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For over a decade, multiple armed conflicts have torn Yemen apart. They have eroded central governance in Yemen, fragmented the nation into different local power bases and increased humanitarian needs to unprecedented levels.

According to the UN, Yemen is the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. Two out of three Yemenis – 20.7 million people – are in need of humanitarian assistance. The risk of famine is looming yet again and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to severely impact people's lives.

Cordaid has been active in Yemen since 2018, providing multi-sector humanitarian assistance, and health services. We also support peacebuilding efforts in the country. In 2020 we assisted 395,000 Yemenis. Cordaid is implementing activities together with Yemeni partner organisations Yama'an Foundation for Health and Social Development (Yama'an), Youth Without Borders Organisation for Development (YWBOD), Family Counselling & Development Foundation (FCDF) and Political Development Forum (PDF).

In 2021, Cordaid is expanding its activities with Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) services, and local partner network.



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HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Cordaid has been providing multi-sector humanitarian assistance to people affected by conflict and natural disasters in Yemen, in particular to women, children, elderly, ill, and disabled people since 2018.



Initially, assistance was provided in Sana'a, and Ibb. Gradually Cordaid expanded to Hodeida, Taiz and Lahj. Activities are aimed at saving lives through increased access to food (food vouchers/ cash for food), shelter (cash for rent), water & sanitation (distribution of hygiene kits and hygiene promotion), basic health services (rehabilitation of health facilities including sanitation) and distribution of medicines to chronically ill patients/ people with non-communicable diseases. In Sana'a, Hodeida, Dhamar, and Taiz, Cordaid also responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing COVID-19 information, food, PPE, hygiene kits and ventilators. Protection is mainstreamed in all activities. Cordaid adheres to the Core Humanitarian Standards and SPHERE standards.

In 2021 Cordaid has expanded its humanitarian assistance with the provision of MHPSS services, both at health facility and community level. For the delivery of humanitarian assistance, Cordaid works with three Yemeni partners: Yamaan, FCDF and YWBOD and we are expanding our local partner network in Yemen.



	2018	2019	2020	2021
Budget	€650,000	€750,00	€1.5 M	€1.8M
People reached	38,785	49,600	95,000	105,000
Sectors	Shelter, NFI, Food and WASH	Shelter, WASH, NFI, Health, and Food	Food, Shelter, WASH* and Health* * including COVID-19	Food, WASH (incl COVID-19) and Health, MHPSS
Donors	Cordaid private funds	Cordaid private funds, Caritas Switzerland	Dutch MFA, Cordaid private funds	Dutch MFA, Caritas Emergency Appeal, Cordaid private funds

HEALTH CARE

Together with our Yemeni partner organisation Yamaan, Cordaid started a three years' project in three remote and underserved districts of the governorate of Dhamar in 2019. The project strengthens health facilities by training health staff and improving access to maternal health and family planning services through the distribution of vouchers for maternal health and family planning services. With a 24/7 helpline, social media and radio spots project staff are also providing accurate information on reproductive health to women and girls in remote areas. And, the project is assisting chronically ill people by providing medicines.

As part of the project, Cordaid introduced Results Based Financing (RBF) to strengthen 30 health facilities in 2020. Furthermore, a social media company organises health and MHPSS surveys among patients and distributes health awareness messages.

In 2021, Cordaid has started conducting a feasibility study with financial support of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO). This study focuses on the feasibility of a digital learning platform for community midwives working in remote areas.



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	2019	2020	2021
Budget	€900,000	€900,000	€1,300,000
People reached	Helpline & media: 300,000 Chronic patients: 600 Patients through vouchers: 5,000	Helpline & media: 300,000 Chronic patients: 600 Patients through vouchers: 5,000	Helpline & media: 300,000 Chronic patients: 600 Patients through vouchers: 7,000
Activities	Health services, Health information, strengthen clinics	Health services, health information, strengthen clinics	Health services, health information, strengthen clinics, study digital learning platform.
Donor	Dutch Embassy Sana'a	Dutch Embassy Sana'a	Dutch Embassy, RVO

PEACEBUILDING

Cordaid coordinates and hosts the [Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding](#) (CSPPS). CSPPS works with two Yemeni civil society member organisations: YWBOD and PDF.



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A new project proposal (€600,000) is currently under development which foresees further work with an alliance of civil society organisations, the Civil Alliance for Peace (CAP). CAP works on the coordinated follow-up on the Stockholm Peace Agreement and promotes the improved participation of civil society in peace processes. The CSPPS-activities are planned to be implemented in Amman/Jordan and Aden. They include capacity development support, training, and peer-to-peer learning. Activities in Yemen focus on restitution activities by local CSPPS-partners and civil society organisations on the basis of their experiences gained through training in Amman. In 2020, CSPPS, CAP and YWBOD facilitated and implemented civil society-led advocacy campaigns. These campaigns influenced local, national, and international decision-makers to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS) Peace Vision 2019-2021. These partners also contributed to the article series "[CSPPS Coordinated Response to Support Local Action during COVID-19](#)". Their contributions showcase local action, responses, and needs in light of COVID-19 in Yemen.



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ABOUT CORDAID

Cordaid is an internationally operating value-based emergency relief and development organisation, working in and on fragility. We support local communities in their efforts to improve healthcare, food security, education, security and justice. Where disasters strike, we offer humanitarian assistance. Our multi-stakeholder approach seeks and promotes alliances of civil society organisations, as well as the public and the private sectors. We focus on local agents for change and implement innovative digital and financial methods to increase the impact of interventions.

Our quality management system is ISO and Partos certified, we have an ECHO partnership certificate and our risk management policy and framework respond to internationally required standards. We set and maintain high standards of performance for ourselves and our partners, to ensure the well-being and safety of everyone we work with and for.

We value the partnership and financial support from our institutional and private donors. Institutional donors like the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the Global Fund, the World Bank, UNICEF, and UNPBF, as well as the European Commission have trusted our capacities and expertise, both in the past and for the years to come. We also cherish our loyal donor base of more than 250,000 individuals from the Netherlands. Cordaid is a founding member of Caritas Internationalis and CIDSE.

In January 2021, Cordaid joined forces with ICCO.

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