



Summary of the Workshop

“Priorities for Directing the Grants in Yemen”

1 July 2015



Scandinavian Yemeni Friendship
Association

Hashim N. Hashim
SYFA General Secretary



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This event is an initiative from SYFA in an expression of the pressing stage needs. Yemen now in extremely critical situation. Yemeni people have been dramatically suffering the crucial impacts of the conflict series. Civilians are in really urgent need to get help in all sorts of life in Yemen, which demands all concerned organizations to work together and to coordinate the work based on the priorities reflected from the field. Our main focus today is to start the first step in coordinating our efforts, trying to determine the main humanitarian and relief priorities for directing the available grants, and finding the required funds and grants from the local and international sponsors.

Our discussion today will depend on the experience of all of you about the situation in the country as you are all familiar with the situation in Yemen. Most of the guests today have wide experiences in working in similar situations, and even some have started appreciated interventions recently, which we need to learn from them about how best can we implement the coming efforts, four examples will be presented next today.

As we used to learn from international community school that the human suffering must be addressed wherever found nevertheless of the political attitudes or the belonging of the parties. Human is human, and that is our concern all. With such conventions, we will certainly be able to cooperate towards relieving the suffering of the Yemeni people.

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SYFA SPEECH



Ministry of Planning and International
cooperation

Speaker:

Mr. Omar Abdel Aziz Abdel Ghani
Undersecretary of MoPIC



Brief of the Speech:

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Omar Abdel Aziz Abdel Ghani, stressed on the need to stop the blockade and external aggression and internal strife, pointing that the humanitarian tragedy in our country is pretty difficult to control in the coming days. Today the humanitarian conditions is very complex, in spite of our work and the different organizations to deliver food, medicine and fuel to all cities and provinces of Yemen, the efforts are still far away from meeting the demands of the situation in Yemen.

Mr. Abdel Ghani stressed that the Ministry has been working to coordinate the available resources and the development needs through reviewing the developmental principles and general directions for managing the strategic development and to seek the required funding from various domestic and foreign sources to contribute actively in raising economic growth.

Mr. Abdel Ghani Expressed his pleasure with the success of the workshop organized and lunched in this difficult time, which shows that SYFA has ambitious and enthusiastic members to motivate everyone to work hard in the current circumstances



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Unit 1

Workshop Objectives and Outputs



Work Shop Details:

Title: Identify priorities for directing the grants in Yemen on light of the current circumstances,

Venue & Date: Taj Sheba Hotel, Sana'a, Yemen. Monday June 29, 2015.

Organizer: Scandinavian Yemeni Friendship Association, SY-FA,

Governmental Partner: Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation.

The Objectives of the Workshop:

- Reviewing the current situation in Yemen and the disastrous impacts on civilians.
- Reviewing samples of the interventions carried out recently and how they were implemented.
- Discussing the priorities of interventions and recommendation for implementations.
- Being able to restrict the most important obstacles facing organizations

Main Outcome:

The main predetermined outcome of the workshop was “to come out with a list of priorities for the humanitarian urgent interventions in Yemen due to the current crisis in the country, and recommendations for how best to implement the necessary interventions”.



The workshop adopted a set of goals which are of paramount importance to reduce the effects that affect Yemeni civilians in the present circumstances. The achievable objectives and expected outputs in the following table:

Goals	Achieved		
Outputs			
Reviewing the current situation in Yemen and the disastrous impacts on civilians.	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey Analysis - OCHA-UN Paper - Discussion Board - Groups Presentations 	In this summery Pages.7,8 p.12-19 p.25-27
Reviewing samples of the interventions carried out recently and how they were implemented	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Care International Paper - Global Communities Paper - Omam Union Paper - Yemen is Our Concern Paper 	In this summery Pages.20-23
Discussing the priorities of interventions and recommendation for implementations	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey Analysis - Discussion Board - Recommendations 	In this summery Pages.7,8 p.28
Being able to restrict the most important obstacles facing organizations	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey Analysis - Discussion Board - Groups Presentations 	In this summery Pages.7,8 p.25-27
Main Output			
List of priorities for the humanitarian urgent interventions in Yemen due to the current crisis in the country, and recommendations.	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey Analysis - Discussion Board - Recommendations 	In this summery Pages.7,8,25-28

Unit 2

Workshop Participants



Delegates:

The workshop was attended by 101 delegates representing about 76 Governmental Authorities, UN Bodies, NGOs, and Private Sector, in addition to a number of individual consultants and experts in the field.

Developmental Partners & NGOs

- OCHA-UN
- UNHCR
- UNDP
- OXFAM
- Care International
- ACF International
- Global Communities
- Wain International
- IRY International
- Friedrich Ebert
- NCC Foundation
- YM Network
- YER Organization
- Barran Organization
- Knowledge Organization
- POE Organization
- Omam Union
- Yemen is Our Concern
- Yemen Atta Organization
- Youth Vision Organization
- Peace Organization
- Qnas Organization
- Candle Organization
- MEER Organization
- Civil confederacy

Governmental Authorities

- Presidency Office
- Prime Ministry Office
- Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation.
- Ministry of Human Rights
- Federation of Yemen Chambers

Private Sectors

- Juma'an Company
- Yemen Soft Ltd Co.



Unit 3

Workshop Survey



The survey aimed at exploring the delegates beliefs regarding three main areas based on the current circumstances in Yemen as follows:

- The extent of satisfaction about the already paid humanitarian efforts
- The priorities of the urgent humanitarian intervention
- The major obstacles that have been facing/ might face the humanitarian work in Yemen.

69 respondents participated in the survey, which was then analyzed by a the workshop secretary under direct guidance of our consultants using a pre-prepared analysis forms for being used later in the Discussion Board session

	Item	1+2	3	4+5	M
A	To what extent do you believe that the so far humanitarian efforts are enough to cover the danger facing the civilian in Yemen currently?	82%	12%	6%	1.71
B	To what extent do you feel satisfied regarding the humanitarian efforts paid so far in Yemen by the concerned organizations?	86%	8%	6%	1.67

The estimated difficulties that might face the humanitarian work:	1+2	3	4+5	M
Fuel crisis/ shortage,	20%	22%	57%	3.53
The difficulty in obtaining relief materials due to	25%	25%	50%	3.50
The armed conflict and the security situation,	29%	12%	59%	3.49
The current sensitivity among the fighting parties	44%	23%	33%	2.92
Finding/recruiting the suitable field teams,	63%	10%	27%	2.44

1- The main suggested fields for discussions:-

- A. Food supplies,
- B. Medical supplies,
- C. Drinking water supply,
- D. Resettling displaced people,
- E. Raising awareness about safety, conflict, children ..etc,
- F.

Item	1+2	3	4+5	M
Food supplies,	32%	13%	55%	3.53
Medical supplies,	31%	21%	48%	3.38
Drinking water supply,	26%	26%	49%	3.36
Rehabilitating displaced people,	39%	20%	41%	3.00
Raising awareness about safety, conflict, children ..etc,	50%	11%	39%	2.78



Unit 4

Workshop Speakers





Speaker:

Osaïd Al Marwani

Humanitarian Affairs Officer



Paper entitled: “Humanitarian Situation in Yemen”

- Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan **1.6 Billion Dollar**
- **21.1 million** people urgently need help (80 per cent of the population)
- **20.3 million** need water.
- **15.2 million** need health care.
- **12.9 million** need food.
- **11.4 million** need protection (7.3 million children)
- **1.2 million** need emergency shelter.



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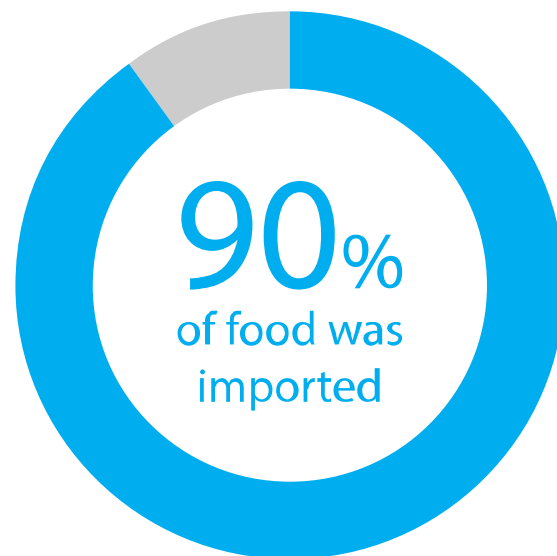
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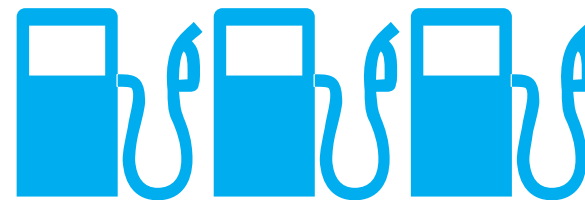
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Before Crisis:



544,000

metric tons of fuel per month
were used by the country





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Immediate Needs:

1. Humanitarian ceasefire and access to people in need
2. **\$1.6 billion** to provide clean water, health care, food, protection services and shelter
3. Respect for Humanitarian Law
4. Resumption of commercial imports – food / fuel / medicine

Principles of Humanitarianism

1. **Humanity** – human suffering must be addressed wherever found
2. **Neutrality** – humanitarians cannot take sides in hostilities
3. **Impartiality** – priority of response is based on need alone
4. **Independence** – humanitarian action is separate from the political, economic, or military objectives of any actor





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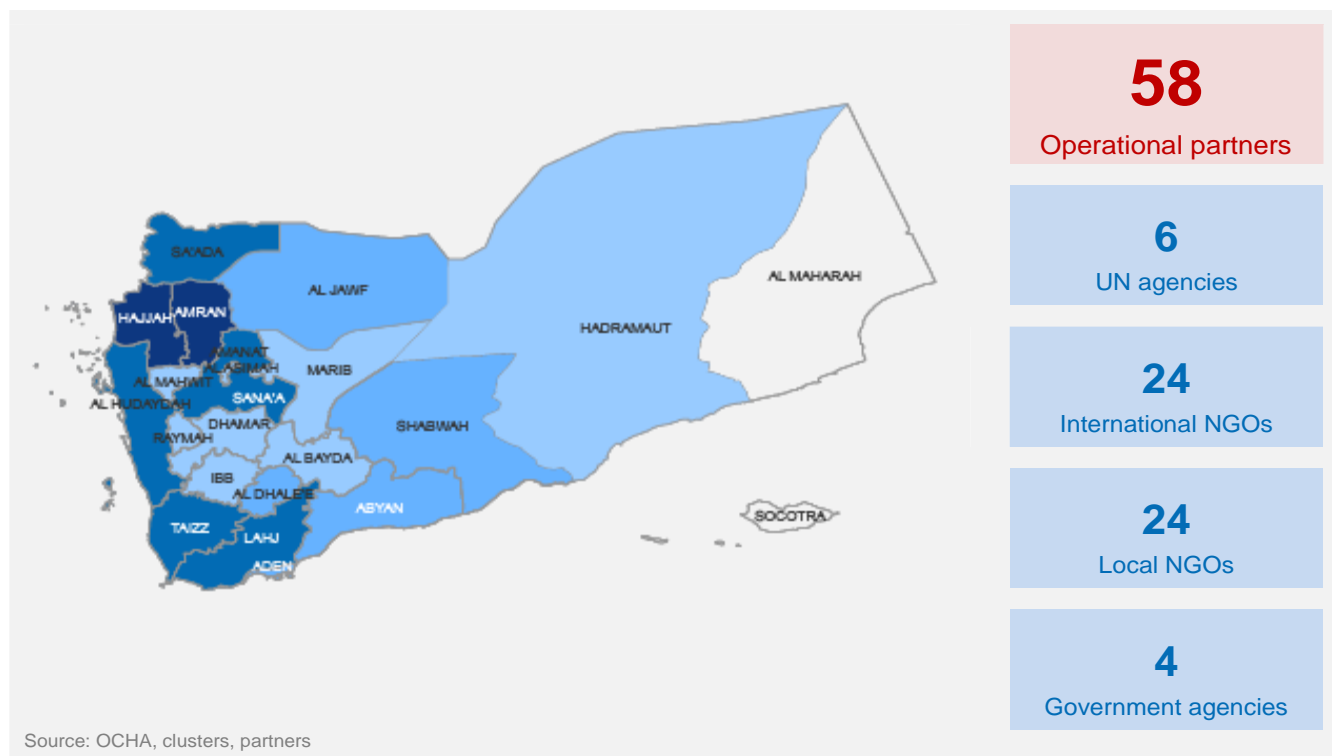
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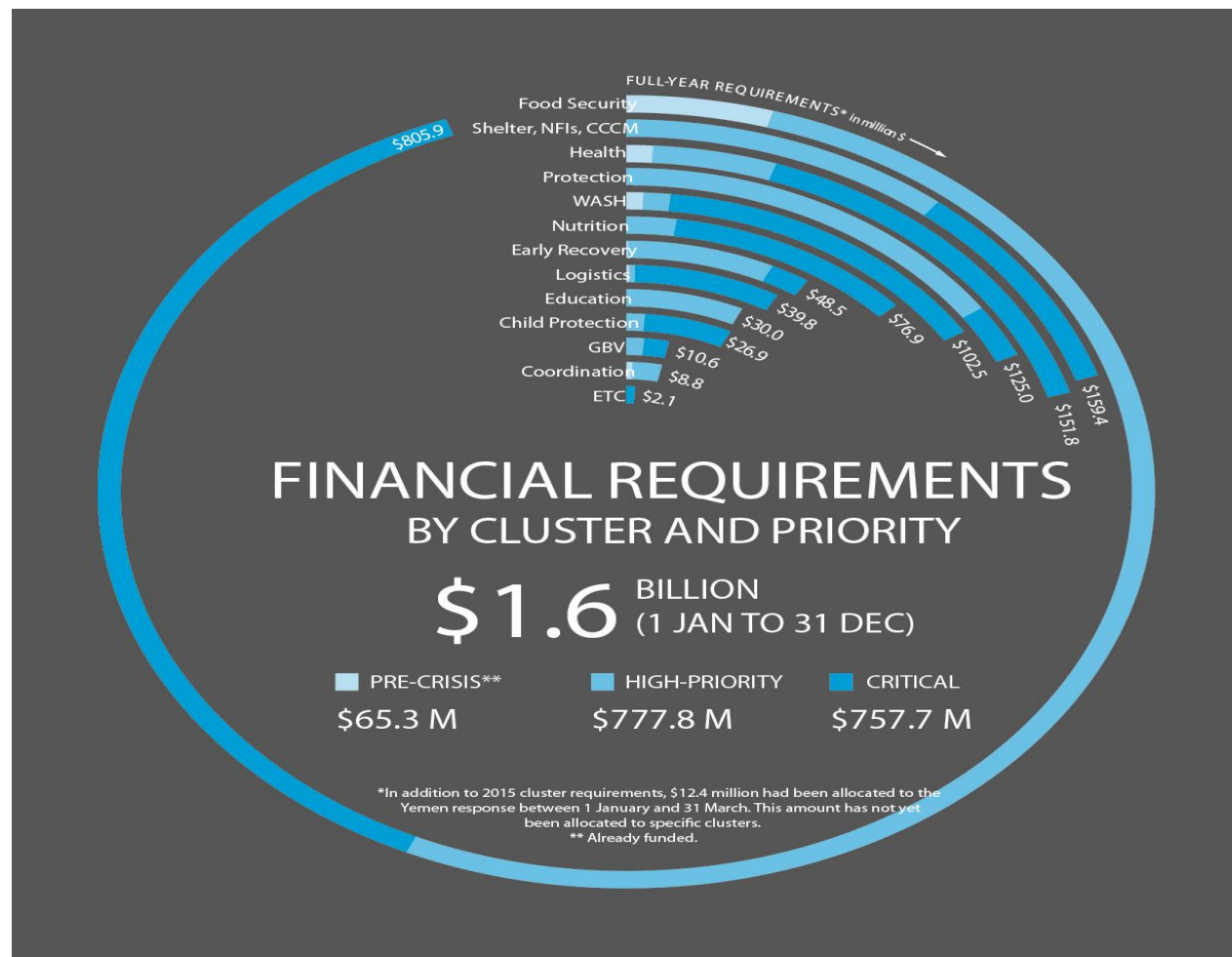
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WASH NEEDS \$102.5 million

- **20.3 million** people need water and sanitation services
- 80 per cent of the population are in need
- **9.4 million** people whose pre-crisis access to water has been cut or has been severely disrupted due to fuel shortages

Health NEEDS \$151.8 million

- **15.2 million** people need basic healthcare
- **1.5 million** women and children need nutrition services



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Food: **NEEDS** **\$805.9 million**

- **12.9 million** food insecure people
- Emergency food and livelihoods assistance
- Nearly 50 per cent of population
- 15.7 per cent increase since March

Protection: **NEEDS** **\$125 million**

- **12.2 million** people directly affected by the conflict
- **11.4 million** people need protection assistance
- 7.3 million children



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Shelter NEEDS \$159.4 million

- **1.2 million** people need emergency shelter or essential household items
Including:
1 million IDPs and 200,000 vulnerable host community members

Nutrition: NEEDS \$76.9 million

- Provide life-saving nutrition interventions to **1.5 million** women and children
- Deploy mobile outpatient therapeutic feeding programmes
- Primary focus on pregnant and lactating women and children under 5



منظمة كير الدولية:

المتحدث:

عصام المقطري

مدير برامج الطوارئ



A Paper on the interventions and the difficulties faced by CARE International

Interventions	Obstacles and difficulties
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distribution of 250,000 bottles to sterilize drinking water for 7,500 families in the number of Sanaa, Taiz and Aden and argument. Provide two central units of water for water purification.• Provide 16 reservoirs of water in the provinces of Sana'a and Hajjah and Amran.• Transfer funds to the number of 400 families stricken in Marib governor.• 1000 distribution healthy bag to the province of Hajjah, Aden.• 1264 distribution of emergency food baskets to 900 the number of pregnant mother and child in 1800 in Sana'a, Taiz, Aden and argument.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects in Lahij, Abyan stopped due to armed conflict.• Rising prices of relief materials and the lack of some of them.• Close Aden office Creek Crushed.• The difficulty of obtaining financial aid from abroad.• Lack of oil derivatives which is prevented the transfer of many of the water.• The cancellation of some activities and turn to other projects.



Global Communities

Speaker:

Dr Ayedh Sharayan



A Paper on the interventions and the difficulties faced by Global Communities:

Interventions	Difficulties and Obstacles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing 4,000 food baskets to 4,000 families in the provinces of Ibb, Taiz and Aden. • Launching FFP project to the number of 18,000 families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aden and Taiz Offices stopped. • Rising food prices.





Speaker:

Dr Belqees Abo Osba

President of Union



A Paper on the interventions and the difficulties faced by Civil Society Union:

Interventions	Difficulties and Obstacles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relief campaign aimed at providing relief materials to about (10,000) families. Training sessions on the scientific and methodological concepts for process monitoring and field survey of the effects of disasters and wars. Courses on the basics of first aid, including 294 trainees during the period (May 13 to June 7, 2015 m). Field surveys of the camps and poor families in the capital Sanaa and several provinces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of the internal and external war. And the continuation of land and air blockade and maritime. Lack of coordination between the relevant international organizations and humanitarian relief side, local organizations, and the absence of the role of the government side. Lack of a unified database of the number of displaced people and their needs. Lack of petroleum products.



Yemen is Our Concern

Speaker

Dr Adel Al Emad

The President



A Paper on the interventions and the difficulties faced by Yemen is Our Concern:

Interventions	Difficulties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of health services for refugees and accommodation centres. • Assisted in the provision of petroleum products to hospitals. • Provided training courses for 30 doctors from volunteers on first aid and surgery burns and wars. • Implemented awareness-raising activities to get rid of tailings. • Distributed 19 reservoirs in the neediest places and supplying them with water every day. • Distributed tons of food in Sana'a and tons of fish in Aden, to hundreds of families. • Contributed to the cleanliness campaign in collaboration with UNICEF and WHO, for the transfer of waste to outside Sanaa. • Provided free treatment to the victims of some raids like Sawan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of internal and external war. • Continuation of road and air and sea blockade. • Lack of petroleum products and the difficulty of transporting relief agencies between regions.

Unit 5

Group Work Analysis and Recommendations



Discussion Board:

The delegates were grouped into 7 groups of 8-10 people. With reference to the results of the survey carried out at the start of the workshop, groups were asked to re-state the humanitarian fields for urgent intervention, suggesting the major activities within each field, the expected obstacles and the group recommendations for how best to implement the suggested activities. Groups were given 60 minutes for discussions and then a time for each group represented to present their work.

Suggested Activities

The following presents the main suggested activities for urgent actions ordered based on times of mentioning in the groups worksheets

Food Supplies fields

Relief Hub	Activities	Repetitions/7	Repet. Percent
Food Supplies fields	Distributing food packages	6	%85.7
	Providing cash for work opportunities	2	%28.6
	Children milk	2	%28.6
	Providing economical bakeries	2	%28.6

Providing shelter for the displaced

Relief Hub	Activities	Repetitions/7	Repet. Percent
Providing shelter for the displaced	Building secure camps and providing emergency shelters	6	%85.7
	Providing food, water and medical help	3	%42.9
	Training courses of basic “survival skills”	2	%28.6

Medical Supplies:

Relief Hub	Activities	Repetitions /7	Repet. Percent
Medical Supplies	Mobile clinics in the areas of armed conflicts	6	%85.7
	Medicines and medical equipment for working hospitals	3	%42.9
	Medicines for Epidemic diseases	3	%42.9
	Field emergency clinics	3	%42.9
	Training workshops on first medical aids, protections from diseases, healthy manners	3	%42.9
	Vaccines	3	%42.9
	Cleaning campaigns	3	%42.9

Drinking Water Access

Relief Hub	Activities	Repetitions/7	Repet. Percent
Drinking Water Access	Water Tanks in the targeted zones	6	%85.7
	Wells in settling of displaced people	2	%28.6
	Distributing water through water tanks vehicles	2	%28.6
	Digging machines with maintenance	2	%28.6
	Training courses on how best use & reserve drinking water.		

Raising awareness

Relief Hub	Activities	Repetitions/7	Repet. Percent
Raising awareness	Raising awareness campaigns through media	5	%71.4
	Training workshops	3	%42.9
	Handbooks and leaflets	3	%42.9
	Qualifying fields teams for such purposes	2	%28.6

Main Recommendations

No .	Recommendation	Repetitions Percent	Important Degree
1	Pressing towards ending this war as soon as possible.	%100	1
2	Coordinating with the conflicts parties for having secure pass for humanitarian campaigns	%100	1
3	Organizing vast campaigns for ending the blockades on Yemen	%88.8	2
4	Continuing on coordinating the efforts among the working humanitarian organizations in the field	%88.8	2
5	Working for generating more funds to meet the rising needs in the country	%77.8	3
6	Coordinating with the governmental authorities for the availability of the needed humanitarian materials and fuels	%66.7	4
7	Working for building a thorough database for the urgent needs in Yemen to help sponsors determine what actions to take first.	%66.7	4
8	Organizing campaigns for supporting the basic needs and price governance	%55.6	5
9	Recruiting experts in the public safety for providing the highest possible level of safety to the civilian	%55.6	5
10	Coordinating with the local council for distributing the humanitarian materials	%44.4	6
11	Working for providing the legal safety for displaced people	%33.3	7
12	Organizing campaigns for cleaning	%33.3	7
13	Organizing campaigns for raising awareness about the importance of forgiveness, coexisting, conflict transformation, ..etc.	22.2	8

Unit 6

SYFA Objectives and Projects





SYFA, Scandinavian Yemeni Friendship Association, is an independent non-profit non governmental association promotes the understanding and appreciation of Scandinavian history and culture to people in Yemen and facilitates communication, friendship and fellowship among Yemeni and Scandinavian societies. The need of an international meanings of co-operation instead of limited dual based organizational collaboration becomes influential in the development of nations relationships. We believe that cooperation in a wider perspectives through well organized plans on the basis of experience and trust can construct a clear road map to achieve goals. Under the supervision of Scandinavian countries, we are investing minds instead of money and peace as the primary language to communicate over seas.

Mission:

Our mission is to build an endless, powerful, and mutual relationship between Yemen and Scandinavian countries based on the knowledge and the respect of both ideological and cultural differences.



Objectives:

- To promote the understanding and appreciation of Scandinavia history and culture to people in Yemen.
- To facilitate communication, friendship and fellowship among both countries.
- Constructive humanitarian Collaboration in cases of disasters and epidemics
- Providing strong network of contacts and support.
- Contributes to the development of societies in terms of cultural, social, scientific, and sportive cooperation
- Establishing the Scandinavian cultural center in Yemen aims to increase people background about cultural and social life of Scandinavia and the main cities and touring places there and promotes learning their languages.
- Encourage touring visits between countries of Scandinavia and Yemen.
- Making different exhibitions, seminars and conferences that play a major role in the development of cultural, social, and educational relations.
- Announcing in different Yemeni media about the association and its objectives and urge people to get involved

Humanitarian Projects:

The Goal

- Constructive humanitarian Collaboration in cases of disasters and epidemics

Objectives:

- To observe the humanitarian situation.
- To advocate the humanitarian situation locally and internationally by media campaigns.
- To identify, formulate and implement the priority projects.

Food:

- improving access to food, generate more sustainable livelihoods, accelerate recovery and promote self-reliance for displaced population in Taiz, Aden, Saada.
- training on kitchen gardening
- Vocational trainings (Cash for Food)
- Target: 15.000

Shelter:

- providing shelter and assistance for winterized NFIs through direct distribution, vouchers, and cash for families.

Target: 20.000

Wash:

- Delivering WASH services to beneficiaries in Yemen, including the distribution of WASH kits to IDPs and constructing or rehabilitating bathroom facilities. Also continues to deliver safe and potable water to IDPs in camps.
- Target: 10.000

Education:

- Facilitating the enrollment of children in basic education.
- Target: 10.000

Culture Projects

SCI

We are trying to establish the first Scandinavian cultural institute (SCI) in Yemen. The aim of this project is to promote the understanding and appreciation of Scandinavia history and culture to people in Yemen through different activities performed by the institute, one of the most important, learning Scandinavian languages for better communication.



Health Care Projects

Prenatal diagnosis clinic

Yemen is a developing country with no facilities in preventive care medicine when it comes to genetic disorders such as sickle cell anemia and thalassemia blood diseases. adding this clinic "aims to make this technique available for the first time to those who do not have the resources to go abroad" and to diagnose such diseases at very early stage of pregnancy.

Scandinavian Yemeni Cancer Research Center (SYCRC)

The very little literature on cancer entity in Yemen is a big problem with increasing mortality rate year after year. This project aims to establish the first cancer research center in Yemen as dynamic wheel of providing knowledge and assisting clinicians to find better ways to evaluate, diagnose, and treatment of cancer in Yemen.

Educational Projects

Scandinavian friends scholarships program (SFSP)

In cooperation with Scandinavian countries we are arranging a wide panel of educational projects such as Scandinavian friends scholarships program (SFSP). this program allow high qualified students who meet the standard requirments for enrollment in the Scandinavian universities for higher eduction. we also have some quotes from Erasmus mundus program for academic exchange.

Scandinavian friends library database (SFLD)

The ability to spread and receive information becomes one of the most important factors to keep knowledge updated. The SFLD project aims to make this source available as an open access to SYFA members. We believe that through this kind of e-library, the knowledge required for educational improvement will be achieved.

Yemen National Journal of Medicine is the first prestigious high quality leading journal of medicine in Yemen with an online submission system. The main aim of the journal is to establish scientific communication between Yemeni scholars and facilitate the wide spread of knowledge based on international peer reviewed research articles. The Journal publishes papers on a broad range of topics of general interest to those working in medicine and biomedical sciences. All papers accepted for publication in the Journal will appear simultaneously in the print journal annually and online directly



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