

Empowering Yemeni women and children economically and providing them with health care during the conflict

Introduction

This project is to build the capacities of women and girls to address the issues of women, girls and children and empower them economically in war-affected areas that have witnessed large waves of displacement, such as Sana'a governorate, which is witnessing a high population density, especially since the beginning of the armed conflict. The illiteracy rate among displaced women and girls is 65%, according to the rapid assessment of needs carried out by the organization in Sana'a during February 2020, and the survey was repeated in April 2022. This was attributed to the inability of these groups to integrate socially in the host areas, mainly due to the absence of job opportunities Which generates income for them and enables individuals to find an appropriate standard of living that enables its members to enroll and continue in education. In addition, literacy among women and girls causes problems related to living and health, family planning and child life. In addition, women and girls need some professions and jobs to eradicate poverty and improve their deteriorating living conditions, which they suffer in light of the living conditions that the Yemeni family goes through as a result of conflicts, wars and natural disasters. In order to practice these crafts to rely on themselves for income and to prepare for work in society and their access to entrepreneurship in the future, the Sanid Organization for Relief and Development (SORD) intervened to address these issues and problems in two directions: Building the capacities of 500 displaced and poorest women and girls in Sana'a in economic empowerment in the areas of modern sewing The art of hairdressing, the manufacture of detergents, the manufacture of incense and its derivatives, education for adults, literacy, awareness of reproductive health, and others.

Objectives

General Objective:

The project aims to raising the level of women's economic participation by training and educating 500 women and girls in Sana'a.

Specific Objectives:

1. Training (143) women and girls on some skills (sewing, knitting, incense, perfumes, accessories, hairdressing, and Janabi belts) during the months of November and December.
2. Carrying out awareness sessions and activities for women in several fields.

<p>Activities Carried out</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many women and girls from different regions of the capital, Sana'a, from the category of the displaced, the poorest, and those exposed to violence and survivors of it, were received at the organization's headquarters. ○ The names were sorted by the organization's team, and the areas inhabited by these women were determined, as well as their professional tendencies and desires to be trained in life skills and gain experience in order to enable them to work, earn money, become self-reliant, and be able to provide for their families. ○ A map of services has been prepared in their areas of residence, and women's centers and training institutes have been identified ○ Coordinating with those centers and institutes and agreeing to refer women who wish to train according to their preferences and desires so that the fees for enrollment in those centers and institutes will be reduced. ○ SORD contributed to bear the enrollment fees for a number of women by 50% of those fees, while the centers bear the remaining 50%, and thus the trainee does not pay anything from those fees. ○ 143 women distributed over 6 centers and institutes within their area of residence have been referred so that they cannot afford transportation fees and their access to training centers is easy. ○ The number 120 was divided into 7 types of training, as follows: ○ Training in the field of sewing for 32 women and girls. The training period was 15 days. ○ Training in the field of knitting for 17 women. The training period was 15 days. ○ In the field of incense and perfume industry, 28 women and girls completed a 15-day training period. ○ In the field of accessories industry, there are 20 girls. The training period was 10 days. ○ In the field of manufacturing Janabi belts, there are 18 women and girls. The training period was 10 days. ○ In the field of hairdressing, 16 girls. The training period was 10 days. ○ In the field of making pastries and sweets, 12 women and girls completed a 15-day training period. ○ They were distributed into four groups:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two groups during the month of November and two groups during the month of December ○ Providing the requirements for the implementation of training activities to the training centers (training supplies from the materials contributed by the Sanid organization to those centers that received referrals. ○ Providing individual sessions for some cases that need psychosocial support by the organization's social worker ○ Involving the beneficiaries in organizing the International Children's Day event. ○ Involving beneficiaries in organizing the 16-day event to combat violence against women. ○ By the end of November, the first group of training courses in (sewing, knitting, janabi, incense and perfume) ended. ○ Celebrating World AIDS Day, where the event aimed to introduce the most important infectious diseases such as AIDS and Corona, and some diseases such as malaria, typhoid and dengue fever, their causes, methods of transmission and methods of prevention. ○ The continuation of the 16-day event for combating violence against women (the economic empowerment of women and girls) coinciding with the celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (special needs), introducing them and their issues, the importance of their participation in training and rehabilitation, facilitating services for them, empowering them, and treating them as an active part in society, ○ In addition to these activities, there are a number of privileges for these trainees in terms of health and reproductive health care, where a contract has been signed with the Motherhood and Childhood Center and spending on receiving women who were included in the training program and subjecting them to periodic examinations within the Motherhood and Childhood Program, accompanied by their children, especially infants, who are exposed to diseases, the most important of which is bad nutrition ○ By the end of December, the second group of training courses in (sewing, accessories, hairdressing, incense, and perfumes) ended.
Challenges / Difficulties	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of support and capabilities to provide empowerment packages for training beneficiaries • An increase in the number of female visitors to the organization in order to join empowerment training and activities. • Scarcity of capabilities to implement and expand activities and preparations to benefit
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Searching for financing to provide empowerment packages for the beneficiaries of the training • Provide support to enroll the largest number of women who wish to obtain training



