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❖ Issue Forward

As an extension of Saudi Arabia's decades-old support for Yemen, the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen (SDRPY) was established in 2018 as the first development program specialized in development in Yemen. Since then, SDRPY has worked in coordination and cooperation with the Yemeni government and local authorities on the implementation of (207) development projects and initiatives in key sectors, namely education, health, water, energy, transportation, agriculture and fisheries and capacity building of government institutions as well as development programs that have contributed to improving daily life in various Yemeni governorates.

Through these pages, we highlight the most prominent efforts and achievements of SDRPY for the period between December 2021 - February 2022 in various sectors, and these achievements come in an effort to contribute to achieving stability and supporting the transition from the stage of humanitarian and relief aid to the stage of development and reconstruction in implementation of development plans a strategy that SDRPY is working on through its offices, which are currently deployed in five locations in Yemen. It is also keen to cooperate with development partners from international organizations, state institutions, civil society institutions and representatives of the private sector to reach the best results that are in the interest of the brothers in Yemen. And because development and reconstruction are the two pillars of establishing lasting peace and overcoming the effects of conflicts, and preparing the land and people to reach a bright and prosperous future in all fields, we are pleased to share this bulletin with all the pioneers and partners of development in Yemen.

Allah grants success

The Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen (SDRPY)





SDRPY and ESCWA

Issue a Joint Report on Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), in collaboration with the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen (SDRPY), has issued a report on the deteriorating economic conditions in the Arab least developed countries (LDCs), which are: Mauritania, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen; in addition to the implications of the COVID19- pandemic. Conflicts have caused massive displacements, which have left these countries with heavy burdens. According to the report, the growth rates have declined significantly in all four countries in the past decade. In Somalia, the gross national income per capita has been dropping continuously since 2010; Sudan and Yemen have seen significant decreases since the middle of the past decade. In Yemen, the gross domestic product (GDP) growth has collapsed, and the actual gross domestic product has contracted by 50% between 2014 and 2020. Growth rates in Sudan, moreover, dropped sharply in 2019 due to political turmoil. The report indicates that the primary drivers of growth in the four countries, however weak, are private consumption followed by government consumption;

the factors that would have usually created significant economic development, such as private investment, have not played any vital role in the economic growth. Additionally, the report strongly recommends that intervention to support Arab LDCs be carried out, linking important and necessary humanitarian work with achieving development, peace, and stability. This report is a crucial document for the ESCWA-led regional review of the implementation of the previous agenda, which was adopted at the Fourth LDCs Conference in 2011, and the preparatory process for the fifth Conference to be held in Doha in January 2022. Moreover, the report is one of the outcomes of the partnership agreement that was signed over a year ago between ESCWA and SDRPY to support Arab LDCs through empirical studies aimed at developing ways to combat poverty and attaining the internationally agreed development objectives; ultimately improving the living conditions in Arab LDCs through effective development contributions. As one of the five United Nations regional commissions, "ESCWA" works toward supporting social and economic development in the Arab countries as well as regional integration.



SDRPY Launches the 1st Workshop of

the Capacity-building Program for the Yemeni Ministry of Finance

As part of a comprehensive and integrated capacity-building program for Yemen's governmental agencies, the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen (SDRPY) launched the first workshop of the capacity-building program for the Yemeni Ministry of Finance on December 2021, 15, in SDRPY's headquarters in Riyadh. The event was attended by Yemen's Planning and International Cooperation Minister, Waed Badheeb, and Yemen's Finance Minister, Salem bin Brik. Furthermore, SDRPY's General Supervisor and Saudi Ambassador to Yemen, Mohammed bin Saeed Al Jabir, Chief of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Mission to Yemen, Sarhan Al-Minaikher, Director General of the Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Finance, Abdul Mohsen al-Mutawa, and several capacity-building and training experts attended the event. The comprehensive capacity-building program, launched by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in mid-2021 to establish a sustainable technical partnership, aims at enhancing the planning, development, and general capacities of Yemeni governmental institutions by enabling those institutions to identify their needs and assess their capabilities to execute their primary tasks and adapt to ever-changing circumstances, Dr. Badheeb explained. Dr. Badheeb also added that the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation is pleased to serve as a bridge for cooperation and communication and to enhance coordination between SDRPY and all ministries, government institutions, and local councils in an attempt to support the steps taken by the leadership of the two brotherly and neighboring countries to establish a comprehensive development vision able to build the capacities of the Yemeni state. For his part, the Yemeni Finance Minister,

Salem bin Brik, hailed the efforts and support provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Yemen to alleviate the suffering of its people during difficult circumstances, stating that: "Over the past years, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has been keen to support the Yemeni economy by depositing funds, providing the oil derivatives grant to operate power plants throughout the country, and through SDRPY's projects and initiatives. We hope that the recommendations of this workshop will be reflected on the ground, and the Ministry of Finance will rise in its capabilities." During the launch, SDRPY's General Supervisor and Saudi Ambassador to Yemen, Mohammed bin Saeed Al Jabir, assured the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's keenness to support the Yemeni government, its institutions, and its brotherly people, adding that the Kingdom will not hesitate to support Yemen developmentally and economically according to a strategy and a vision that prioritize the people of Yemen, meet their needs and improve their livelihood. Al Jabir noted that this workshop, which is a continuation of the capacity-building program that started in June 2021 with the Yemeni Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, aims at enhancing the capabilities of the Yemeni Finance Ministry in collaboration and partnership with relevant authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as international organizations. While this workshop aims to enhance the capabilities of the Yemeni Finance Ministry, it aims at generally training Yemeni government institutions to meet the needs of the current circumstances and enhance the human and institutional capacities of ministries working in this field. In addition, the workshop is a continuation of the Kingdom's efforts through SDRPY to support stability in Yemen, contribute to strengthening the Yemeni economy, and improve the livelihood of its people.





A Tripartite Contribution Agreement Is Signed to Implement the Project of Using Renewable Energy to Improve the Quality of Life in the Republic of Yemen

An agreement on the «Renewable Energy Use to Improve the Quality of Life in Yemen» project was signed on January 30th by the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen (SDRPY), Arab Gulf Program for Development (AGFUND), and Selah Foundation for Development to implement the project in five Yemeni governorates; Hadhramout, Taizz, Lahij, Abyan and the Western Coast with a total value of 2,1\$ million in the fields of energy, technology, food security, health and education, women empowerment, water and sanitation, and protection and shelter. The three sides of the agreement were represented by AGFUND Chairman, Prince Abdulaziz Bin Talal, SDRPY General Supervisor, Ambassador Mohammed Al Jabir, and Selah Foundation for Development CEO, Ali Bashmakh. Prince Abdulaziz said that «the project of renewable energy use to improve the quality of life in Yemen lays the foundation of a qualitative infrastructure required now, especially for solving crises and dealing with emergencies to meet the necessary needs. It is one of the fundamental elements of peace and stability as energy is essential in sustaining development.»

«This project holds a special place in our hearts as Yemeni people do. The project is one of the winning projects of the Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development, which searches for leading projects, and earned the Pioneer award after competing against 70 other projects worldwide. The development and mass roll-out of this project will have beneficial consequences.» he added. «AGFUND will create, along

with other NGOs, an environment of stability that the Yemeni people have been striving for,” HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Talal said. He hopes that the cooperation with SDRPY will extend to other vital projects, such as the opening of the Arab Open University in Yemen as in the other nine Arab countries. Ambassador Al Jabir said that the agreement is part of continuous work SDRPY seeks to implement under the directives of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman and HRH Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, adding that they are working to ensure the sustainability of integrated efforts with responsible institutions, which will increase comprehensive development in Yemen. «We gather here today to sign the tripartite agreement on renewable energy use to improve the quality of life in five Yemeni governorates. The project will utilize clean energy to provide potable water, irrigation, and lighting for homes and public utilities to improve the services of vital sectors and better the lives of the Yemeni people,» he added. Furthermore, the project aims to develop the infrastructure and improve essential services. Sixty thousand families will benefit from pumping clean drinking water, 210 farmers with sustainable irrigation methods will benefit from agricultural irrigation, and 931 families will benefit from powered homes. Moreover, the project will help several health and educational facilities and mosques in several remote areas. The agreement will promote and coordinate cooperation among partners to implement sustainable development projects, enhancing strategic and developmental integration in Yemen.



Saudi Cooperation

to Promote Sustainable Urban Development and Enhancing The Medical Services In Yemen

On September 7th, 2021, the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and Housing (MoMRA) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation, at the Ministry's headquarters in Riyadh, with SDRPY to enhance cooperation and coordination between the two agencies in boosting development efforts in the Republic of Yemen. The Memorandum aims to activate MoMRA's participation in several development projects and initiatives in Yemen, including the promotion of sustainable urban development, training construction and urban modernization specialists in SDRPY and relevant agencies, providing SDRPY with technical and advisory support in various areas, including urban development, engineering affairs, building codes, and developing unified classification standards for engineering and consultancy offices and constructing companies in Yemen. SDRPY also signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Saudi Ministry of Health to improve health services in the brotherly Republic of Yemen. Besides enhancing the level of services provided in the Yemeni health sector, the memorandum aims to provide technical and advisory support across various areas, including public health campaigns, preventive programs, vaccinations, and the training of Yemeni healthcare personnel. The Memorandum of Joint Cooperation will contribute to improving the efficiency of the operation of hospitals and health centers in the Republic of Yemen, automating the work and developing of the procedures of the health sector in Yemen, constructing and enhancing the infrastructure procedures and plans of the health sector in Yemen, synchronizing the health transformation programs that were approved in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with the health transformation programs in Yemen, and providing medical support to the Republic of Yemen through SDRPY. SDRPY pays attention to the

health sector in Yemen as one of the sectors that suffer from poor readiness. The program provided support to the health sector in Yemen, through 22 development projects and initiatives. Moreover, it provided support to 17 medical centers by providing medical equipment and devices, 598 medical equipment supplied to hospitals and medical centers, and 15 ambulance vehicles in support of this vital sector. The projects and initiatives of SDRPY included the project of establishing King Salman Medical and Educational City in Al Mahrah Governorate, which comes as an extension of the continuous support provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Yemenis in various sectors in Yemen, which raises the efficiency of performance and the quality of services provided in multiple vital sectors that directly affect the lives of the Yemeni citizens. This project is one of the largest projects serving the health and education sectors in Yemen and is hosted by Al Mahrah Governorate at SAR 225,648,000 million. The first phase includes the construction of an integrated educational hospital with a capacity of 110 beds. The King Salman Medical and Educational City in Al Mahrah Governorate has an area of one million square meters to cover the needs of Al Mahrah Governorate health sector projects and the needs of its neighboring governorates. Saudi projects in the health sector, furthermore, include the rehabilitation of Aden General Hospital, which was established in 2004 as a gift from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to our brothers in Yemen. The Saudi Fund for Development rehabilitation project will fund the rehabilitation project, while SDRPY will supervise and follow up. The hospital has a capacity of more than 200 beds, and the project includes medical equipment with more than 2,187 medical devices and equipment. The project is built on an area of 20,000 square meters. The project, moreover, includes the construction of a heart center with a capacity of 50 beds.



As of February 2022, Seven Tranches of the Saudi Oil Derivatives Grant Have arrived to Yemen.

Stabilizing social life, providing health and educational services, raising the performance of vital sectors services, developing infrastructure in the energy sector and improving basic services are the most prominent positive effects of the Saudi Oil Derivatives Grant

Impact of the Saudi Oil Derivatives Grant



Improving the operational capacity of power plants across Yemen.



Contributing to improved general conditions in various sectors, such as health, education and public services.



Boosting energy production.



Increasing businesses' operational capacity.



Reducing the occurrences and lengths of power outages.



422\$ The million Saudi Oil Derivatives Grant extends the Kingdom's efforts to support the Republic of Yemen across multiple sectors. The grant is an extension of the previous oil derivatives grants provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which, to date, amounted to 4,2\$ billion. To meet the monthly needs submitted by power plants in the Yemeni governorates, the total amount of oil derivatives supplied since the beginning of the grant has reached 506,000 metric tons. In a statement, the Yemeni Minister of Electricity and Energy, Dr. Anwar Kalashat, said, «the Saudi Oil Derivatives Grant has a significant impact on the economy as well as on the provision of energy services in various governorates,» noting the suffering due to the shortage of fuel supplies prior to the grant, causing recurring and prolonged power outages that lasted for days. In some governorates, Dr. Kalashat noted, the power outage would continue for up to seven days. However, following the arrival of the Grant, the electricity generation has been stable for seven months in various governorates. Dr. Kalashat added that the Grant has a significant impact on the economy, as the government has reallocated the funds initially assigned for purchasing fuel to that of improving the standard of living for residents in Yemen while developing solutions to problems in the energy sector. Dr. Kalashat stated that everyone could feel the outcomes of the Grant and the improved electricity generation. Now that electricity generation is almost stable, electricity has significantly improved in several governorates without disruptions and was generally improved in other governorates.

A supervisory committee oversees the distribution of the Grant to the governorates based on the needs submitted by power plants. Along with SDRPY, the committee is composed of several Yemeni entities, including the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, and the General Electricity Corporation and Aden Refineries Company.

The Oil Derivatives Grant has significantly addressed the problem of frequent power outages, thus, contributing to social stability and enhancing the provision of essential services across vital sectors. The Grant has, furthermore, contributed to stabilizing oil and fuel prices, positively impacting the economy by reducing the burden on the central bank, which depends on hard currency to purchase oil derivatives. This grant also contributed to developing the infrastructure and access to basic services. The quantities of oil derivatives delivered since the beginning of May 2021 amount to 393,000 metric tons of diesel and 202,000 metric tons of mazut. These quantities were used in 65 power plants, which led to the generation of more than 1960 gigawatts-hours of energy by the end of December of that year. With the grant's implementation in 2021, and compared to energy production, transmission, and use in 2020, an overall improvement was observed in 2021. Specifically, energy production increased by 17%, power transmission increased by 12%, energy sales increased by 13%, and the average operating hours increased to over 20 hours across several governorates.

Rehabilitation of Aden Airport. . .

Raising the level and efficiency of services provided to passengers and airlines

Project Impact



Improve infrastructure



Improve basic services



Facilitate humanitarian access



Improve airport transportations



Revitalize the economy



Create job opportunities

Rehabilitation Works



Provide firetruck



Provide transportation buses



Increase the capacity of the electric power



Passenger parking and lounges rehabilitation



Cargo area and aircraft parking rehabilitation



Runway lighting rehabilitation

345,321

Passengers each year

1,000,000

Annual capacity





The projects for the rehabilitation and development of Yemeni airports represent an important contributor to the Yemeni economy, and to driving and boosting development in the Yemeni governorates, by raising the level of quality of services and improving the efficiency of airports provided to travelers and aviation companies; the project works continue to rehabilitate the airport taxiway, preparing the glass facades of the airport, rehabilitating the passenger terminal building and the cargo area, and enhancing the airport's electrical energy efficiency.

Yemen Commends the SDRPY Efforts in the Health Sector

During a meeting with the General Supervisor of the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen (SDRPY), Ambassador Mohammad bin Saeed Al Jaber, the Yemeni Minister of Public Health and Population, Dr. Qassim Muhammad Buhaibah, paid tribute to the SDRPY efforts through its development projects and initiatives in various Yemeni governorates, which contributed to raising the efficiency of medical services, improving the daily life of Yemenis, increasing access to treatment and strengthening the capabilities of the health sector in Yemen. Overcoming obstacles and difficulties in development projects in the health sector was discussed in the meeting.



22 Projects and Initiatives

17 

Clinics received medical equipment

598 

Medical equipment was provided to clinics and hospitals

15 

Ambulances were supplied





Martyr Ali Asaad Muthanna Hall

Capabilities to Host Various
Sports Competitions

In recognition of the developmental impact that sports has which enhances societal integration and raises the level of physical fitness, as well as contributing to achieving social progress, the hall will hold the events and activities of the Aden Sports Festival following completion of the project to rehabilitate and equip the hall by SDRPY.



Body Building



Tennis



Volleyball



Basketball

3,650

Beneficiaries

1500

Seating
Capacity

100

Coaches

500

Players



Rehabilitation and Expansion of Al-Abr Road. . . A Lifeline

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Al-Abr road passers-by suffer from difficulty of movement, ruggedness and poor rough conditions, which cause very serious traffic accidents. Therefore, SDRPY is working on a project to rehabilitate and expand Al-Abr road to limit the risks resulting from its deterioration in a manner that ensures the safety of its passers-by, facilitate movement and access, reduce the rate of accidents, and raise the level of safety.

Moreover, another new vital project is being implemented in Haijat Al-Abed road ..

This mountain pass derives its importance from being the main road between Taiz Governorate and other governorates

On January 2022, SDRPY signed a contract for the rehabilitation of the 8,7 km Haijat Al-Abed road, which is of vital importance to 400,000 beneficiaries; to reduce the dangers of the road and end the daily suffering of its passers-by. The rehabilitation project of Haijat Al-Abed road is an extension of SDRPY's support to the Yemeni brothers in various sectors and it aims to repair the damages and partial collapses in the road to raise the efficiency of traffic safety, reduce accidents on the road, facilitate the movement of people and goods and provide safety of mobility for its passers-by. The project provides immediate job opportunities, and the road serves several different sectors, including economic, service and educational projects. This important project comes in light of the daily suffering of the road passers-by due to side collapses of the road, poor drainage of rainwater, as well as the disappearance and deterioration of asphalt layers. Haijat Al-Abed road (which has a height of 3,000 meters above sea level) lacks traffic safety elements, such as: concrete barriers to protect vehicles. Some of the problems that need to be addressed are the collapse of parts of the layers of the road and rockslides. There is a need to rehabilitate water drainage channels to prevent water from penetrating the layers of the road, as it leads to its collapse; furthermore, there is a need to provide other safety factors such as guiding and warning signs.

In Shabwa ..



A study of the need for service for the people of the governorate and its environs

An engineering consultant team from the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen (SDRPY) is working on studying the urgent needs in the vital sectors in Shabwa Governorate in its various districts, with the aim of raising their efficiency and developing their infrastructure, to serve the locals as well as the residents of neighboring governorates. The field study that is carried out by the SDRPY specialists and engineers aims at identifying the requirements of the basic sectors that provide daily services to beneficiaries in the governorate, in order to expand the development projects and initiatives through which SDRPY is keen to sustain impact, build capacity and secure needs. These -40horsepower boats are adapted to the climatic conditions in the marine environment, which faces the windy seasons. Development solutions are developed to control and speed up the movement of boats, in a way that revives the fisheries sector, which contributes to achieving food security in the governorate. SDRPY had previously launched a number of projects in Shabwa governorate in October 2020, which supported the fisheries sector through the distribution of modern boats and engines, as well as supporting the water sector through the distribution of tanks that transport safe and fresh water.

Four New Model Schools Open for Male and Female Students in Socotra



SDRPY has opened four new model schools in Socotra Governorate, benefiting 5,170 beneficiaries. The schools include: Ali bin Abi Talib School, Muath bin Jabal School, Qulensya Secondary School, and Sarhan School, with the aim of supporting education and learning by providing educational opportunities for male and female students and a stimulating and inclusive environment for all. The model schools built by SDRPY contribute to creating a good educational environment that enables schools to implement their educational programs and extra-curricular activities through facilities equipped with the highest specifications, and completely similar to the specifications applied in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including laboratories, computer labs, volleyball and basketball courts. SDRPY seeks to develop schools and educational facilities to attract students and achieve the goal of providing comprehensive education for both males and females. Building schools is an investment in the most important resource, which is the human resource, specifically in children's education, which is the main focus of human development, in addition to providing jobs through various educational institutions; the outcomes of all of them lead to economic development centered on the educated person, which improves livelihood and the standard of living. Educational facilities and modern technologies in model schools help support extra-curricular activities and enable male and female students to acquire knowledge, as well as enhancing the educational process and scaling up the educational achievement of students. Furthermore, it helps to improve the school environment, facilitate students' access to quality education, fulfill students' thirst for knowledge and promote equal educational opportunities for all.





The project of the University of Sabaa

Province Expansion increases the Absorptive Capacity of the University

The University of Sabaa Province in Marib Governorate has started its new expansion project, funded, implemented and supervised by the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen; In response to the increasing need that the university is witnessing for students from Marib, Al Jawf and Al Bayda, as well as the displaced from the neighboring governorates, in order to contribute to increasing the chances of joining the university, providing a good educational environment, building more distinguished and prosperous societies, and raising the efficiency of educational institutions in the governorate.

2560

Male and female students daily

16

classrooms and administrative buildings





The Project of Lutfi Aman Model School in Aden is Nearing Completion

The Lutfi Aman Model School construction project is nearly complete. The construction of the school aims to solve the problem of low capacity to absorb large number of students that schools in the Seerah district suffer from, as the distance of the nearest school is between 15-10 km. The project, which will benefit 1,369 male and female students, aims to make both sexes have access to safe and comprehensive education, and support education by providing a stimulating and inclusive environment for all. The educational facilities and modern technologies in the model schools help support extracurricular activities and enhance the comprehensive knowledge of male and female students, as well as enhancing the educational process and raising the level of educational achievement for students, in addition to

achieving equal educational opportunities. Building schools is an investment in the most important resource, the human resource, specifically in children's education, which is the main focus of human development, in addition to providing jobs through various educational institutions, and outcomes that lead to economic development centered on the educated person, which improves the standard of living and livelihood. The 23 schools and centers for the gifted, built by SDRPY, contribute to creating a good educational environment that enables schools to implement their educational programs and extracurricular activities through facilities equipped with the highest specifications, and completely identical to the specifications applied in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including laboratories, computer labs, volleyball and basketball courts.



A HERO STORY



I have been ill since an early age. 7 years ago, my journey with kidney failure began. Whenever someone glance at my swelling eye from the pain will see that its clear what I'm going through. But I faced the illness with all the love I've got and spent 2 whole months going through hemodialysis. I started to recover with the help of some medicine. I started to have hope. However, toxins continue to overwhelm my body and suddenly, I went into a coma and began to have seizures. That time, I was afraid of reliving the same hopelessness when I was doing hemodialysis. Until The Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen came to extinguish all my fears and strengthen my hope in facing the illness. With the expansion of dialysis stations, the program also provided the dialysis center with advanced hemodialysis equipment; ones which don't malfunctioned often and work properly





Mona's Shining Dream



My name is Mona and being in a well-suited school is my greatest dream. Most of my dreams point toward the school's gate, which with time has eroded and became obsolete. Despite my passion for learning, everything around me in school is trying to extinguish my enthusiasm. Old and crowded classrooms with worn out chairs and desks make it difficult for students with dreams like mine come true. However, the day has finally come where we received support from the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen. A support that transformed our school in a suitable learning environment. We saw the new chairs, received new books and the school now looks beautiful and encouraging. We witnessed SDRPY's genuine care for us to the point where we also now have school buses that transport us from our homes to the school with ease and comfort.





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