

## RESULTS SUMMARY

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PROJECT	<i>Title:</i>	Yemen Humanitarian and Resilience Programme for Vulnerable Crisis/Conflict and Disaster Affected Internally Displaced People (IDPs) and Host Communities
	<i>Partner:</i>	Tamdeen Youth Foundation
	<i>Country:</i>	Yemen
	<i>Period:</i>	2022 - 2025

**CHANGE**

Crisis-affected women and youth in Taiz have established income-generating activities and gained social recognition from the community after receiving small grants and business training, provided by the project. Women and youth have managed to successfully open grocery stores, establish and expand livestock, set up beekeeping or provide tailoring. As a result, they have increased their family's economic income, allowing for improved livelihood and some have managed to provide education for their children.

**CONTEXT**

Taiz Governorate, in Southwestern Yemen, is impacted by localized clashes with some of its districts facing severe humanitarian needs and many of its districts experiencing continued vulnerabilities stemming from protracted conflict and the subsequent economic crisis. The 2024 Yemen Humanitarian Needs Overview highlights the humanitarian needs. The project component in Taiz focuses on improving access to humanitarian assistance, protection services and sustainable livelihoods.

**CONTRIBUTION**

Oxfam and the partner Tamdeen Youth Foundation have provided essential support through small grants, business training and technical assistance. They also supplied grants to participants for starting their income-generating activities. Training and technical support have covered business management skills building and boosted participants' capabilities and confidence. The support has contributed to the livelihoods of conflict-affected women and youth in Taiz.



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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### ACTIVITIES

Main activities have included a comprehensive training package, covering essential business management skills, financial literacy and strategies for running successful income-generating activities. To ensure follow up, participants were offered ongoing technical assistance and mentorship to build effective management and help participants to overcome operational challenges. Small grants allowed each participant to establish or expand their existing businesses. The financial support enabled them to purchase initial supplies, livestock, seeds, tools, or other necessities. Informing and mobilising local leaders were likewise key activities, and instrumental in fostering community support and awareness of the benefits of the project's, thus enabling the success for the various businesses. The project has tailored support to participants' needs thus helping them in refining their business strategies.

### LESSONS

Comprehensive business training has contributed to boosting participants' confidence and skills and to more successful ventures. Technical backing tailored to individual needs have increased the utilization of resources. Likewise, addressing the unique challenges faced by women, such as safety and mobility, proved essential for their success. Diversifying sectors for income-generating activities have contributed to risks mitigation and an increase in economic stability. Also, it was exemplified how the principle of starting small has allowed participants to manage risks better and gradually scale their businesses. Flexibility has shown to be crucial, as conflict-related challenges can change rapidly. Lastly, building a network of support, including mentorship and community ties, has established to be vital for sustained success and engaging leaders and local communities fosters social recognition and improved the customer base.

### EVIDENCE

Businesses, particularly those targeting women and young women who have traditionally limited opportunities has had an individual, familial and community level effect. There is some anecdotal evidence of families who were able to send children to school without borrowing money, thus reducing economic dependency. Feedback gathered has shown positive perspectives from community members. The groceries being set up have for instance eased the life for locals as they can now buy groceries in their own community. Participants' testimonials and self-reporting support the claim for increased confidence, economic gains/livelihoods, and community respect. Project results have been presented in narrative reporting. Also, photographic evidence is provided via a huge range of photos of businesses and training sessions, thus providing visual proof of project results.

### DOMAINS

<i>Development strategy priorities:</i>	Insert strategy priority
<i>Changes in the lives of people facing poverty, marginalisation or vulnerability</i>	X
<i>Changes in laws, policies and practices that affect people's rights</i>	-
<i>Changes in the capacity of organisations and communities to support rights</i>	-
<i>Changes in partnerships and collaborations that support people's rights</i>	-
<i>Changes in participation of groups facing poverty, marginalisation or vulnerability</i>	X
<i>Changes in local leadership of development and humanitarian work</i>	X