

Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan 2013

Appealing Agency	OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (OHCHR)
Project Title	OHCHR support to the protection response - protection and promotion of human rights of the affected population in Yemen
Project Code	YEM-13/P-HR-RL/55516
Sector/Cluster	PROTECTION
Objectives	Contribute to the overall protection response with a special focus on human rights, paying particular attention to groups that are particularly vulnerable to protection risks (eg. women, youth and children, refugees and IDPs as well as the elderly, persons with disabilities and marginalized communities).
Beneficiaries	Affected population in Yemen
Implementing Partners	N/A
Project Duration	Jan 2013 - Dec 2013
Current Funds Requested	\$514,700.00
Location	NOT SPECIFIED
Priority	HIGH
Gender Marker Code	2a - The project is designed to contribute significantly to gender equality
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Needs

Notwithstanding the formation of a Government of National Accord in December 2011, and the successful conduct of presidential elections in February 2012, human rights violations by both state and non-state actors remains an issue of concern. Fragile security situation, problems associated with restoration of rule of law and flaws in administration of justice has all created a climate that is conducive to human rights violations.

While the security situation has improved in some parts of the country, most notably in Sana'a, violence continues to affect some areas of the country, impacting on the lives of individuals, causing internal displacement and destruction of infrastructure. In addition, the previous and ongoing unrest has contributed to an increasingly dire humanitarian and economic situation affecting the population at large.

The needs for human rights protection in Yemen remain considerable, and special attention has to be paid particularly to the most vulnerable groups, particularly women and girls who continue to face severe discrimination in law and practice, youth and children, refugees and IDPs, the elderly, persons with disabilities, as well as marginalized communities.

Increased focus on protection and advocacy for vulnerable populations has been recognised as one of the key elements in the humanitarian response in Yemen. Despite this recognition, significant gaps remain in the response to protection issues in numerous areas, including violations of life, liberty, and security, freedom of expression and association, torture while in detention and other forms of human rights violations against the general population, especially women and children, particularly in urban areas.

Activities or outputs

OHCHR will provide support to victims of human rights violations including through participatory processes that will enhance their capacity to protect and claim their rights. The Office will also provide technical assistance and build the capacity of national actors, including key Yemeni state institutions such as the Ministries for Human Rights and Legal Affairs and other state institutions that play key roles in responding to immediate protection concerns of the affected population. This support will be guided by findings from independent monitoring of the human rights situation and will include advocacy with the concerned authorities.

OHCHR will also support efforts of the Protection Cluster and Humanitarian Country Team to mainstream protection in the overall humanitarian response, including by providing analysis of the human rights situation and related needs, and assistance in the adoption of a human rights-based approach.

Specific activities include:

- Monitor and report on the protection situation and advocate for the promotion and respect of international human rights law;
- Carrying out advocacy efforts and other forms of interventions with relevant authorities on behalf of identified victims or persons at risk;
- Provision of advisory services to national authorities and civil society actors involved in the promotion and protection of human rights, especially those working with women, youth and children, refugees and IDP, elderly and persons with disabilities
- Identify groups that face particular protection risks such as women, children, youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities and those living with HIV/AIDS, and ensure their particular needs are incorporated in humanitarian preparedness and response efforts;
- Identifying and responding to protection and human rights concerns that pose a threat to the life, security and dignity of the affected population, focusing on women, youth and children, refugees and IDP, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and marginalised communities;
- Increased intervention on behalf of victims or persons at risk, including through advocacy with national and local authorities and the provision of legal assistance;
- Contributing to the overall protection response of the Protection Cluster and the Humanitarian Country team more broadly in terms of mainstreaming protection;
- Provide support and advocate for a human rights-based approach that ensures an effective and non-discriminatory access of the affected population to humanitarian aid and protection and their participation in the humanitarian response, as well as in the reconstruction process.

Indicators and targets

- Increased compliance with international human rights standards by state entities in Yemen, including law enforcement agencies and the judiciary;
- Right-holders, especially discriminated groups and particularly women, increasingly use existing national protection systems and participate in decision-making processes and the development and monitoring of public policies.

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights	
Original BUDGET items	\$
Staff costs (one international and two national human rights officers team)	249,487
Operating costs (equipment, security, office rentals, etc.)	161,000
Operational costs (travel of monitoring teams and travel of witnesses/participants)	21,600
Activities with national authorities and human rights NGOs (awareness raising, advocacy, capacity bu	23,400
Programme support costs (13%)	59,213
Total	514,700