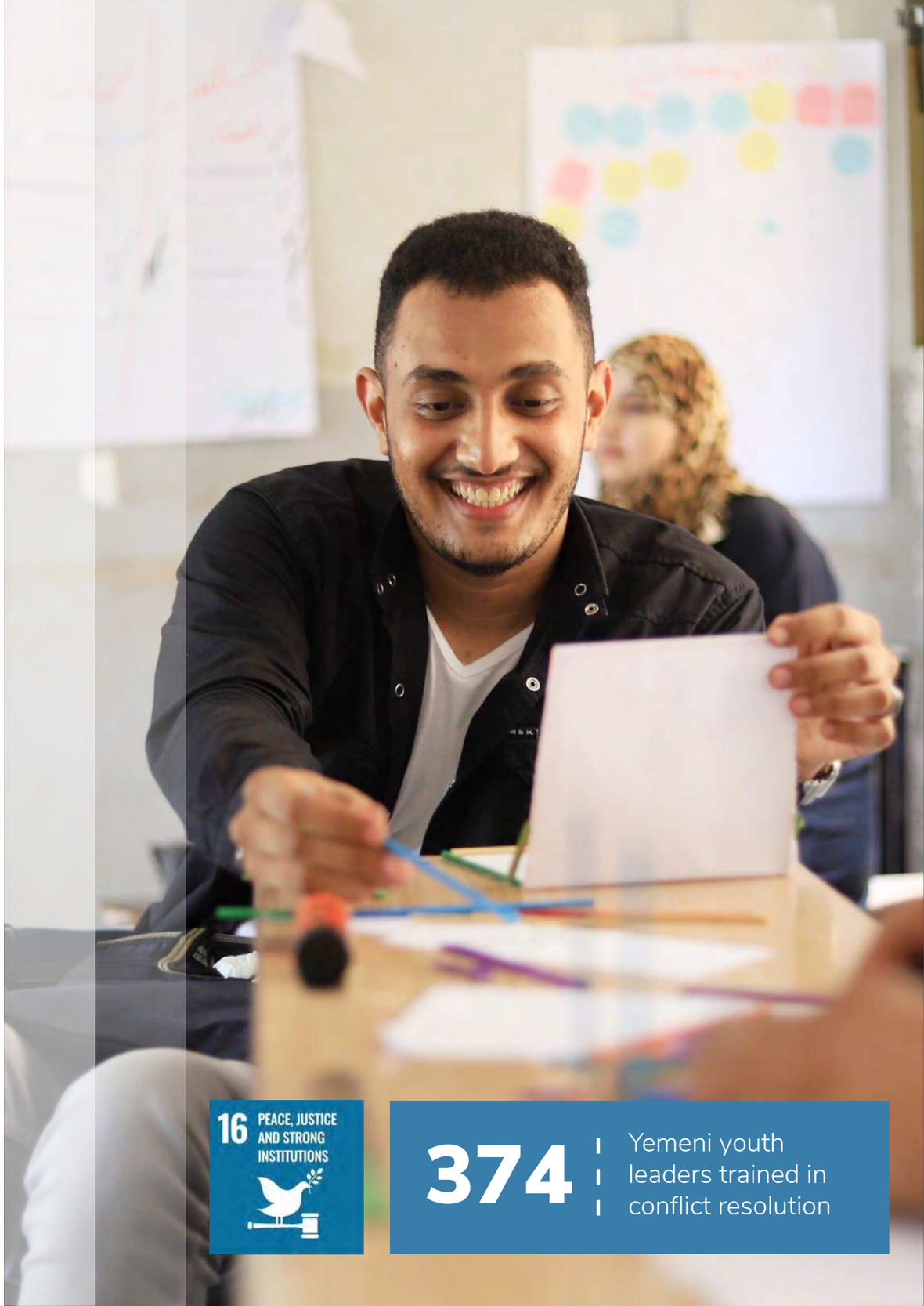
"After the training, I felt I had to take a new initiative. I organized a meeting between them, and applied my newly acquired skills. Together we reached a solution and my sister returned home being at peace again."

The impact extends far beyond the training itself. Participants apply what they learn within their families, neighborhoods, and villages — restoring trust and helping others find new paths toward reconciliation.



People who restored a relationship as a result of the training

As hundreds of young leaders start practicing peaceful dialogue and conflict resolution, **they create ripple effects** that strengthen relationships and inspire communities to face challenges together.



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

374 Yemeni youth leaders trained in conflict resolution

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“I will be the seed you planted here and pass these things on to others.”

The Triple Nexus program builds peace from the inside out, beginning with the individual, restoring families, and extending into the wider community. By addressing immediate needs through food distributions and livelihood support, the program creates stability that allows deeper transformation to unfold.

Participants then engage in a journey of growth through mental health support, education, leadership, and conflict resolution, equipping them to navigate challenges with empathy, resilience, and purpose.

Through a structured pathway from Human Development to Civic Engagement, to Community Dialogues, participants are not only learning skills — they are practicing peace.

Relationships are restored, perspectives are broadened, and communities begin to re-imagine how they live together. “*We were able to reach solutions, and the problem ended in reconciliation,*” one participant reflected.

With another 726 persons engaged in peace-building activities in 2025, **this growing network of leaders is becoming a foundation for lasting change.** These individuals carry healing into their homes and hope into their communities..

“I used to treat marginalized people without recognizing their value. After learning about human rights, I realized that their dignity is equal to that of anyone else. The next time some of them came to my house, I invited them in to eat with us. That moment changed not only me, but also those around me.”

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

726 Conflict-affected people participated in Community Peace-Building

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"Your efforts to empower women like me are invaluable; you don't offer mere temporary assistance, but invest in building the future of entire families."

Consolidated Financial Statements	2024	2025
Integrated Peace-building Projects	$455,451	$592,961
Humanitarian Projects	$1,184,646	$2,102,871
Development Projects	$542,014	$768,059
TOTAL (USD)	**$2,182,111**	**$3,463,891**

MAJOR FUNDING PARTNERS

LM International

MSwA Mid Sweden Aid

PMU — incl. Swedish Foundations

Sida — through PMU

Canadian Foodgrains Bank — through ERDO

Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland — through Fida

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