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Resonate! Yemen in Ten Years

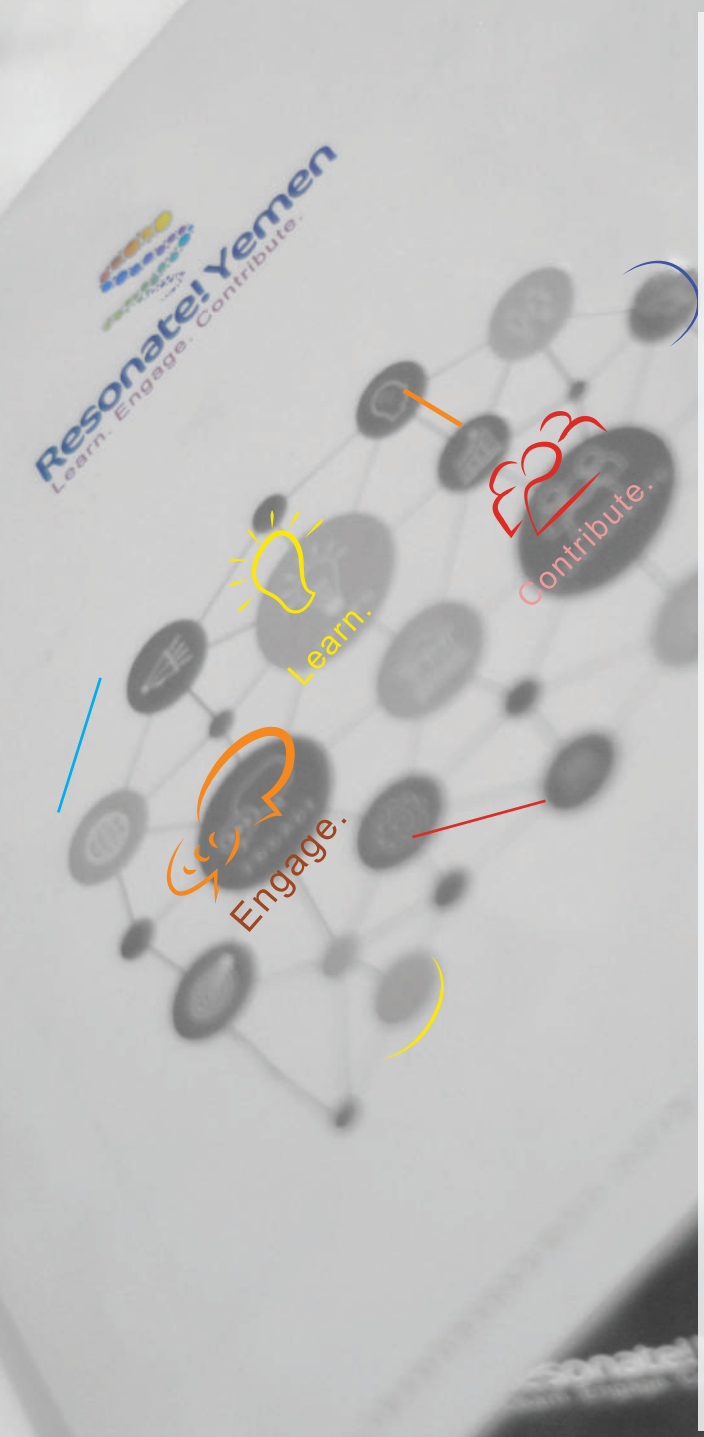
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Introduction

The idea of Resonate! Yemen began as its founders abroad, along with their young counterparts living inside and outside Yemen, felt the need to make the otherwise absent voice of Yemeni youth heard at decision-making centers both at the national and international levels. Resonate! came into existence as a reinforcement of the principle of the participation of youth in the decision-making process, in addition to addressing the difficult and restrictive milieu surrounding such participations and taking into account the significance of building a better understanding of what it takes for this participation to take place; as well as attempting to adapt to the various important, and sometimes unknown, variables, particularly those that took place on the political scene in Yemen, following the outbreak of the popular youth-led protests in the sit-in squares in February 2011.

The idea came following the announcement of the "London Conference", then known as the Friends of Yemen Conference, held on 27 January 2010, which was called for by the British government to discuss the issue of terrorism in Yemen, after thwarting a terrorist bombing attack carried out by a Nigerian who studied and lived in Yemen.

Youth were the most important stakeholders in this issue and the discussions that would ensue at the conference, according to the founders of Resonate! Yemen. To ensure that the voice of youth is heard in this conference, Resonate! Yemen took this as a starting point and prepared

questionnaires that were widely published on the Internet and distributed in a number of Yemeni universities, to gather the views of Yemeni youth on the most important issues to be discussed at the conference from their point of view. A special report was then issued, where the results of those questionnaires were highlighted. These results were then summarized in a report translated into English and shared with a number of delegates of the countries participating in the Friends of Yemen Conference and concerned research centers.

Given the great interest that this idea has received from Yemeni youth, as well as Yemeni and international policymakers, the founders of Resonate! Yemen realized the importance of continuing their activities in involving young people in public policy, and focusing more on Yemeni decision makers. Thus by the end of 2010 the first project of the initiative in its new form was launched, namely the project to involve Yemeni youth in the 10-point plan of the Yemeni government, which was presented at the London Conference as the focus of the Yemeni government's efforts at that time.

Following the outbreak of the youth peaceful revolution in 2011, demanding regime change in Yemen at the time, and the subsequent rapid changes on the political scene, it was urgent that community-based entities capable of seizing that opportunity should take the lead, to help bring about change in crucial and critical moments in Yemen's contemporary political history; to fulfil the aspirations of young people in playing a legitimate role in bringing about the change they had wished to see, and to give them the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.

It was necessary that Resonate! Yemen would be changed from just a youth initiative into an entity that would engage in work under civil society organizations. This landmark change took place in August 2011, as Resonate! Yemen was officially registered as a civil society organization.

Since then Resonate! Yemen has been working to empower thousands of Yemeni young men and women through qualitative projects that build their capacity, interact positively with their surroundings, and participate in better changing their present and future.

When Resonate! Yemen remembers the milestones it has gone through over the past 10 years, it cannot thank all those who believed in it, encouraged and contributed to its emergence. Resonate! Yemen undoubtedly values the confidence of those entities and individuals without whom Resonate! Yemen would not have achieved what it has. Resonate! expresses its gratitude to all those who have worked and are working, contributed and continue to contribute to the pioneering journey of Resonate! Yemen.

About
Resonate! Yemen

Resonate! Yemen is a non-profit NGO that has commenced working as a youth initiative in January 2010 and was officially registered at the Ministry of Social Affairs in August 2011, The Foundation is working to create a new environment conducive for developing more sustainable policies, where young people as are engaged as key partners in the development and evaluation of public policies. Resonate! Yemen aims to make the voices of Yemeni youth part of the policy discourse in Yemen, and to support youth work at national and international levels.

“Resonate! Yemen has contributed to young people’s playing a community role that advocates the rights of this community and endorses its causes. Once young people play that role, the greater their chance is to have an impact and then to change the society”

Tareq Al-Okbry
Community Activist (Yemen).

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Vision:

To contribute to building sustainable policies in Yemen while taking into consideration the input of Yemeni youth as major stakeholders in policy design and implementation.

Mission:

The Foundation aims to bring the voices and ideas of young Yemenis to Yemen's public policy discourse and support youth action on issues of national and international significance.



Strategic Goals:

- Providing training opportunities to build the capacities of Yemeni youth in the areas of civil leadership and policy analysis.
- Encouraging policymakers in Yemen to accept youth as an important partner in policy formulation and implementation.
- Formulating and developing proposals for Yemeni affairs-related laws and policies at the national and international levels.
- Implement a number of initiatives that have been developed during the policy discussion sessions hosted by Resonate! Yemen.
- Resonate! Yemen to become the first choice for government, the private sector as well as local and international organizations wishing to benefit from the opinions and skills of young people interested in public affairs.





Resonate! Yemen has greatly helped to change my personal perception of community work, and because of it I have moved forward/upward intellectually, socially, and professionally



Sahl Al-Junaid
Civil Society Activist (Kuwait).



The Report in Context

This report comes on the tenth anniversary of Resonate! Yemen highlighting the ten most important milestones the foundation has gone through since its inception.

The first milestone of Resonate! was the Friends of Yemen Conference in London, where Resonate! moved from being just an idea to the second milestone, becoming an initiative. It then moved to the third milestone, which is becoming an officially registered foundation.

Resonate! continued on its journey and moved from one milestone to another. The thousand miles journey continued with the fourth milestone, which was signing the first agreement to implement the project of involving Yemeni youth in the 10-point plan of the Yemeni government.

Implementing its first project was the fifth milestone of Resonate! The sixth milestone soon followed, during which Resonate! held a number of workshops. The seventh milestone was holding a number of debates. Preparing and issuing policy papers was the eighth milestone, and then the ninth was designing training manuals, studies, flyers, reports and booklets.

Today, as Resonate! stands at the tenth milestone, publishing this report, it reviews what it said it would strive to achieve in ten years, and what it has actually achieved.

Resonate! Yemen in Figures

Direct Beneficiaries

2299
Beneficiaries

756 Female

1756 Male

indirect Beneficiaries

19433

24
projects

14
governorates



(Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Hodeidah, Hadramout, Ibb, Marib, Al-Mahweet, Sa'adah, Hajjah, Al-Jawf, Al-Bayda and Dhamar)

20
local partners

17
International Donors

26
publications

- **14** policy papers
- **4** Reports
- **1** Booklet
- **4** Training manuals
- **3** Research studies





Projects

The total number of projects that were adopted and implemented by the foundation, including activities, were 24 projects. Those projects mostly targeted Yemeni young men and women, in addition to members of bodies, entities and political parties. The total number of targeted governorates was (14) Yemeni governorates, while the total number of direct beneficiaries of those projects was (2299) beneficiaries, including (1756) men and (756) women. The number of indirect beneficiaries of those programs was (19433) people.

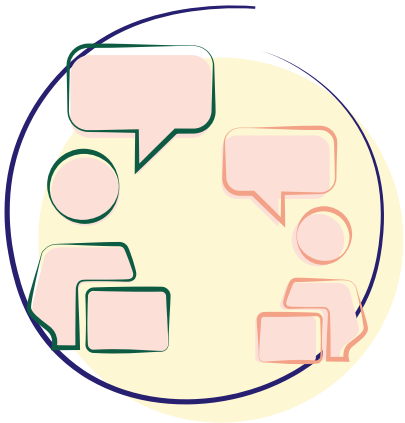
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The first project

Engaging Yemeni Youth in the Government's 10-Point Plan

Jan 2011 → Mar 2011

One important characteristic feature of this project is that it enabled young people to be familiar with the 10-Point plan, and gave them the opportunity to meet with concerned members of the technical committee in charge of preparing that plan. The project also facilitated interaction with the relevant authorities via the Internet. Under this project, workshops and training courses were organized to discuss the plan.





The total number of beneficiaries of the project

120 Young men and women

The project was funded by the Canadian Fund to Support Local Initiatives.

The project, which spanned over a period of three months and targeted three governorates, aimed to enable young people and those who are interested among the public to learn about the Yemeni government's 10-Point plan in detail, and invite them to engage in discussions and debates about the plan and its priorities. Participants engaged in direct communication with members of the governmental technical committee concerned with the 10-point plan through an innovative online platform, and finally proposals were submitted to the governmental technical committee to explain how to implement that plan.

2 The Second project

Make Your Voice Heard

Oct 2011 → Nov 2011



This project is an embodiment of one of the foundation's most important goals, which is to bring the voice of Yemeni youth to political decision-making centers. It was the first step of the foundation in its endeavors to build youth capacity in this field

Participants were also engaged in a discussion with the leaders of political parties in Yemen, on the political inclusion of youth, with the aim of building a road map to actively involve them in the political process.

The project aimed to build the capacity of youth from five governorates in the field of participatory democracy.

50 young men and women received intensive training in the field of participatory democracy, basics of advocacy and lobbying

The project funded by the Canadian Fund for Support of Local Initiatives and the German Friedrich-Ebert.

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The Third project

Raise the Voices of Youth 1

Feb 2012 → Dec 2012

Over a period of one full year, a number of active and influential young people in their local communities participated in a series of roundtable meetings with a group of local and international decision-makers, with the aim of ensuring the success of an effective political settlement in Yemen, during the transitional phase that followed the signing of the Gulf Initiative

The meetings were held in Sana'a, Brussels, and Berlin and all contributed to improving the skills and knowledge among young people in terms of advocacy, networking, and dialogue.

This project, which was carried out in 4 governorates, aimed to enable young men and women to participate effectively in decision making, support the transitional phase, and ensure the success of a comprehensive political settlement in Yemen.



The meetings were held in

Sana'a | Brussels | Berlin

15 Young men and women were The total number of beneficiaries of the project

The project was funded by Saferworld.

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The fourth project

"Ersod" Popular Monitoring of the Presidential Elections

Feb 2012 → Apr 2012

The project team worked on applying a modern tool in the process of monitoring the presidential elections that took place in 2012. A wide range of young people participated in this project from the governorates of Sana'a, Aden, Hadramout, Taiz, Hodeidah, and Marib.



The total number of beneficiaries was 1000 young men and women



The project, which spanned over a period of three months, aimed to involve young people in monitoring the presidential elections.



All of the participants received training related to election monitoring mechanisms, and they were trained to use the electronic tool, which was a service that enables them to send SMS messages to a common encrypted blog.

Through an online platform that was specially designed for this purpose, young men and women published reports related to the violations. Summaries of violations and abuses were sent around the clock to the media, as well as to those concerned locally and internationally.

The project was funded by UNDP, USAID and National Democratic Institute (NDI).

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The fifth project
Institutional Building of Youth Movements

Feb 2012 → Aug 2013

A group of youth movements from various sit-in squares were supported for one full year to eventually emerge as civil society organizations working in various fields of development.



This was preceded by a field survey inside the sit-in squares to identify the active youth movements. The survey was conducted in accordance with specific selection criteria. Short-listed groups were interviewed with the aim of selecting the ten most effective groups.

10 The total number of targeted youth movements was (10) and the project was funded by the European Union.

The idea of the project was to provide support to youth movements by building the institutional capacity of those movements. The project was designed based on the principle of participatory planning, so as to take into account the needs of all movements. At the end of the project, each participating group submitted an application for a small grant to fund one of its projects.

The project, which spanned over eighteen months and targeted five governorates, aimed to build the institutional capacity of youth movements from sit-in squares and to support them to become civil society organizations.



The sixth project
Fifth Power

Jul 2013 → May 2014

The idea of the project came to enable young activists to monitor and follow up the implementation of the mechanism of the Gulf Initiative, by building youth capacities in the field of monitoring and observation. With this aim in mind, a group of young people, who had been selected, were trained to write monitoring reports on the progress achieved in implementing the provisions of the Gulf Initiative.

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The total number of beneficiaries was (30) young men, women and activists

The project, which spanned over a period of eleven months, aimed to build the capacities of a diverse group of young people representing the various governorates of the Republic in Amanat Al-Asimah (the Capital Secretariat). The participants would subsequently be able to monitor and evaluate the extent of the Yemeni government's commitment to implementing the provisions of the GCC Initiative and its phased implementation mechanism.



The project was funded by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI).


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INCLUSION
مؤسسة رنين! اليمن بالشراكة مع مبادرة إنكلوجن،
من مبادرة الشراكة الأمريكية الشرق أوسطية MEPI
روع تعزيز قدرات الشباب في رصد ومراقبة
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البحث والتنقيب عن المعلومات وكتابة التقارير"
26 - 30 January

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The seventh project

Study/ paper on policy/ Youth and the Parliament

May 2013 → Oct 2013

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During the implementation period of the project, (12) focused sessions were held with youth groups in five governorates.



The project was funded by Project on Middle East Democracy.

During those sessions, the political and social roles of the parliament were discussed and the obstacles that prevented youth from playing their role and prevented them to have an effective communication with members of the parliament were identified. Practical recommendations were proposed so as to operationalize the role of youth in the way it is supposed to be.

The project, which spanned over a period of six months across five governorates, familiarized young people with the importance of the parliament and the political roles of its various bodies. A field study was also carried out on the parliament and its relationship with youth, with the aim of educating Yemeni youth about the importance of the parliament, as well as the importance of the roles played by its committees and bodies.

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The total number of beneficiaries of the project was (50) young men and women

The eighth project

Media Support for Independent Youth in the National Dialogue Conference

May 2013 → Oct 2013

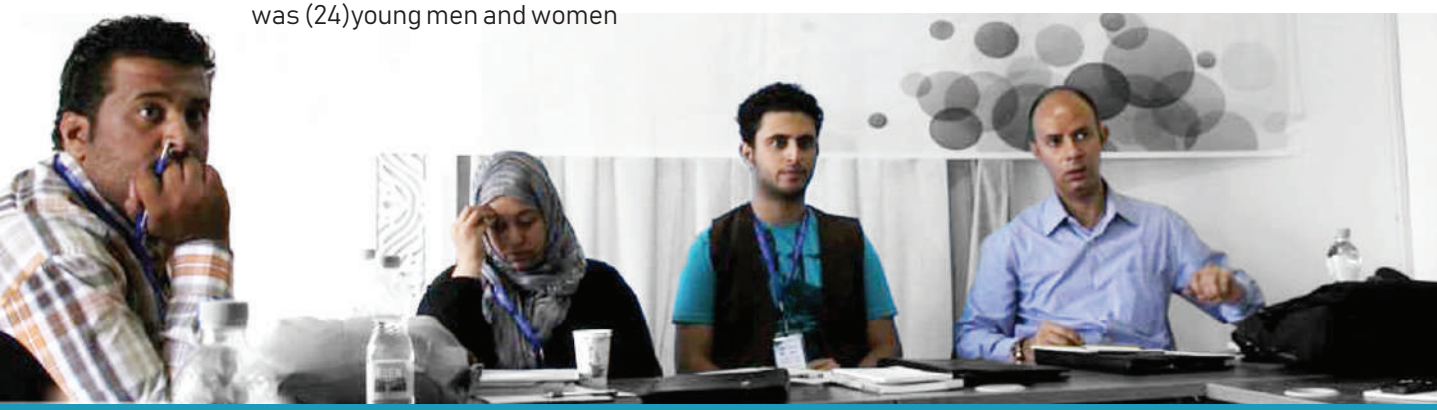
This project focused on independent youth among the members of the comprehensive National Dialogue Conference, as they were the closest to representing a broad group of Yemeni youth, and because they were the most capable of communicating the independent voices of Yemeni youth to a space on which the vision and future of the country was taking shape at that time.

The project, which spanned over a period of six months, aimed to support and build the capacities of independent youth representatives in the Comprehensive National Dialogue Conference in areas of communication and building communication channels with the youth bases they represent.

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The total number of beneficiaries was (24)young men and women

The project was funded by the German Friedrich-Ebert Foundation and the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX).



The ninth project

A study on "Strengthening the Role of Youth in Political Parties"

May 2013 ⟶ Dec 2013

One of the key findings of the study is that the young members of parties face the same challenges to some extent, despite the different and diversified ideologies of the political parties, both old and recent, including those parties that emerged during the 2011 youth revolution.

This was evident during the discussions that targeted (160) young men and women across several Yemeni governorates, including "young leaders within a number of parties, and newly affiliated young members, in addition to the student sectors of the parties in universities."

During the implementation period of the project, a policy paper was issued, entitled: "Five Barriers to Engaging Youth in Political Parties." The paper concluded with a number of recommendations that would enhance the role of youth in political parties.

Young men and women

100

Attended by 100 young activists



The project, which spanned over a period of eight months across five governorates, sought to strengthen the role of youth in political parties by studying the obstacles and challenges facing them, and exploring possible opportunities to strengthen their role. A publicity event for the paper was organized in Taiz governorate and was attended by 100 young activists, as well as representatives of political parties and civil society organizations.

The project was funded by Saferworld.

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The tenth project

Raise the Voices of Youth 2

Apr 2013 → Dec 2013

Under this project, ten advocacy campaigns were designed and prepared by youth, after having been trained on how to carry good campaigns on a number of vital community-related issues. Such campaigns were effectively and excellently carried out in accordance with professional standards by the young participants in the project and many success stories emerged out of those campaigns.

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Advocacy campaigns

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The total number of beneficiaries of the project was 21 young men and women

The project, which spanned over a period of nine months across six governorates, aimed to build the capacity of young people to plan advocacy campaigns in order to get their voices heard during the political transitional period.



The project was funded by Saferworld.

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The eleventh project

Voter's Compass

Sep 2013 → Oct 2014



The main challenge in designing the project was changing peoples' culture in dealing with election candidates and evaluating their options in selecting their representatives. Based on a unique idea and excellent tools, the project aimed to enhance the voters' ability of to choose the right candidate on the basis of their electoral program, not their political, tribal or family affiliation. This would motivate candidates to take more interest in their electoral programs, and they would also take the needs of the people they represent into account, rather than relying on wealth and power. The project used an electronic tool, i.e. a map showing the positions of the competing parties on the 30 most important issues, which were identified by a research team, who studied and analyzed all the electoral and political programs of the newly established as well as old parties. Although the positions were somewhat similar and not clear, it would be clear to the people which parties were closest to adopting their needs, and would thereby strengthen their conviction of their choices.

The project, which spanned over a period of 14 months across six governorates, aimed to promote democratic practice by providing voters with an objective, independent and impartial analysis of the positions of competing political parties in the elections and to encourage political parties to have more transparent electoral programs.

The project was suspended due to the postponement of the elections and the changes that took place on the political scene during the transitional period.

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Direct beneficiaries

8000
Indirect beneficiaries

The project was Funded by Oxfam

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The twelfth project

The Project of Strengthening Researchers' Capacity on Formulating Policy Papers

Feb 2012 ⟹ Aug 2013

This project is one of the themes of the foundation as it is one of its most important objectives, i.e. to build the capacity of young people to formulate policies professionally and practically. Different policy papers in various fields were prepared during this project.



The project, which spanned over a period of three years, aimed to prepare and publish ten policy papers to advocate for contemporary and diverse causes, mainly in terms of the humanitarian situation during wartime, the obstacles and challenges facing research and study centers, as well as the reality of youth initiatives.

The total number of beneficiaries targeted was 20 young men and women, who were trained on formulating policy papers

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Young men and women



The project was funded by Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED).

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The thirteenth project

The Constitutional Researcher

Dec 2013 → Nov 2014

For a broader inclusion of youth in the policy-making process at the higher level in the decision-making hierarchy, this project aimed to present a group of researchers, who received specialized training, for one of them to be selected as an assistant to the constitution drafting committee, or with one of its members in order to provide technical support to the committee, and to participate in the processes of drafting the most important document at the country level. For the participants to perform their tasks efficiently, the training had to be highly professional and efficient.

The project, which spanned over a period of 12 months with Amanat Al-Asimah (the Capital Secretariat) as the targeted area, aimed to build the researchers' capacity on necessary research and analysis related to formulating policy papers and drafting draft laws and the constitution.



The total number of researchers who benefited from the project was (50) young men and women

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Young men and women

The project was funded by Project on Middle East Democracy.

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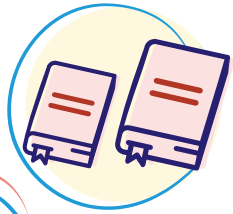
The fourteenth project

Your Constitution

Jan 2015 → Dec 2015

Enabling people to share their opinions and discuss the most important issues included in the draft constitution, were some of the outcomes of the project, Your Constitution. In this project, the most prominent controversial issues in the draft constitution were identified and analyzed by a team of academicians. An electronic platform was designed for constructively discussing suggestions.

The project, which spanned over a period of 12 months, aimed to create a platform for open and interactive dialogue to discuss the articles of the Constitution.



The project was funded by Oxfam

The participants in the discussions under this project included a group of academics and activists, as well as media, legal and political specialists.



15 The fifteenth project

Peace Makers

Apr 2015 → Mar 2017

The project targeted a wide range of youth through representatives of youth initiatives that work or seek to work in the field of peace building and community cohesion. By undertaking a capacity building program, the participants were able to manage their funded projects in a more effective and sustainable manner in wartime. This restored the participants' hope in their ability to influence, work and overcome the difficult reality imposed by all the manifestations of the armed conflict.

The project, which spanned over a period of twenty four months across five governorates, aimed to train youth on how to carry out advocacy campaigns on peace-building-related issues.



The total number of beneficiaries of the project was 25 young men and women

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The project was funded by Saferworld.



Working with Resonate! Yemen was an opportunity for me to gain skill and experience that had a great personal impact later on. First, it was my first chance to work with a team. Second, it was my first practical experience of leading a team and managing a project

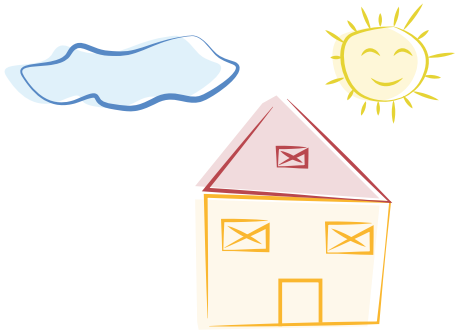
Farea Al-Muslimi
President of the Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies (Lebanon)

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The sixteenth project

The Art of Hope

Mar 2017 ⟶ Jan 2018





In the art exhibition "The Art of Hope", children drew their hopes and dreams with the vision of a new, stable and secure Yemen. All efforts under this project were devoted to conveying the extent of the suffering of children in Yemen as a result of the ongoing war and to finding a way to deliver messages of peace through art that always represents hope.

Those messages were published and promoted through traditional media platforms in addition to social media platforms.

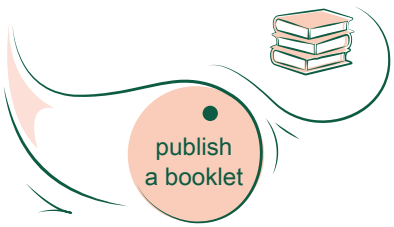
Ten male and female artists participated in the exhibition **10**

the total number of children and women targeted was (300) people **300**



One of the project's outputs

- production of a song in which (18) famous artists, intellectuals and children participated. The song was entitled, "Yakfeena Harb (Enough War)," which discussed the impact of the war on the people; sent a message of peace to all parties to the conflict, and appealed to them to reach a peace agreement.



Entitled: "The Art of Hope." It included the works with which the painters participated in the exhibition, as well as the children's messages to the world





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The seventeenth project

Civil Society Organizations Sustainability Report

Annually, and in cooperation with its partners around the world, USAID publishes a report on the levels of sustainability of civil society organizations in more than (70) countries around the world, including Yemen.

Since 2017, Resonate! Yemen, and in cooperation with Family Health International 360, has participated in preparing the Civil Society Organizations Sustainability Report, by writing the section on Yemen. This is done by a team of (10) Yemeni experts, working in the community sector.

This team, made up of representatives from several governorates, evaluates the community sector on the basis of seven main points, including: the legal environment, financial feasibility, organizational capacity, support and advocacy, sectoral structure, service provision, and public mental image formation. The report provides an annual assessment of the level of improvement or deterioration in the environment in which Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) operate, and highlights the main challenges and opportunities, which they continuously face. This report is an essential reference for those interested in the field of community-based organizations and enhancing their roles in economic and social development, particularly in countries where such CBOs play a major role in providing basic services as a result of the decline in the role of government institutions.



Following the outbreak of youth-led revolution in Yemen in February 2011, youth needed a credible entity that would listen to their voices, make their demands heard, embrace them all despite their different political affiliations and enable them to establish their political movements. Resonate! Yemen undertook this responsibility

Tareq Al-Okbry
Community Activist (Yemen).

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The eighteenth project

Governance of Civil Society Organizations

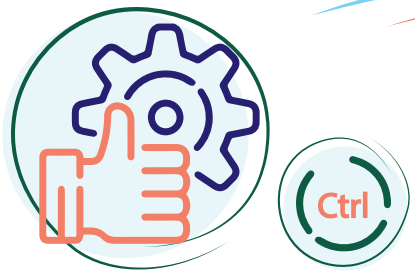
Mar 2018 → Dec 2018

This project is the first in the field of governance. It sought to train organizations on the Organizations Governance Manual, which is also the first manual in this field and for this sector.

The interaction shown by the organizations participating in this project was a good basis for working on similar projects in the future. Under such projects, the values of transparency and integrity among those working in the sector of civil society organizations are strengthened. Such projects also help build participants' capacities in good governance, which in turn will improve the level of these organizations' response and performance in terms of reflecting the needs of the society and the requirements of the process of sustainable development.

This project, which spanned over a period of ten months across five governorates, aimed to strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations in the field of governance, by strengthening the knowledge building of the boards of trustees of civil society organizations on governance, and contributing to the creation of a culture that supports the governance of civil society organizations and promotes the principles of transparency, using modern electronic means. This, in turn, would contribute to building broad and constructive partnerships between government agencies and civil society organizations.





the project targeted
110 organizations.

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The project outputs included publishing a Civil Society Organizations Governance Manual, building the capacities of (10) organizations in five governorates, with an average of two representatives from each organization in the areas of TOT, Civil Society Organizations Governance Manual, report writing and financial management. Those who participated in the TOT program trained (100) organizations in five governorates on the Civil Society Organizations Governance Manual.

The project was
Funded by GIZ



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The nineteenth project

Enhancing Social Accountability 1

Oct 2017 → Jun 2018

There was a need to build the capacities of Yemeni society to assume effective roles in community participation, improve public life, and improve the quality of services provided, in accordance with sound practices, and in accordance with the principles of values that continue to have long-term effects.

Based on this understanding, the project, which spanned over a period of nine months across six governorates, aimed to strengthen the capacities of a group of organizations in the field of social accountability and it tools, through civil participation and building its knowledge.

The project's outputs included empowering experts specializing in the field of social accountability, in addition to publishing a manual on one of the social accountability tools, i.e. hearing sessions. The project also conducted a study on transparency and accountability in Yemen.

the project targeted 19 young men and women, working in civil society organizations in the field of social accountability

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The twentieth project

Leaders for Development

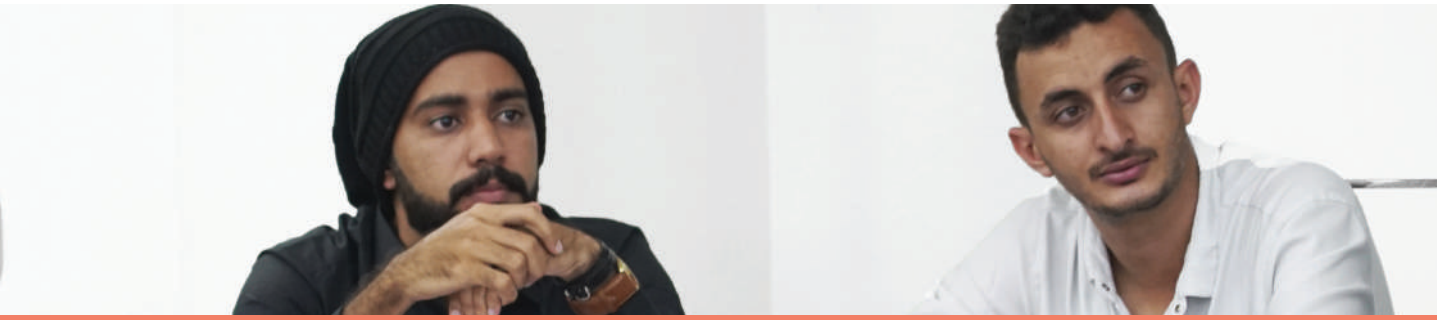
Jul 2017 → Nov 2019

In its first track, the project, by targeting a group of organizations, sought to create the first coalition, concerned with issues of peace building and promoting community cohesion, in accordance with the principles of good governance and administration. The targeted organizations underwent a one-year capacity building program, during which a number of workshops were held on topics including networking, exchange of experiences with international actors and donors, in addition to enabling civil society organizations and civil leaders to advocate for their visions and causes more effectively. In its second track, the project also targeted youth groups that formed in the targeted governorates a network of leaders for development, through which young people endorsed issues, relating to their local communities and worked on addressing them in coordination with local authorities.

Before that, young people went through a capacity building program, which strengthened their capacities to work in the society more effectively.

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Twenty young men and women were selected in a number of targeted governorates. The participants were trained in five stages on leadership skills, negotiation, identifying community needs, preparing project preparation, advocacy, building coalitions, and the mechanisms of community consensus and coordination.



Policy Fellowship program was implemented in two phases. During the program, 20 young consultants were trained on several topics, including the identification of development needs, project preparation and policy tools. This eventually enabled the participants to work alongside decision makers each in their respective governorates and also enabled them to work on 20 policy papers on different social problems.

The project, which spanned over a period of twenty-nine months across five governorates, aimed to advance the process of community consensus so as to achieve stability in Yemen.

Funded by Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG)

the project targeted a total number of 120 beneficiaries.

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The twenty first project

Leaders for Development

Jul 2018 → Dec 2020

Perhaps the most important characteristic feature of this project is its focus on building the capacities of local authorities and youth to implement several development projects. It focuses on building the capacities of youth and those working in local councils on participatory planning and studying community needs. The outcomes of such a training program include coming up with strategic plans for the development priorities of each targeted districts, implementing initiatives that motivate the community to implement development projects in a participatory manner, managing self-projects, as well as attempting to create the appropriate conditions for long-term reconstruction and development.

The project, which spanned over a period of thirty six months across four governorates, aims to build the capacity of the civil society and local councils in the targeted communities in Yemen, including marginalized and hard-to-reach groups such as women and rural civil society organizations. It aims to contribute to building comprehensive peace, and effective governance, so as to improve the level of service provision in the targeted governorates in Yemen.



Youth networks have been established with the participation of (40) young men and women in the targeted governorates with the aim of networking and exchanging experiences. The capacities of local councils are strengthened, by employing (16) youth policy consultants in local councils, all of whom will contribute to capacity building and to planning and developing policies. A capacity building fund will be provided to local councils in each of the selected governorates, with a focus on community consultations, public awareness, and participatory strategic planning.

The project is expected to reach about (388) direct beneficiaries of women and youth as well as members of local authorities and civil society organizations. It is also expected that (1000) people will indirectly benefit from the project.



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Women and Youth

1000

Indirectly benefit from the project

Funded by the European Union

“Resonate! Yemen was with us from the very first moments the establishment of our organization. We set out in Taiz, and today we are present in most of the governorates of the Republic of Yemen. We hope to follow the footsteps of Resonate! Yemen and that we can provide as much support as we can to civil society organizations, just as Resonate! Yemen did with us”

Hussein Al-Suhaili
head of Tamdeen Youth Foundation (Yemen).

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The twenty second project

Enhancing Social Accountability 2

Jul 2018 → Jan2019

An extension of the outputs of the first phase, and in order to achieve better sustainability, the second phase of the project sought to train six local organizations on social accountability tools and to build their institutional capacities so as to create specialized units in their organizational structures that specialize in social accountability. Two policy papers on community accountability and a social accountability manual were issued. Another study was conducted on Yemeni tribal practices and customs and another on the extent of the modeling potential of such practices and customs so as to be used as tools for social accountability, which could be applied, at a later stage, in the Yemeni society.

- The project, which spanned over a period of twelve months, aimed to complete and build on the objectives of the first phase of the Social Accountability project, which is to strengthen social accountability.

Funded by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED)



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The twenty third project
Promoting Peace in Yemen

Sep 2018 → Feb 2021



The project sought to ensure that civil society organizations and youth are involved in supporting efforts to achieve sustainable peace in Yemen, and to bring the voices of local organizations and Yemeni youth to the parties to the conflict on the need to move forward to promote peace.

The project targets

- women, youth
- local, regional and international actors
- Decision-makers in Yemen
- Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen

The project, which spanned over a period of twenty four months across six governorates, aims to provide an extensive support for building sustainable peace between stakeholders and influential people in Yemen.

Funded by Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG)

24 The twenty fourth project

Promoting Peace in Yemen

Sep 2019 → and will run until 1 September 2020

The third phase of the Social Accountability project seeks to complement the first and second phases of the project in a way that enhances the project's overall objective of raising awareness of community participation in promoting transparency in the Yemeni society

••• Targeting five organizations

Sana'a | Ibb | Hadramout | Taiz | Aden

The project is funded by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

••• It is expected that five local organizations will benefit from the activities of the year-long project

- Two policy papers
- launching a website on social accountability
- Small grants will be provided to organizations that have been trained to implement activities relate to social accountability in their geographical domain
- Producing an awareness-raising video will be produced in the same field
- Five local organizations in (5) different governorates will also be trained

My first practical experience was with Resonate! Yemen; it was an inspiring experience, through which I got to know many of my colleagues today, trained, coordinated some programs, and benefited a lot.

Thana'a Farouk,
a documentary photographer, (Netherland).

Workshops and debates

Resonate! Yemen organized many functions and workshops on topics related to building the capacity of independent youth movements. The Foundation organized a total of (6) workshops. The first workshop sought to find common areas of understanding between Yemeni actors in the civil society and the international community. The second workshop sought to build the capacity of independent youth movements and facilitate the creating a coalition representing these movements. The third workshop focused on the draft law of the transitional justice, prepared by the Ministry of Legal Affairs. The draft law constitutes a vital starting point to support the political changes taking place in Yemen, which will eventually help build the ultimate civil state.

The fourth workshop sought to introduce the basics of constitutional law, while the fifth one, through meetings held with world-level policy makers, sought to discuss the issue of youth perception of the transitional period and GCC Initiative. The sixth workshop concluded with a review of the main challenges facing research and policy centers in Yemen.

In addition to the workshops, Resonate! organized three youth debates in the capital city of Sana'a. Topics discussed in the debates include, the implications of UN Security Council Resolution 2140, which is related to the political transition in Yemen, supporting young people to participate in decision-making within political parties, as well as the topic of international support for Yemen, and how to accommodate donor pledges in line with development needs.



Policy Papers

As for policy papers, the foundation has issued (12) papers that discuss a range of issues, including the economic empowerment of young people, the implications of the crisis in Yemen on youth's political participation, youth's relationship with the parliament, the obstacles hindering youth's involvement in leadership and decision-making positions, as well as the difficulties, and challenges facing youth initiatives and political research and study centers.

The policy papers reviewed the nature of the local environment, the form and practices of the local authority, as well as their relationship to social accountability. They also reviewed the increasing political complexities and how they have affected the worsening humanitarian situation since the outbreak of the war in Yemen.

Training manuals

As for training manuals, the foundation has issued 4 training manuals on topics related to nonviolence, "forms of armed struggle," social accountability and its guidelines, as well as the governance of civil society organizations in Yemen.

Reports

The Foundation has published 3 reports; the first one reviewed the findings of the report on the People's Campaign for monitoring early presidential elections. The second report dealt with the issue of the fifth authority, while the third one discussed the sustainability of civil society organizations.

Booklets

The foundation published a booklet, entitled: The "Art of Hope Exhibition", which, through the drawings of the young artists participating in it, tried to describe the extent of the suffering experienced by the children of Yemen as a result of the ongoing conflict. It is an artistic attempt on .the part of the artists to put their pencils and colors in the face of the enemies of peace



My beginnings with Resonate! Yemen was through the project of Make Your Voice Heard, followed by the project of Institutional Building of Youth Movements, then the Debates of Yemen, and the Fifth Power. Resonate! Yemen embraced me and listened to my political views and taught me how to formulate policies

Mariam Al-Dhubhany
Documentary Filmmaker (Qatar).

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Ten years of serving
Yemeni youth

Today, on its tenth anniversary, Resonate! Yemen hopes to continue to play an active role in achieving the objectives of political development, in the light of its strategic vision, and promises that it has not and will not deviate from its goals, which the foundation has achieved, and will continue to do so.



- Many workers, activists, partners, and community actors have passed
- through Resonate Yemen who have left an impact on their lives.




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Resonate! Yemen

Resonate! Yemen is a non-profit NGO that has commenced working as a youth initiative in January 2010 and was officially registered at the Ministry of Social Affairs in August 2011. The Foundation is working to create a new environment conducive for developing more sustainable policies, where young people as are engaged as key partners in the development and evaluation of public policies. Resonate! Yemen aims to make the voices of Yemeni youth part of the policy discourse in Yemen, and to support youth work at national and international levels.