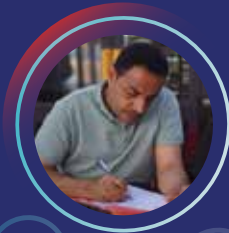




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Learn. Engage. Contribute.

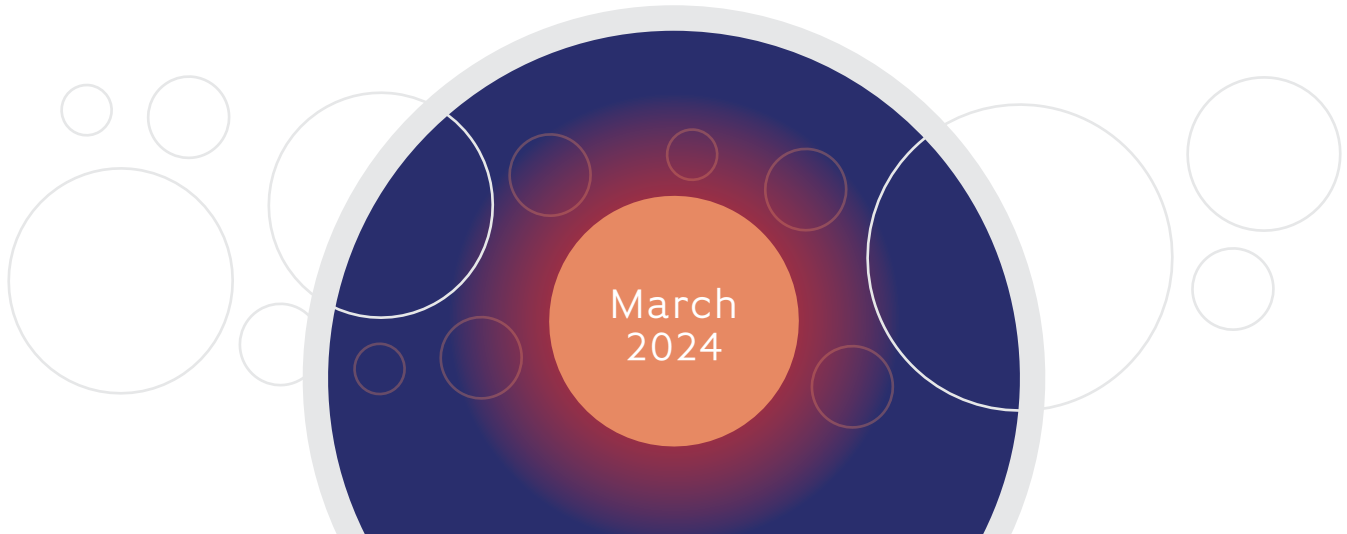
# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

A PATHWAY TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



# Resonate! Yemen 2023 Annual Report

A Pathway To Local Development





# WELCOME

We are thrilled to guide you through the Report of "A Pathway to Local Development" a comprehensive report highlighting Resonate Yemen's projects in 2023.

Our team is eagerly awaiting your valuable input, questions, and recommendations. We kindly request you to share them with us via the following email address:

[Info@resonateyemen.org](mailto:Info@resonateyemen.org)





# BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE

Throughout 2023, Resonate! Yemen focused its efforts towards empowering local communities in Yemen to achieve their own sustainable development through institutional and community partnerships. We take pride in launching this annual report which demonstrates our ability to implement diverse projects that promote local development and contribute to a safe and stable environment.

One project implemented by Resonate! Yemen in 2023 was "Governance of Civil Society Organizations in Human Rights (GoCSOs)", specifically including women rights. GoCSOs project aimed at consolidating the role of CSOs in promoting human rights and effective community participation in policy formulation and implementation. Another project was "Institutionalized Peace in Yemen (IPY)" which aimed to strengthen the institutional environment and political frameworks for peacebuilding in Yemen through listening to the local community and creating a database of local mediators engaged in the Yemeni peace process. Resonate! also exerted dedicated efforts through the "Social Cohesion and Enhancing the Role of Security and Judicial Institutions Project" to build the capacity of local authorities and organizations to achieve sustainable local development.

Resonate! has also implemented other projects including "Supporting Good Governance in Yemen (SGGY)" - Enhancing the Role of Local Authority, Civil Society and Media in Social Accountability", "Enhancing Social Accountability Project", and "Rule of Law Project" which produced a study on "The System of Laws and Legislative Procedures Relevant to Local Authority Development". All these projects sought to enhance the capacities of target groups and raise their awareness to ensure effective community participation in policy formulation and implementation.

During 2023, our projects directly benefited around 2,060 individuals and 46 local institutions across Yemen. These figures demonstrate the tangible impact of our projects in driving sustainable social change in the country.

We thank all the partners, donors and collaborators who contributed to the success of our projects. We do value the cooperation and partnerships we have established with local, international and government organizations. We affirm our unceasing commitment to working together in supporting local communities and achieving sustainable development in Yemen.

Together, we can bring effective and sustainable change to local communities in Yemen, realizing our vision towards inclusive and sustainable development.

Thank you for your continued trust in Resonate! Yemen,

## Executive Director's Message

Given the current circumstances in the country, we, in Resonate! Yemen Foundation, are fully aware of the significance of development and its far-reaching impact on society. Considering the diverse interests of CSOs, Resonate! strives to play an effective role in promoting sustainable development and advancing progress across various development domains.

Resonate! Yemen's strategic objectives, which have been carefully tailored to prioritize institutional development and community empowerment, constitute a key pillar of our 2023 development journey. Resonate! is committed to building an ecosystem that strengthens the capacities and skills of our staff members as well as the broader community and partner organizations. To this end, we made the strategic decision to adopt Microsoft 365 as an advanced platform to enhance interaction and cooperation across

A portrait of Thikra Jaadan, the Executive Director, wearing a black hijab and a blue jacket. The portrait is framed by a thin orange border. Below the portrait, there are several decorative circles in orange, blue, and white. The background of the slide is a blurred image of a person working at a desk.

# THIKRA JAADAN

Executive Director

Resonate! teams. This system serves as a single participatory platform that facilitates effective communication, improves efficiency and productivity, enables seamless access to data and documents, fosters effective cross-team collaboration, and strengthens security and protection against cyber threats.

Over the past year, Resonate! team has dedicated considerable effort towards implementing a diverse array of projects aligned with our strategic objectives. We take pride in the partnerships forged with both international and local partners to implement these projects. Resonate! work has spanned multiple domains, including local mediation. Specifically, through the "Institutionalized Peace in Yemen" Project, Resonate! has established a database of local mediators, which contributes to supporting the national peace plan. Across our various projects, we strive to achieve tangible impact on both the communities and institutions. This report aims to provide an overview of these projects, for all to afford visibility into Resonate! dedicated efforts and achieved results.

I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the entire team, as well as to all those who have lent their support throughout our 2023 journey. This support has played a crucial role in advancing our journey towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

In closing, Resonate! Yemen looks forward to forging diverse partnerships that will enable the continuation of its diligent and dedicated work to achieve its strategic objectives and enhance sustainable development in Yemen. Resonate! remains steadfast in its commitment to promoting community empowerment and constant improvement of institutional processes.



## Mission

Empowering youth, civil society organizations, local communities, and public authorities to achieve sustainable development in innovative ways through learning and active participation in developing, implementing, and evaluating public policies

## Vision

Local communities in Yemen able to realize their own sustainable development through institutional and community partnerships in public policy.

## Core Values

- Transparency & Accountability
- Partnership
- Creativity & Innovation
- Attention to Quality & Self-Development

Resonate! Yemen Foundation

# DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

2021 - 2025

## Overall Goal

Local communities in Yemen able to realize their own sustainable development through institutional and community partnerships in public policy



# Institutional Development

Improving the institutional environment and policy frameworks, and building capacities of local authorities and organizations to achieve sustainable local development.



## Projects and Programs

- 1 GoCSOs | "Governance of CSOs Working on Human Rights including Women's Rights"
- 2 IPY | "Institutionalizing Peace in Yemen"
- 3 Social Cohesion and Strengthening the Role of The Security and Judicial Agencies
- 4 SGGY | "Enhancing Roles of Local Authority and Civil Society and Media in Social Accountability"
- 5 Social Accountability 6 | "Enhancing Social Accountability"
- 6 Rule of Law | "System of Laws and Legislative Procedures Pertinent to the Development of Local Authority"

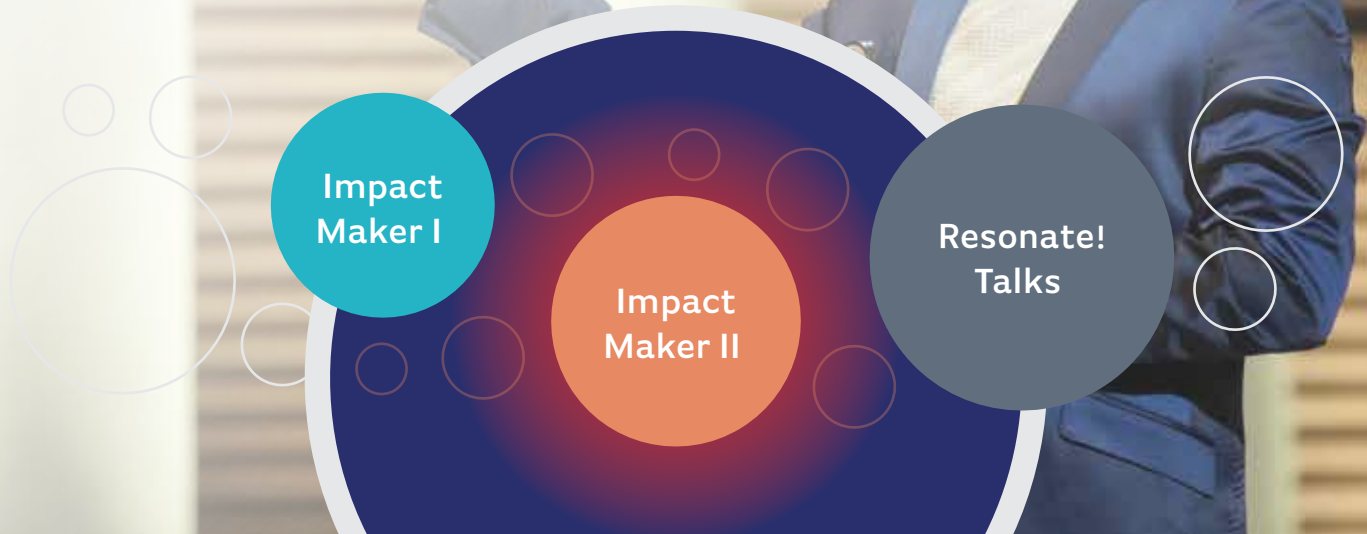
# Community Empowerment

Building the skills of targeted groups and raising their awareness to ensure effective community participation in the policy development and implementation processes.

Impact  
Maker I

Impact  
Maker II

Resonate!  
Talks



# Resonate! Yemen Companions in 2023 DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

## International Partners



## Local Partners



منظمة شباب بلا حدود للتنمية  
Youth Without Borders Organization for Development



مؤسسة آفاق شبابية  
Afaq Shababia Foundation



مؤسسة الشهيد بن جبريش للتنمية  
The Martyr Bin Badrooz Foundation for Development



مؤسسة عبد مارب للتنمية الاجتماعية



منظمة شباب شحوه  
SHABWAH  
YOUTH ORG.



مؤسسة خطوات للتنمية المدنية  
Steps Foundation For Civil Development



# OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR **2023**



**2,060**

Beneficiaries

Total Number of Direct  
Individuals Beneficiaries



**1,522**

Male



**538**

Female



**Indirect  
Beneficiaries**

**Reach** 1,140,767

**Reactions** 70,353

**Likes** 21,872

**Comments** 3,160



**46**

Institutions

Total number of  
institutions beneficiaries



**35**

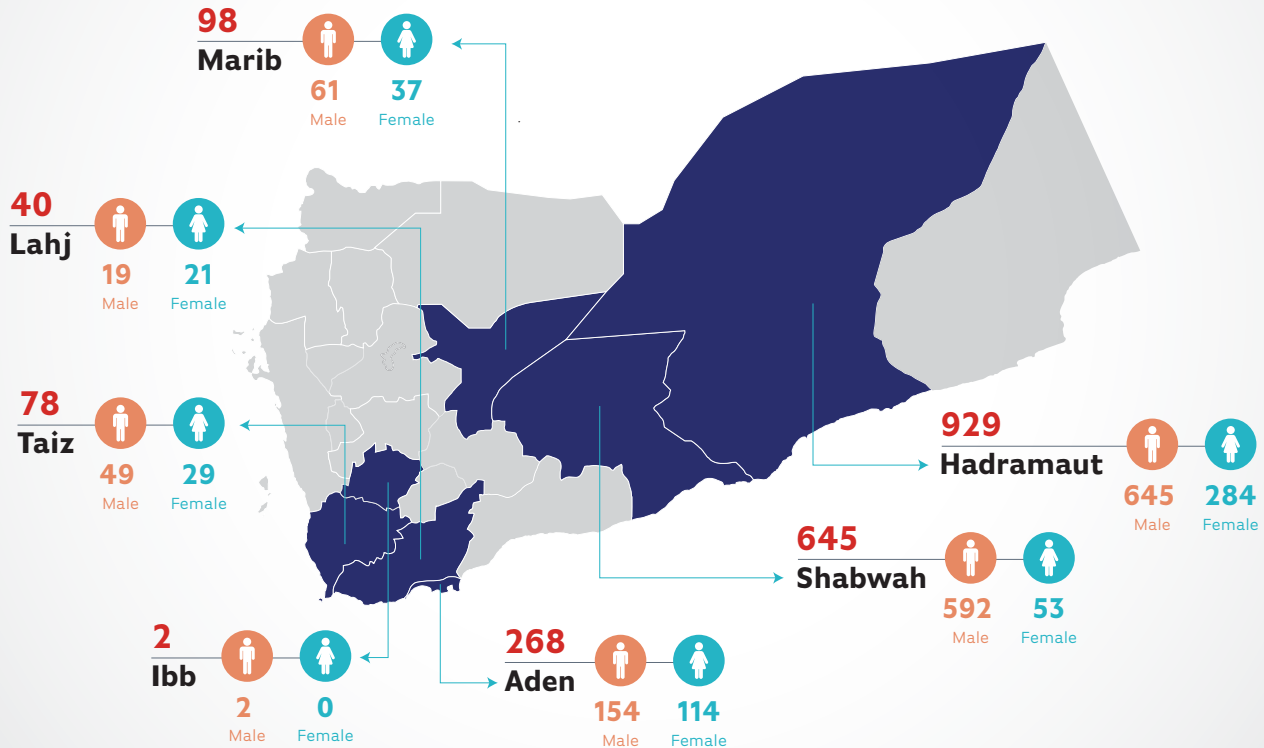
NGOs



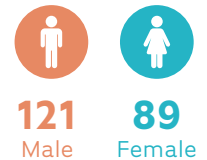
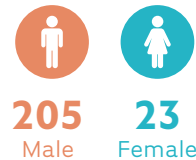
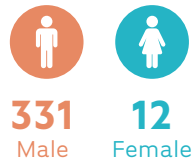
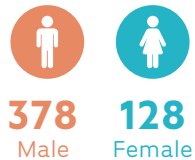
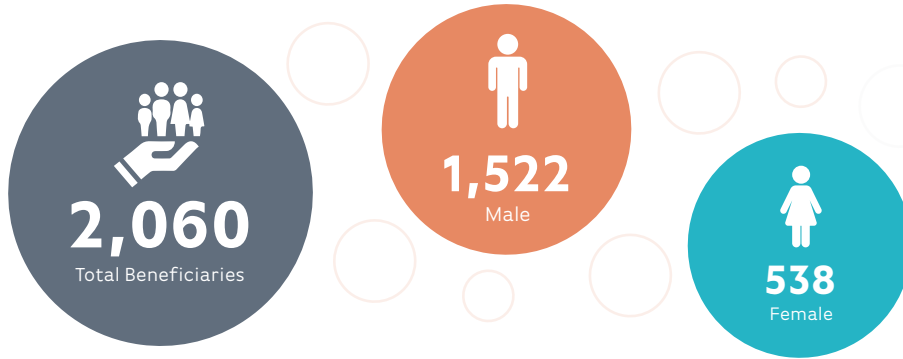
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Governmental  
Institutions

# Classification According To Governorates



# Categorized by Beneficiary Type





**Detainees**



**89**

Male



**0**

Female



**CSOs Member**



**90**

Male



**64**

Female



**Youth**



**65**

Male



**39**

Female



**Prosecutions  
Member**



**55**

Male



**0**

Female



**Community  
Leaders**



**42**

Male



**35**

Female



**judge**



**27**

Male



**0**

Female



**Lawyers**



**24**

Male



**17**

Female



**Teachers**



**20**

Male



**34**

Female



Social Workers



16

Male



52

Female



Arbitrators



11

Male



7

Female



Media Activist



10

Male



7

Female



Academics



10

Male



3

Female



Experts in peace &  
Human rights



9

Male



9

Female



Victims of war &  
marginalized people



9

Male



12

Female



Private Sector  
Member



6

Male



4

Female



IDPs



4

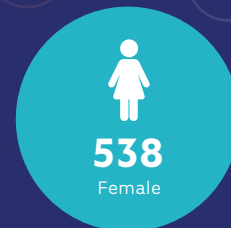
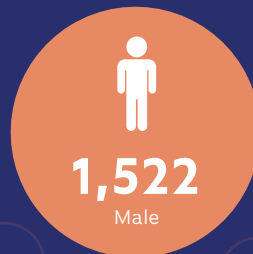
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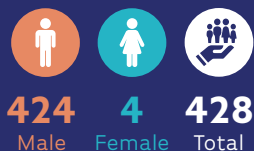
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Female

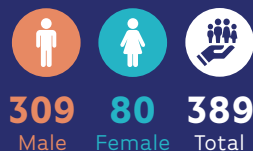
# Categorized by Activity



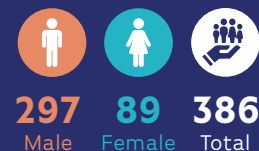
## Rehabilitation



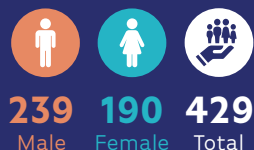
## Workshops



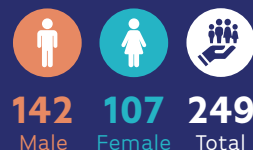
## Awareness Campaigns/ Sessions/Meetings



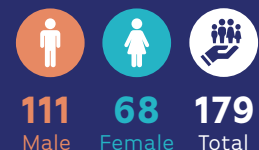
## Training



## Consultation Workshops



## National Peace builders Platform





# ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

**29** Training and capacity building



**5** Rehabilitation



**12** awareness Campaigns



**1** Local mediator database



**2** Guideline/Manuals



**2** Research papers



**1** Research studies



**1** advocacy campaigns



**12** Consultaion Workshops



**8** Grants Providing



**11** Workshops



**1** National peace Event



# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



Institutional  
Development



Community  
Empowerment



# Institutional Development



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## **GOVERNANCE OF CSOS WORKING ON HUMAN RIGHTS INCLUDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

**(GoCSOs)**

“

The experience of the project was distinctive for us and the Foundation's staff. The project has improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the Foundation through the institutional building of our capabilities and play a greater role in protecting human rights.

which made it easier for us to understand the needs of communities more and to enhance our accountability, which in turn was reflected in our staff performance and overall work system.

The project has promoted many aspects of interest to the community through spreading awareness of human rights and exchanging expertise and experiences that increase the efficiency of activities and greatly achieve the intended outcomes.


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**Mohammed Al-Asadi**  
**Project Manager - Marib**  
**Girls' Foundation**



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Resonate Yemen is implementing the GoCSOs project, which aims to promote Civic Space. The project focuses on enhancing the capacity of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) that work primarily in the areas of human rights, and women's rights. Through this project, targeted CSOs will be empowered to raise their voices and address issues and obstacles pertaining to civic space in their communities. A conflict sensitivity approach has been integrated into the project to ensure that it improves the situation without exacerbating existing challenges. This is particularly important in conservative communities such as the Marib and Shabwa governorates. The project actively engages with relevant stakeholders to secure their acceptance and support for the project's goals and objectives.

A man in a grey suit is standing and speaking to a group of people seated at long tables in a conference room. The room has large windows with stained glass arches and a patterned carpet. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

The overarching goal of the project is to improve the governance of CSOs working on human rights, including women's rights, in Shabwa and Marib governorates. This goal will be achieved by pursuing two specific objectives:

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1. Enhancing the organizational capacity, technical expertise, and financial sustainability of human rights CSOs in a strategic manner.
2. Increasing the contribution of human rights organizations, including women's rights CSOs, to gender transformative governance and social accountability.



## Project Goal

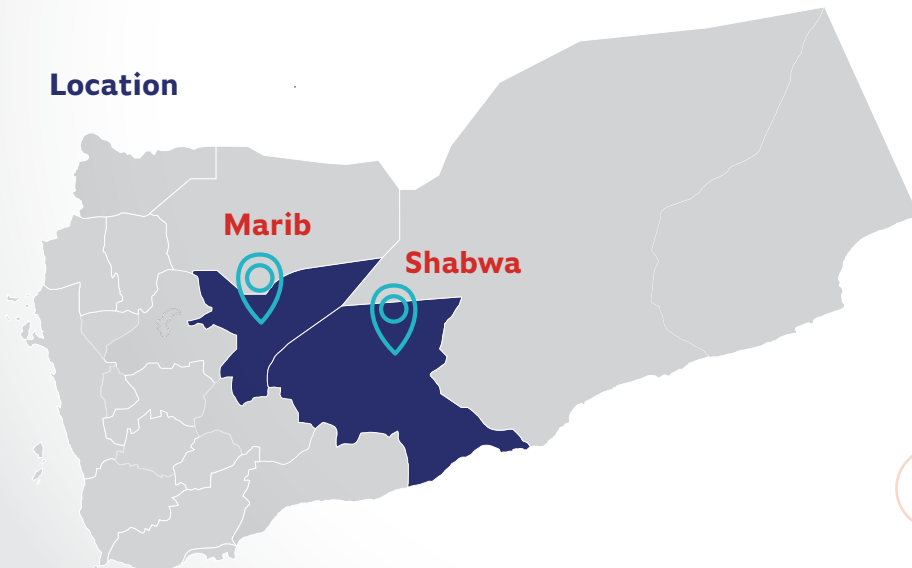
The project aims to improve governance of CSOs Working on Human Rights and including Women's Rights in Shabwa and Marib governorates.



## International Partners



## Location



The below numbers are for the unique beneficiaries

## Direct Beneficiaries



68

Male



37

Female



105

Total Beneficialness

# Categorized by Beneficiary Type



Benefited  
Institutions



NGOs ➡ 10

A photograph of two women wearing hijabs, one orange and one dark blue, looking down at a document or book. The woman on the left is wearing glasses. The image has a blue and orange gradient overlay at the bottom.

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## **INSTITUTIONALIZING PEACE IN YEMEN** **(IPY)**

“

The project's impact was evident through the effective participation of local communities in drafting their vision towards the issues addressed by the peace negotiations.

The Yemen Peace Institutionalization Project establishes and organizes the peace process in Yemen and helps the peace process move in the right track from the bottom up.

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**Baheya Al-Saqqaf**

**President of the Foundation  
PASS Foundation**



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project aimed to lay the foundation for an inclusive and multi-level infrastructure for peace in Yemen. Progress toward this is envisioned to be made via two complementary components of the National Steering Committee which is responsible for drafting a national policy on peacebuilding and conflict management (national stream), and the management of a Mediation Support Fund (sub-national stream).

Main national stream committee objective: To develop a draft national action plan for institutionalizing peace, tailored to the unique context and traditional conflict prevention and resolution practices in Yemen, through an inclusive and collaborative process.

Resonate! Yemen (RY) is responsible for nurturing a strong bond between mid-level policy influencers and grassroots actors, through creating Yemeni peacebuilding networks formed



of CSOs based across the country. Through the CSOs network Rezonate! Yemen convenes CSO consultation and review workshops with grassroots actors in many different governorates during the policy formulation process to nurture a strong bond between mid-level policy influencers and grassroots actors, This is aimed at reaching a shared understanding of the findings and recommendations of the report and enabling a broad range of groups to push for their shared vision of an I4P into the transitional process before the framework for Yemen's transition has already been set. In addition, Rezonate is responsible for developing a standardized training manual for the Youth Mediation Support Team and peacebuilding CSOs more broadly and developing a database of prominent local mediators around Yemen.



## Project Goal

The overall objective of the project is to lay the foundation for an inclusive and multi-level infrastructure for peace in Yemen.



## International Partners



## Local Partners



## Location



## Direct Beneficiaries



156

Male



117

Female



273

Total Beneficiaries

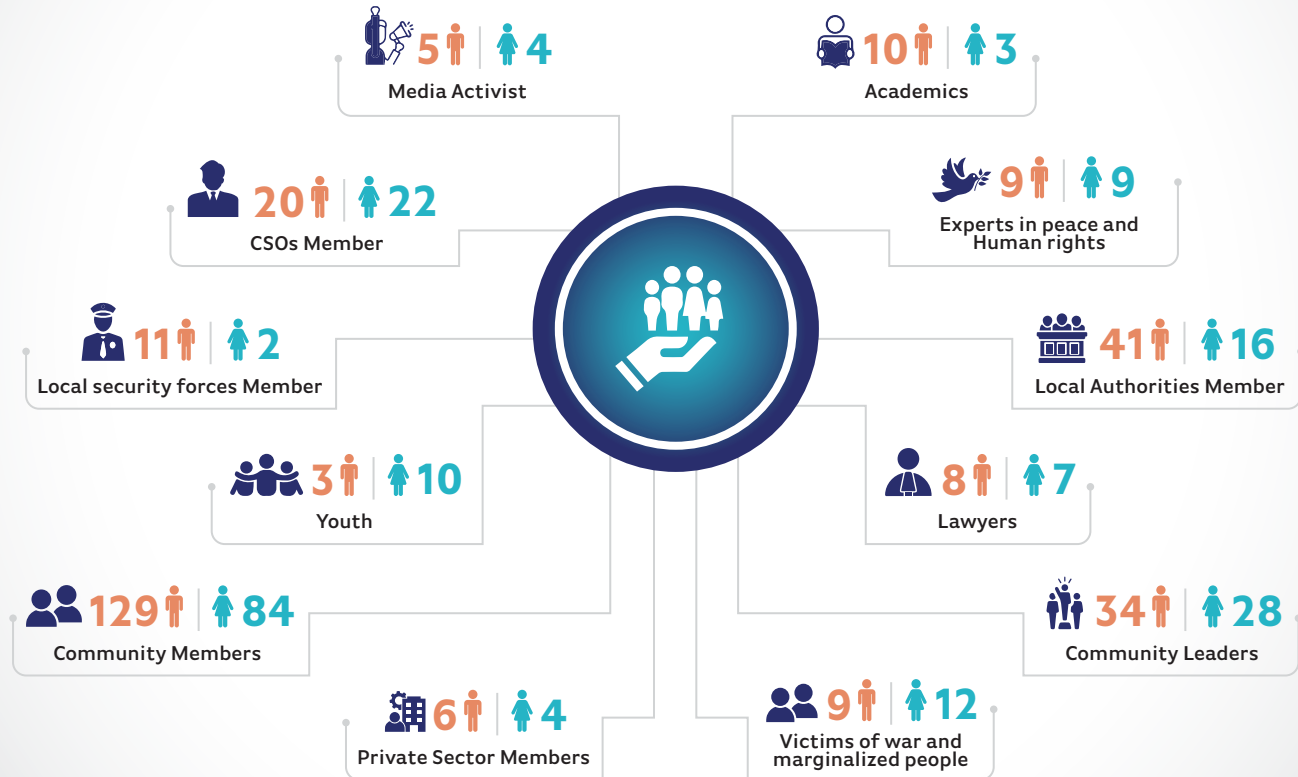
## Benefited Institutions



NGOs → 6

CSN → 1  
Civil Society Network

# Categorized by Beneficiary Type





3

## SOCIAL COHESION AND STRENGTHEN ROLE OF SECURITY AND JUDICIAL AGENCIES

“

The experience of the project was unique, as it intervened with direct activities that boosted communication between the parties to the justice system and contributed to a notable positive change that was welcomed by the justice system and citizens in three of the largest districts in Shabwa governorate .

The project has had a wide and noticeable intervention on the target parties, which included the security services, prosecution offices and courts in Ataq, Bayhan and Mayfah.

Gosoor project has had a clear impact in enhancing the role of women in conflict resolution and community mediation, in addition to protecting women through equipping an attorney office for women and juvenile cases, which was commended in Shabwa governorate. The project has also led to a decision to appoint a juvenile judge in the governorate.

”

**Eng. Ahmed Al-Zubaidi**

Director of Shabwa  
Youth Organization

# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Resonate! Yemen in the collaboration with Shabwa Youth Foundation carried out the Jossor project which aimed to contribute to reducing conflicts, improving social peace, and cutting the rate of criminal cases and land disputes in the districts of (Ataq, Mayfa'a, and Bayhan). The project provided several pieces of training and workshops, and roundtable activities for (security agencies, prosecutions, and courts) in Shabwa governorate. The project activities were designed to reduce the gap between judicial system agencies and also with the local and tribal community in Shabwa. Five initiatives and interventions were also implemented to increase the contribution of the three judicial agencies towards the main goal of the project. The Juvenile Legal aid committee, tribal leaders, local female mediators, judicial members, and security centers were targeted by these initiatives which made tangible changes at the local level.

جسور  
Jossor  
مجلس قضاء محافظة شبوة  
FOR SHABWA GOVERNORATE

Shabwa Youth Foundation  
SHABWAH  
YOUTH ORG.

Resonate! Yemen  
LAW FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

برعاية الأستاذ / عوض محمد بن الوزير العولقي - محافظ محافظة شبوة  
"ضمن أنشطة مشروع التماسك المجتمعي وتعزيز دور الأجهزة الأمنية والقضائية"  
تقيم منظمة شباب شبوة بالشراكة مع مؤسسة رنين! اليمن وتمويل برنامج جسور  
(الورشة المحلية الأولى)


للمتسببي النيابة والفحاكم والأجهزة الأمنية والسلطات المحلية والمجتمع المحلي

Within the project activities:

"The Social Cohesion and Enhancement of the Role of the Security and Judicial Institution"  
Shabwah Youth Organization, in partnership with Resonate Foundation and funded by Jossor Program,  
is implementing "The first local workshop" for members of the Public Prosecution office, the judiciary,  
the security forces, community mediators, and the local community

2023/

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A photograph of a meeting. In the foreground, a man with a mustache, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is raising his right hand with his index finger pointing up. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. Behind him, to the right, is a man in a dark blue police uniform with a beret and epaulettes, resting his chin on his hand. Further back, another man with a mustache is visible. The background shows a wall with some framed items. The image has a purple and blue gradient overlay at the bottom, with decorative circles on the left side.

Security facilities rehabilitation initiative contributed to providing a suitable detention environment and ensuring expeditious legal proceedings for detainees. One of the initiatives aimed to enhance gender-related judicial integrity and strengthen community trust in relevant agencies through advocacy campaigns and rehabilitation of places designated for vulnerable groups to facilitate follow-up procedures for their cases. The final initiative included producing a special guide explaining the merits of arbitration law, this guide was launched through workshops held in the presence of social figures, sheiks, and female community mediators.



## Project Goal

The project aims to contribute to reducing the rate of criminal cases and turbulent local land disputes in Shabwa Governorate.



## International Partners



من أجل مجتمعات مستقرة  
FOR STABLE COMMUNITIES



## Local Partners



منظمة شباب شبروة  
SHABWAH  
YOUTH ORG.

## Location



## Direct Beneficiaries



524

Male



22

Female



546

Total Beneficiaries

# Categorized by Beneficiary Type



Benefited  
Institutions



Governmental  
Institutions

➔ 11



4

## SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY 6 "ENHANCING SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY"

“

The project experience was a great success. The accountability project was rich with activities and knowledge that were very beneficial to us, both at the personal level as a trainee and at the institutional level. We shared the ideas and concepts gained from the project's different activities and applied them in the institutional work of "The Martyr Bin Habreesh Foundation for Development".

The accountability project's impact extended beyond the Foundation to the various target regions and areas of the projects of the Martyr Bin Habreesh Foundation. We were able to come up with a set of recommendations and decisions that were actually implemented in Wadi Hadhramaut, including the opening of a special hall for women to submit complaints and arbitration, which has had a clear significant impact on the community.

”

**Abeer Bin Goudal**  
Executive Director  
The Martyr Bin Habreesh  
Foundation



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Social Accountability Project aims to raise awareness about accountability and its tools, while also enhancing this concept among organizations, institutions, and local authorities. The ultimate objective is to contribute towards improving the quality of public services.

This project has been successfully implemented for the fifth time, establishing a wide range of partnerships with civil society institutions and organizations working in the field of social accountability. These partnerships have been formed in various Yemeni governorates, further strengthening the reach and impact of the project.

An important focus of the project is to enhance the delivery of public services and foster long-term partnerships to support and strengthen social accountability on a larger scale. These partnerships with local partners have served as a solid foundation for building a new chapter in the development and implementation of social accountability mechanisms in Yemen.



## Project Goal

The project aims to strengthen accountability through civic engagement and civil society network building.



## International Partners



## Location



## Project Duration

Jul. 1st, 2022



Jun. 31st, 2024



## Direct Beneficiaries



14

Male



2

Female



16

Total Beneficiaries

## Categorized by Beneficiary Type



14 | 2

CSOs Member

Benefited  
Institutions



NGOs → 15



5

## ENHANCING ROLES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND CIVIL SOCIETY AND MEDIA IN SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY (SGGY)



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project enhances the outputs of the “My Contribution to Development” project, which worked to provide a qualitative program in building the capacities of local authorities’ cadres in strategic planning and development projects.

The project also targets a number of leading civil society organizations in community work by building their cadres with the knowledge of its center in social accountability, which will be its sustainability in other projects to continue to achieve community monitoring and implement more future activities.

In addition, the project targets media professionals to participate in societal accountability as a qualitative experience, although the media in the recent period is no longer independent media, but during this project, newly graduated and independent media professionals will be targeted to build on their knowledge and restore the community's trust in the role of the media, as the media tool has become the means The most influential and widespread during the current situation, and social networking sites of all kinds have created new horizons,

increased freedom and ease of access to information, and created a new social and cultural environment.

The goal is to involve the community in all development processes and turn it into a supportive community for the development process and transform the members of this community into an effective community in community monitoring and push the community towards positive attitudes for improvement and development, using the tools of knowledge and awareness. From this point of view, the media has a great role in linking society and the government and knowing the participatory roles between them. Despite the current prevailing impression in the community of the weak role of the media, through this project and partially building on the role of the media, there will be a challenge to show an independent media for community monitoring, which will focus primarily on drawing attention to issues and public services that affect the community and enhance a role in community accountability And finding a positive approach that activates the role of development media by advocating for issues through campaigns on social media.





## Project Goal

The project aims to Promote interaction and understanding between local authorities and local communities on social accountability issues.



## International Partners



Implemented by



## Location



**Hadhramaut**



## Project Duration

Sep. 1st, 2023



Jan. 31st, 2024

## Direct Beneficiaries



8

Male



8

Female



16

Total Beneficiaries

## Categorized by Beneficiary Type



3 | 5

CSOs Member



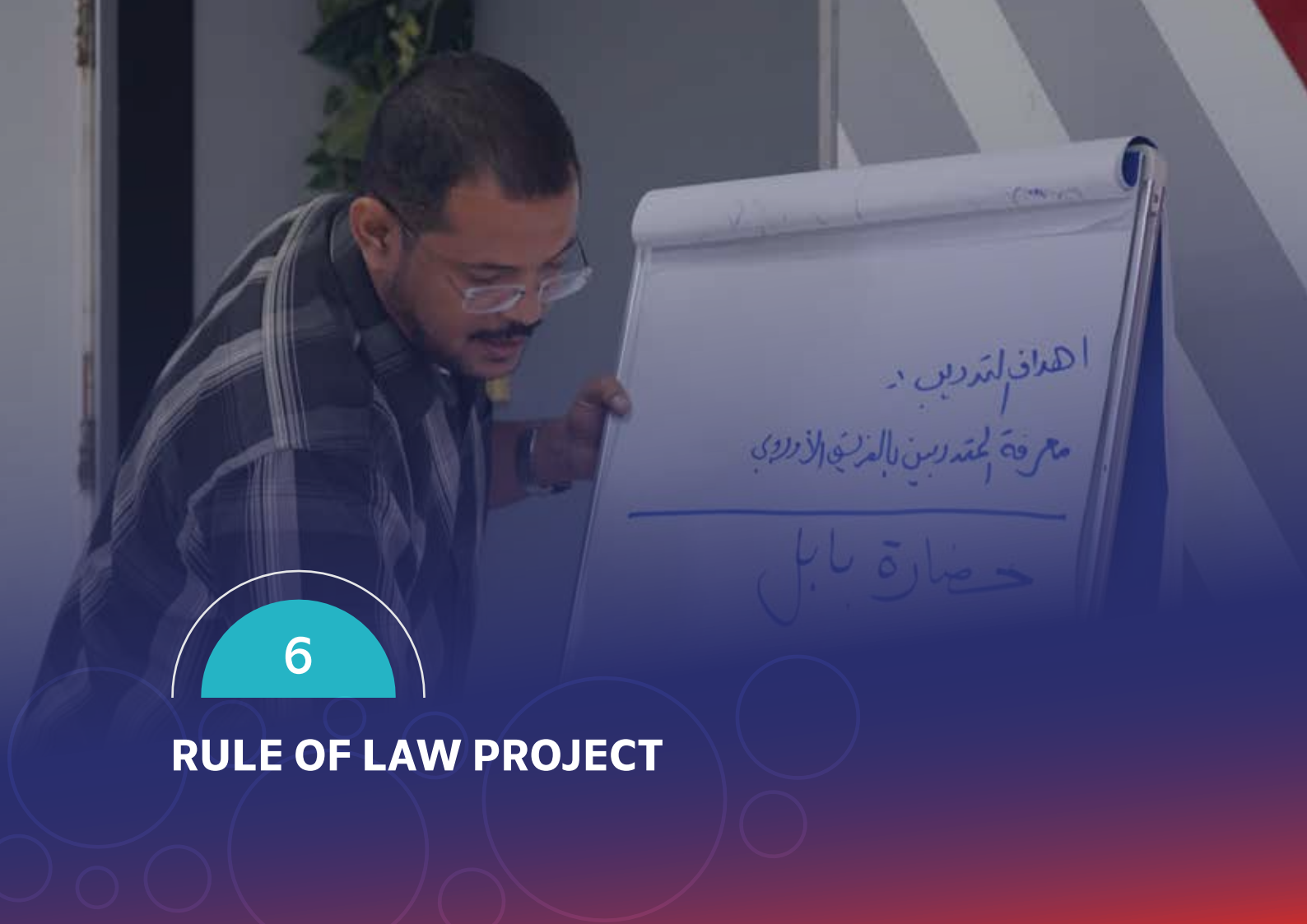
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Youth

Benefited  
Institutions



NGOs → 4



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معرفة الحقبة بين القانون الإداري

حاضرة بابل

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**RULE OF LAW PROJECT**



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project aims to prepare an in-depth study on the system of laws and legislative procedures related to the development of the local authority. This study deals with the analysis of existing projects and the relevant appropriate interventions for them and if these laws, despite being old and the changes in circumstances, are still applicable. In addition, it seeks to answer if the local authority law still serves changes in the local authority and the mechanisms of work in it. It also seeks to know the possibility of finding an opportunity to change them, how expensive it is to change these legislations and laws, is the process of change is easy, or does it need development or update of some policies, if it needs a new constitution or law, and how to get out of the complex level to simpler levels.



## Project Goal

The project aims To contribute to the development of the system of laws and legislative procedures related to the development of local authority in Yemen.



## International Partners



FREEDOM NOW

## Location



## Project Duration

Jun. 2023



May. 2024



**Community Empowerment**



# مشروع صانع أثر Impact Maker Program



**Impact Maker I  
(Initiatives supporting grants)**



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Based on the outcomes of the training sessions and the roundtable between youth activists and local council representatives in the three districts in Hadramout, the best 10 of the youth initiatives were supported to develop action plans. The action plans developed during the training included activities to share the findings of the assessments and consult with communities on proposed solutions. The initiatives covered a variety of community needs including: 1) Interventions in the field of women and strengthening their role in society; 2) Interventions in the aspect of community safety. These initiatives are based on the priorities that have been identified in the youth's knowledge of societal priorities that require intervention initiatives. It is also based on the advocacy issues that have been developed in the advocacy training sessions. Templates were developed to facilitate the planning work and the budgeting for these initiatives. The project team and project consultant provided technical support and resources to help the youth participants to develop and deliver their initiatives. These initiatives achieved to reach around 829 individuals.



## Project Goal

The project aims to support the establishment of a broad-based support to an inclusive peace and accountability process, on local, national and international level.



## International Partners



## Location





## Direct Beneficiaries



597

Male



232

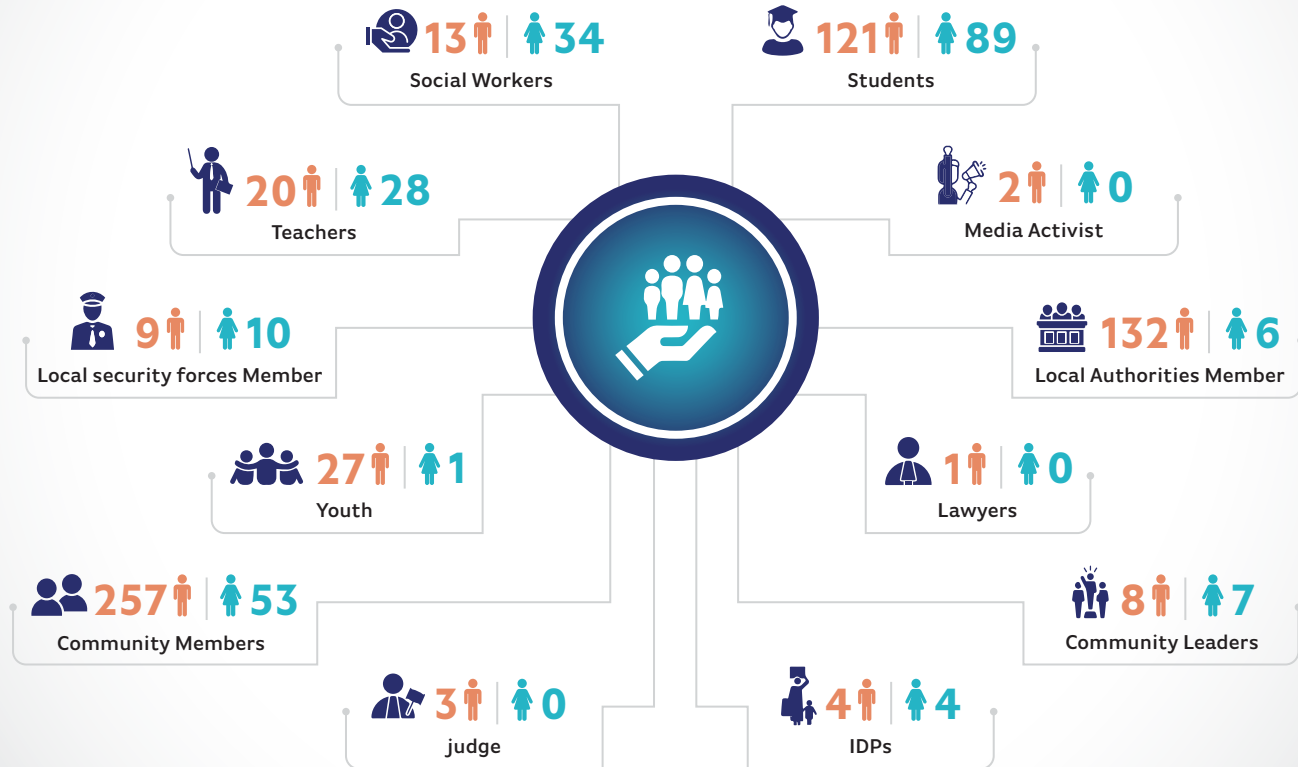
Female



829

Total Beneficiaries

# Categorized by Beneficiary Type





## **Impact Maker II**



I am more than happy to be part of the Impact Maker Project II. It was one of the most positive experiences that has made a positive change in my life.

The project has not only refined skills and increased knowledge and experience, but has also opened new horizons that made the trainees feel that they are important figures who can make a change in the community.

"The Impact Maker Project II has bolstered the capabilities of youth groups in leadership, management, planning and innovation, and enabled them to become more effective in communicating with community and civic participation."

**Basma Thabit**  
Member of Impact Maker Network



The Impact Maker Project II was the turning point in my life and my determination to make change and impact in the community around me.

"Impact Maker Project II" has made a positive impact on trainees and communities where we live, and provided us with the opportunity to participate and contribute effectively to the community, as we have implemented a wide spectrum of initiatives aimed at resolving conflicts and building community cohesion.

"The Impact Maker Project II and its intended objectives represent a real wealth for any society, especially young people. The project has worked to build a new generation of leaders qualified to lead society towards a better future."

**Molham Mohammed**  
Member of Impact Maker Network



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Impact Maker is the name of the program that Resonate Yemen implemented in 2023 in collaboration with PAX. The name was chosen to reflect on youth and women's abilities to be the change that can create a positive impact in society and a logo was designed to reflect this idea.

The Impact Maker program is focused on working with young women and men who are equipped with the basic skills and knowledge and supporting them to enhance peace in their communities. Youth in target communities are to be responding to local conflict. Youth will engage in relevant district and governorate level policy and governance processes which will contribute to the overarching objective of strengthening community resilience in conflict-affected communities in target governorates by creating safe and inclusive civic spaces for youth and women where creativity, dialogue, and diversity are fostered, and contribute to long-term peace and stability in their communities.



## Project Goal

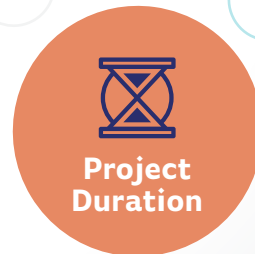
The project aims to help Yemeni civil society activists, particularly women and youth contribute to expanding the civic space in Yemen (Taiz) with safe and inclusive initiatives fostering creativity, gender equity, and dialogue.



**International  
Partners**



## Location





## Direct Beneficiaries



**23**

Male



**39**

Female



**62**

Total Beneficiaries

# Categorized by Beneficiary Type



0 | 6

Teachers



12 | 9

Youth



3 | 18

Social Workers



0 | 3

Lawyers



8 | 3

Local Authorities  
Member



3

## Resonate! Talks



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Resonate Talks is a platform focused on creating safe spaces in which influencers and peacebuilders have a platform under one roof to discuss, exchange experiences, and advocate for different peacebuilding approaches. This nationally organized safe space allowed the voices and ideas of young activists, peacebuilders, and community leaders to not only influence local and national but also have regional and international one. The event will be carried out by group of volunteers and distributed into five groups such as logistics, stage management, videography & photography, social media, and etc. Group of activists will be selected to be the RTalks speakers in order to communicate and advocate their efforts and peacebuilding messages to the

audience. The event conducted in Aden and more than a hundred attended the event from different segments of the Yemeni community.

An advocacy campaign will be also conducted on Facebook (The most popular social media platform in Yemen) where we advocate for different concepts of peacebuilding, and coexistence, and an introduction to the purpose of the Resonate Talks event. Rtalks was designed to be close to the culture of the people so it would help in promoting the core values and goals of the platform. All posts, logos, and colors were inspired by the local culture of Aden- Yemen. The name of the event is (Rooh Alhafa: The spirit of the neighborhood).

The event was conducted in a historical place called St. Mary Garrison Church in Crater which was converted later to the headquarters of South Yemen state legislative council.

The historical place was constructed by the British in 1850 during their colonial rule over Aden.



## Project Goal

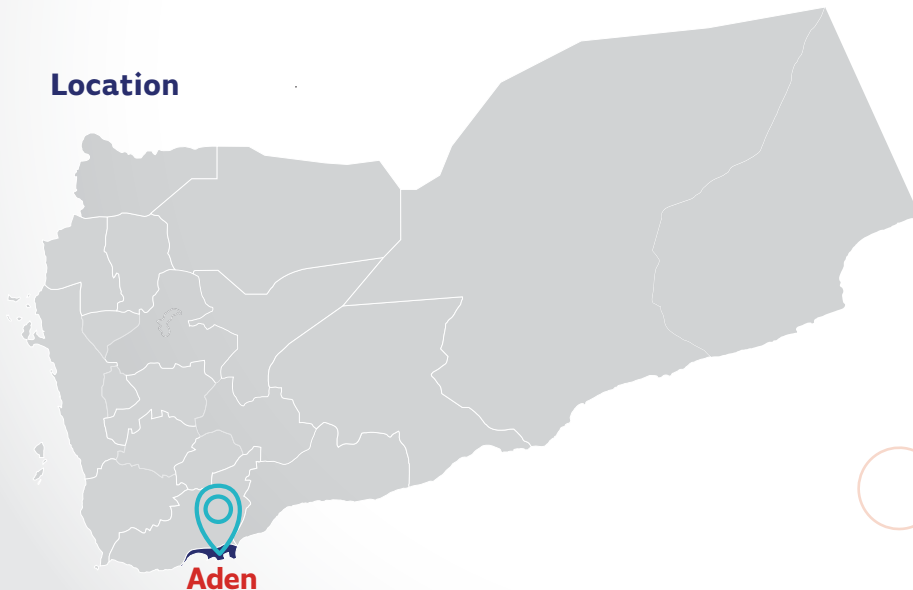
The project aim is to help Yemeni civil society activists, particularly women and youth contribute to expanding the civic space in Yemen with safe and inclusive initiatives fostering creativity, gender equity, and dialogue. It will be pursued by creating safe and inclusive civic spaces for youth, civil society organizations where creativity, dialogue, and diversity are fostered.



## International Partners



## Location



Project  
Duration

Jan.23



Dec.2023



## Direct Beneficiaries



**129**

Male



**84**

Female



**213**

Total Beneficiaries

## Categorized by Beneficiary Type



18 | 16

Youth



111 | 68

Community  
Members



# STUDIES AND POLICY PAPERS





## ANALYTICAL STUDY



### **HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS FACE MORE CHALLENGES THAN OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS:**

The results of “**Studying Human Rights Context in Marib and Shabwa Governorates**” showed the dominance of tribal structure as well as traditional cultural and social norms in the local communities in Marib and Shabwa, and it revealed the most effective and impactful dynamics in the lives of people. As mentioned earlier, the majority of community turns to tribal traditions to resolve conflicts and settle problems away from the formal justice system. Thus, the cultural and social challenges and constraints faced by CSOs, especially for human right and women organizations, take precedence over the political and legislative challenges and constraints. For example, discrimination against the Muhamasheen is a

cultural and social discrimination contravening the constitution and applicable laws that recognize citizen equality. The poor participation of women in human rights organizations is due to familial and social restrictions imposed on women's movement and gender-based discrimination.

Political challenges
Social challenges
Cultural challenges
Internal challenges

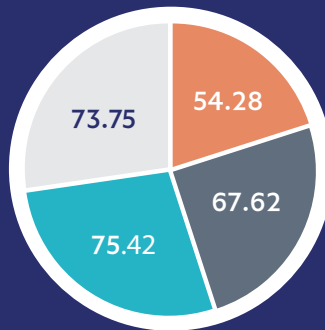


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Relative weight of  
challenges by field



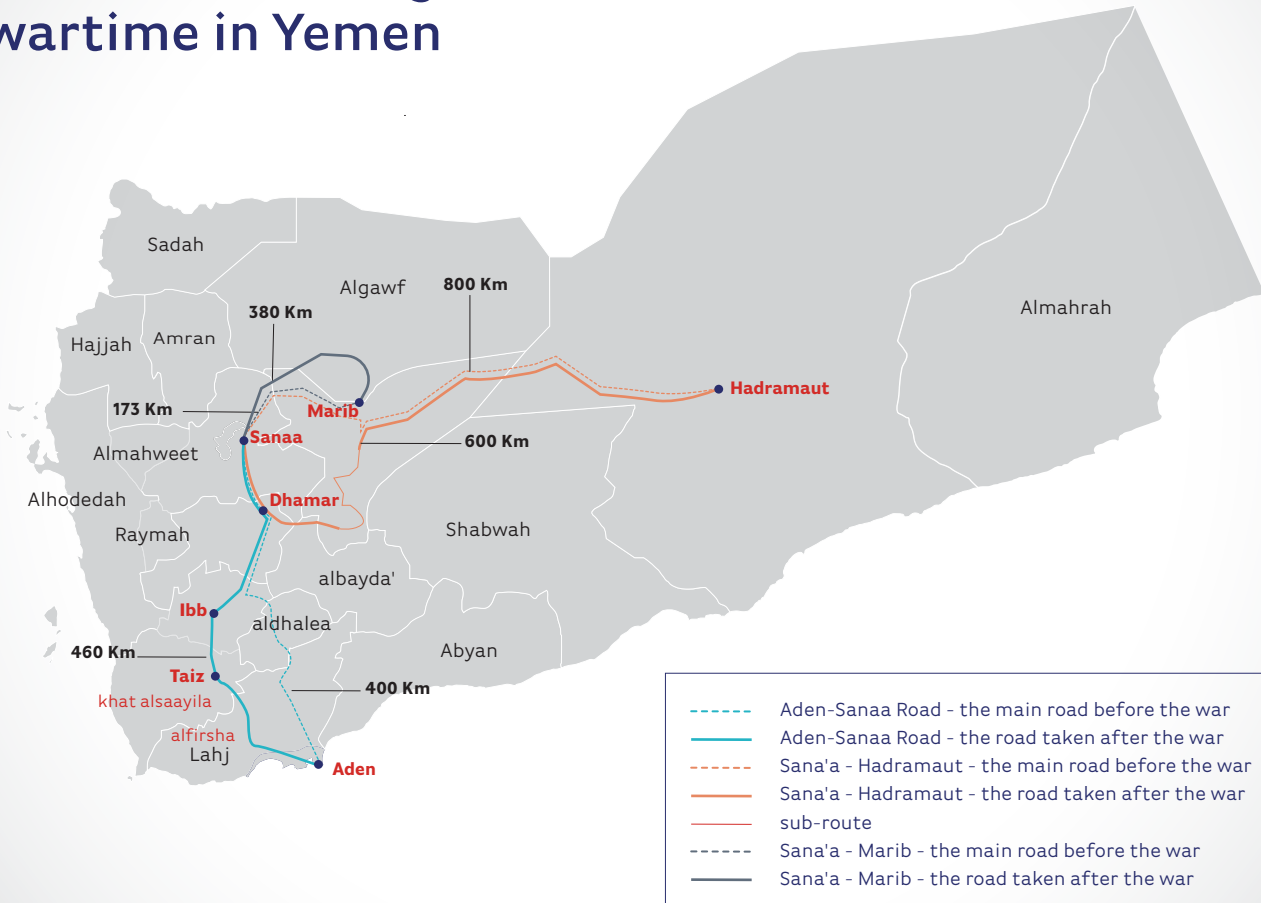
# RESEARCH REPORT



## WAR REPERCUSSIONS ON LAND TRANSPORT AND ROADS:

The research paper "Levies by Security and Military Checkpoints" revealed that war-related road closures have increased travel distances. For example, the closure of Hawban-Taiz highway has led to using alternative rugged roads fraught with risks to movement of people and goods. This highway that used to take 10 minute-travel time with a cost of 100 YER for a distance of 10 KM now takes 5-8 hours, with a cost of up to 15,000 YER, with a travel time roughly equaling the trip time from Sana'a to Taiz. Overall, around 928 KM of roads remain partially closed, inaccessible or totally closed.

# Movement during wartime in Yemen



# BACKGROUND RESEARCH PAPER

## SECURITY CHALLENGES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

This paper provided an analytical framework to enable in-depth discussions in the Conference for Local Development annually convened by Resonate! Yemen with relevant local and international actors. This paper addressed the dimensions of the mutual formative/structural and functional relationship between security and local development in the conceptual framework based on the latest proposals put forward in the reports of international agencies such as UNDP and World Bank. The paper also discussed the security developments in Yemen,

attempts to reform security and justice, and security impact/threats to development. The paper reviewed the potential roles of local and international actors in enhancing security and local development in Yemen through a stakeholder analysis approach, including local authorities, private sector, CSOs, women, youth, informal arbitration system, key donor states and organizations and international organizations. The paper concluded by proposing possible strategies and arrangements to enhance security and local development in Yemen, including:

- Local governance arrangements
- Developing local governance and activating participation mechanisms
- Security enhancement strategies
- Improving security and justice systems
- Community safety approach
- Enhancing security and protection approach





## **LOCAL MEDIATION IN YEMEN (TRACK THREE): EXPERIENCES – PRACTICES – PERSPECTIVES**

This guide aims to provide technical and thematic frameworks to expand safe spaces in the community using civil mechanisms that diagnose the current efforts and provide male/female trainees with knowledge and skills to develop peace spaces that have peace readiness and response capabilities to prevent conflicts. The spaces will realize this through their peace awareness tools and social activism. These spaces will have values and rules of neutral and impartial behavior, commit to preservation and vigilant determination to defend the common ground of all community forces and groups, and practice social defense to complement the efforts of public institutions and contribute to sustainable development.



## **TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

This guideline generally aims to train trainers (TOT) and strengthen CSO capacities to make a tangible impact in the relations/communications between citizens (as beneficiaries) and decision-makers (as service providers). The guideline also aims to improve the efficiency and quality of public services to reduce suffering of citizens, and to build the capacities of local communities to enhance social participation and accountability to monitor and evaluate public services and identify development priority needs during the implementation of development projects, plans and efforts in these communities. This guideline is particularly important because it responds to the local reality and difficult conditions in the state, which is suffering a significant deterioration of all public services, compounded with citizen's low trust in state institutions.



## **MANAGING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND MOBILIZING LOCAL FUNDING**

This guideline is for youth groups who want to start and manage community initiatives and mobilize local resources. The guideline answers a set of questions submitted to youth initiatives, which initiatives are also believed to be looking for the answers of these questions. The questions included: Are you a youth group that wants to make a positive change in their community? Do you have an idea or passion for an issue you want to address? Do you want to learn how to plan, implement and evaluate your community initiative? Do you want to know how to access and mobilize local resources to support and sustain your initiative? The guideline aims to provide youth initiatives with practical and relevant information, recommendations, tools, templates/forms, examples and case studies that could help them lead and engage others in mobilizing local resources for community initiatives.

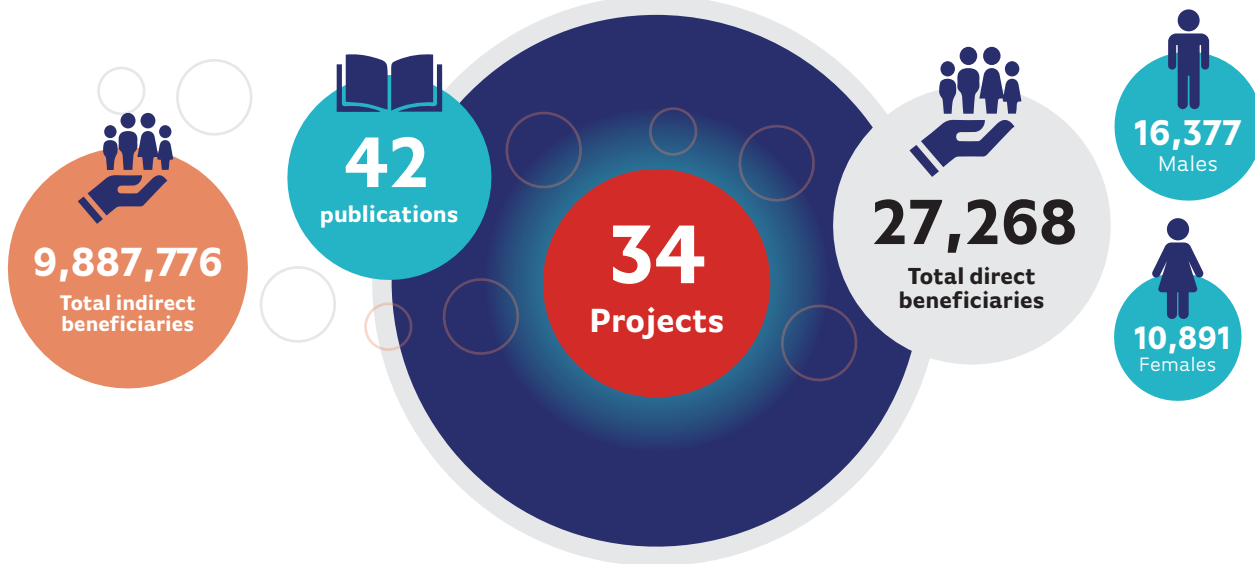
# Communication, Affection, Contact

Based on its ongoing commitment to establishing diverse channels of communication with all stakeholders in the community, including youth, women, local authorities, security forces, and local civil society organizations, Resonante! Yemen continues its journey of building partnerships and enhancing communication at both the internal and external levels. These important gatherings serve as vital means to discuss and develop the pathway of local development in Yemen that the organization strives to achieve.

In 2023, the organization participated in 19 international conferences and seminars, demonstrating its effective engagement in discussing future interventions in Yemen. Additionally, the organization took part in 47 Introductory meetings and discussion sessions to exchange expertise and knowledge regarding ongoing interventions. These events reflect the organization's commitment to enhancing cooperation and coordination with international and local partners in order to achieve sustainable development and peace in Yemen.



# RESONATE! YEMEN, UP TO 2022





We are pleased to cross over into Resonate! Yemen: We extend our utmost gratitude and deep appreciation to all members of the distinguished work team at Resonate!. They have been an essential pillar in achieving our continued successes and achieving our ambitious goals. Their dedication and valuable contribution have had a clear impact in every step we take towards comprehensive local development. We greatly appreciate their continuous efforts and dedication to serving the organization.

We can only express our deep gratitude to everyone who has provided us with support and assistance over the past years.

Our cooperation with local and international partners, local authorities, consultants, and Raneen youth! In the field, he had a great impact in enhancing our ability to achieve positive change and move forward together on the path of positive change and comprehensive local development in Yemen.



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