



SOS Center for Youth Capabilities and Development (SOS)

Fields of Activity

Youth empowerment, advocacy

Vision and mission

SOS aims to create **transformative change within Yemen civil society on peace building, women's rights, gender equality and youth empowerment**, by building and strengthen political, economic and social skills of local youth and women through capacity building, advocacy and campaigning, awareness raising, technical support and use of art and digital platforms. SOS strives for a Yemeni **society where all members, regardless of identifies, beliefs and locations, can have access to equal opportunities and resources**. They work to enable people to activate their human qualities and abilities, to have dignified life.

ACTIVITIES

The Center works on many projects and activities in the lowest fortunate areas of development with focusing on the participation of all genders. The SOS Center seeks to **empower Yemeni youth and building their capabilities** and providing them with basic life skills to face development challenges, activating their participation and spreading the necessary awareness of the values of civil society based on the basis of justice, equality, freedom, democracy and acceptance of the other, law supremacy.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ 'Tadfour for safe age of marriage and back school' program, improving protection and empowering adolescent at risk of child marriage, drop out of school, and recruitment through the provision of knowledge, life skills, socio-economic empowerment and access to quality services in Aden and Lahij
- ❖ Community resilience and pathway to peace project supported by WPHF, which aims to address the Gendered impact of the COVID-19 such as GBV
- ❖ Capacity building training, organization support to local CSO on prevention and response to GBV and SGBV
- ❖ Engagement in the #16 Days of Activism against GBV: Critical examples of #16 Day of Activism Events; Advocacy and Campaign workshop on leadership; Virtual Online Dialogue; Radio Session; Short Film; #UniteTogetherAgainstGBV



Country: Yemen



Year of foundation:
2012



Areas of intervention:

Aden, Taiz, Lahj, Abyan, Shabwa, Hadramout, and Al-Dalee'.



STAFF: 28 employee. 15 women. 13 men



Network:

UNICEF, Care Organization , WPHF, UN Women, ILO, UK aid, IMatter, Search for Common Ground, IOM, YLDF, Alf Ba Institution, Rumoz Institution, Afaq Shababia Institution, Tanwee Institiution, Yemeni Women Union



Website :

<https://soscentres.org/about-en.html>

SOS' Contributions to Naseej's workstreams:

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Community Engagement

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Policy Change



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SOS's activities supported by Naseej: an overview

Locations



Aden and Lahij.

Budget



€ 125.000

Timeframe



14 months

Naseej's workstreams

Stream 1 (Services Delivery)

Strengthening support and referral services and reporting systems for women and girls GBV survivors

Stream 2 (Community Engagement)

Transforming the social norms that perpetuate GBV with a special focus on youth engagement



Stream 3 (Policy Change)

Strengthening development and implementation of national GBV legislation



Capacity building trainings

Workshop on: Gender equality, in peacebuilding and gender transformation social change; Mainstreaming positive gender norms relations in Yemen's peace building; Advocacy and campaigning on Gender transformative social change for **120 participants** from women representatives of CSOs, national authority and ministries, and others.

Workshop for Youth group coalition building and campaign mobilization and social grant

Workshop to empower knowledge, resources, and tools for Youth-led initiatives, skills in digital and social media platforms for 20 youth, prepare them to **develop a social action plan for GBV awareness-raising campaign.**

Next Generation Feminist Leaders Retreat Training

Create a safe space for **25 women** activist and agent of social change, building their capacity in feminist leadership, mechanisms and approaches to shift and change attitude, behaviors, social norms that perpetuate gender inequality.

Social action project grant for women-led initiatives, tackling Gender-based violence

Promote the important of women's role in the community, providing opportunity for women to led 4 social action projects practicing and improving their leadership skills.



"Plant the seeds 4 peace" online media campaign platform and radio session

As part of the community mobilization advocacy campaigning, design, launching and maintain an online education campaign on promoting societal discussions on social norms challenges and practice that contribute gender inequality in Yemen.

National conference and women-led advocacy and campaign for a gender equitable society.

Targeting 80 national and community member to promote a collaborative, coordinated effort in tackling GBV issues in Yemen, improve and strengthen gender protection and inclusive women participation.

Art exhibition, Street Dance, and Dialogue sessions Campaign on GBV

Targeting 150-200 community members and 20 artists, prompting for collective ownership and responsibility to tackle gender inequality and GBV.



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Naseej: Connecting Voices and Action to End Violence
Against Women and Girls in the MENA Region



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