

Joint Government of Yemen-UN Project on Area-Based Durable Development Solutions to Displacement

Internal Displacement Solutions Fund (IDSF) – April 2024 to September 2025

Overview

The Internal Displacement Solutions Fund (IDSF) Joint Project brings together the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). This initiative aims to support Yemen's national and local authorities in providing durable, development-oriented solutions for displacement affected people.

Key Focus Areas:

- Developing 4 localized action plans for durable solutions for Aden, Lahj, Marib and Taiz Governorates
- Strengthening local and national authorities' capacity to lead the implementation of solutions that prioritize recovery and development.
- Collaborating with the Executive Unit for IDPs (ExU) and relevant ministries to develop a Roadmap for 2013 Yemen National IDP Policy

Objectives

Conduct Comprehensive Assessments and Surveys

Gather data on the needs and preferred solutions of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), returnees, and host communities through intention surveys, economic, social, livelihoods analysis.

Build the capacity of local governments to use this data for evidence-based planning and investments.

Strengthen Local and National Governance

Collaborate with the Executive Unit, Governorates and Ministries to develop policies and legal frameworks that facilitate the reintegration and settlement of IDPs and returnees.

Empower local authorities to implement community-led development projects tailored to their specific context.

Innovate and Scale Up Programming on Solutions

Test and scale innovative solutions for community-driven development in the pilot locations.

Ensure that these approaches can be expanded and replicated in other regions of Yemen.

Key Partners

The project is driven by a strong partnership between the Government of Yemen comprised of the Executive Unit, relevant Ministries, local authorities, civil society, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the UN agencies involved. National and local authorities' ownership is essential to the project's success and plays a key role in driving sustainable solutions for IDPs, returnees and displacement-affected communities.

Governorates: Lead in the development of localized durable solutions action plans, ensuring they reflect local needs and priorities.

Executive Unit for IDPs camp management: Custodian of 2013 National IDP Policy, coordinates with line ministries, local authorities and UN agencies to ensure a smooth implementation of project activities.

National Ministries: Main lead on service provision to IDPs and displacement affected communities under National IDP Policy.

Civil Society and NGOs: Engage communities, advocate for their needs, and ensure that local voices are at the heart of the solutions.

Expected Outcomes

Strengthened Local Capacity

Local authorities will have enhanced capacity to lead the transition from humanitarian response to sustainable, development-focused solutions, particularly in governorates with large IDPs and returnee populations.

Evidence-Based Decision-Making

Joint data collection and analysis will support more informed decision-making, allowing authorities to prioritize the most urgent needs of IDPs and returnees in targeted governorates.

Action Plans and Policy Reforms

A National Roadmap for the 2013 National IDP Policy will be developed, clarifying the roles and responsibilities of government bodies.

Localized DS Plans of Action (PoA) will be created for Aden, Marib, Taiz, and Lahj, focusing on community-led solutions for livelihoods, protection, governance, and social cohesion.

Shift towards Development-Focussed, Scalable Solutions

Successful initiatives from the pilot locations will be scaled up to address the needs of more displaced populations and returnees across Yemen.



Project at a Glance

- ➔ Duration: April 2024 – September 2025
- ➔ Target Areas: Aden, Marib, Taiz, Lahj
- ➔ Budget: \$1.5 million (Phase 1)
- ➔ Support will focus on the agreed project activities to ensure the best possible outcomes.
- ➔ Lead UN Agencies: UNDP, UNHCR, FAO, IOM
- ➔ Direct/Indirect Beneficiaries: 1.94 million estimated IDPs in target governorates, displacement affected communities overall

Accomplishments and Next Steps

Governorate-level Workshops: Held in Aden, Marib, Taiz, and Lahj, these workshops engaged local stakeholders to develop initial plans for durable solutions by early 2025.

IDP and Returnee Surveys: Ongoing intention surveys and livelihoods assessments will be completed by early 2025, in targeted governorates, including Hodeidah and Ad' Dalee, providing critical data for the project.

Phase 2 Planning: Resource mobilization and planning are underway to begin pilot project implementation in Quarter 2 2025, with a focus on livelihoods, governance, and social cohesion.

What's Next?

The project is a critical step toward creating long-term, durable solutions for displacement in Yemen.

With the implementation of Localized PoAs and Roadmap for the 2013 National IDP Policy set to begin in 2025, we are focused on translating these plans into concrete actions that will unlock vital resources.

With continued support from the GoY and international partners, we are moving toward a future where IDPs can rebuild their lives, contribute to their communities, and benefit from a development-oriented approach.



Governorate workshop in Taiz – September 2024