



YEMEN WOMEN UNION (YWU)

Field of Activity

Gender Equality and Gender Based Violence (GBV)

Vision and mission

YWU is women rights organization with a focus on **Yemeni women empowerment**, working to support women capacities for an effective contribution in sustainable development, emergencies and crises. YWU strives to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and **promote the principle of partnerships and cooperation** with local, Arab and international organizations. YWU aims at empowering Yemeni women involving also their family to be an essential and dynamic partner in social, cultural and political development.

ACTIVITIES

YWU program and activities are highly focused in advocating for women rights to enable women gain access to their rights and **reduce the prevalence of violence** against them. YWU provides comprehensive, specialized GBV services. The organization is engaged also in **awareness-raising activities and community mobilization**, identify key risks and address negative norms, attitudes, and practices that perpetuate the social acceptance of GBV.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Multisectoral services (psychological, social, legal, medical and national hotline) in 13 governorates for victims of GBV and child marriage
- ❖ Operating 19 safe spaces for 14.725 Women and Girls Safe, that have been provided Referral of GBV victims; psychological support; vocational training; economic empowerment; and cash assistance.
- ❖ Operating 9 safe shelters for 188 GBV survivor women and girls located in the following Governorates: Sana'a; Amran; Hodeidah; Taiz city; Shamayatayn district-Taiz; Ibb; Hadhramaut and Aden
- ❖ Case management and mapping, a case manager in each district, the case manager is in charge of the internal or external referral of GBV survivors to service providers according to a referral map that is continuously updated.



Country: Yemen



Year of foundation: 1963



Areas of intervention:

Sana'a, Aden, Alturba-Taiz and Lahj.



STAFF: 728

employees, 614 are women



Networks:

Oxfam; OCHA



Website:

<http://yemenwu.org/>

YWU's Contributions to Naseej's workstreams:

1

Service Delivery

2

Community Engagement

3

Policy Change



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YWU's activities supported by Naseej: an overview

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

Locations



Sana'a, Aden, Alturba-Taiz and Lahj.

Budget



€ 300.000

Timeframe



April 2021
July 2022

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



Improve the referral systems for SGBV support services

Developing and publishing a Service Mapping Manual, building the capacity for the selected **24 referral system** by providing training workshop to support **1.680 SGBV** cases/survivors.

Provide health, legal and psychosocial support and case management to 1440 SGBV survivors

Strengthen the existing YWU Safe Spaces with essential equipment for protection services for SGBV survivors, first aid, communication tools, and psychosocial devices.



Capacity building training for 20 women

Empower women and girls' agents of change within their communities by training workshops on SGVB, women's rights, and enhancing their communication and leaders' skills.

Capacity building trainings for 72 men schools' managers and 1.440 students

Transforming the social norms that perpetuate SGBV with a focus on youth engagement by building the capacity for the schools' managers and school activities to raise awareness about masculinity and femininity, positive fatherhood, and non-violent communication to promote a critical examination of norms and gender dynamics.



Advocacy training for 81 male and female

Development of 162 communication messages to be conveyed through different platforms in order to engage social leaders, influencers and role models in the dialogue and advocacy on ending SGBV.

Awareness raising on knowledge of SGBV with at least 10 man and women

432 awareness sessions will be provided to increase women and girls' knowledge on where and how access SGBV support services by focusing on health, legal, psychosocial and reporting mechanisms.



Strengthening the development and implementation of national SGBV legislation

Collect testimonies to document and advocate against violations of women's rights in crises. Building the capacity of 24 WROs to advocate women issues and to enhance their roles in peace building.



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