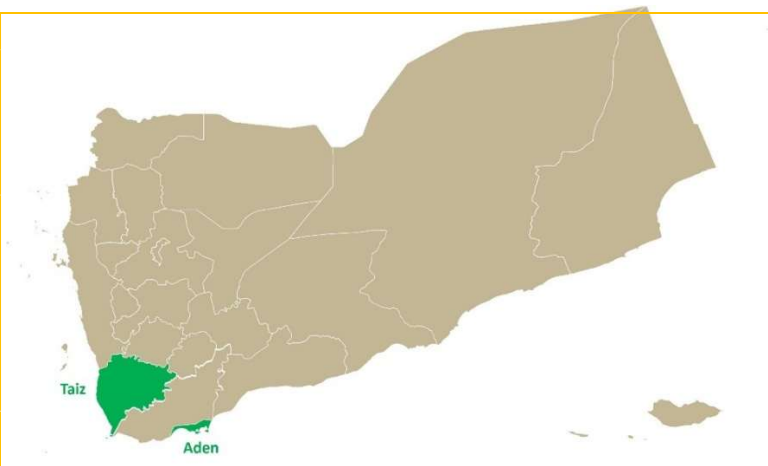


Improving Water, Sanitation and Social Stability in Aden and Taiz	
Country	Republic of Yemen
Location(s)	Aden Governorate: Al Mualla and Sirah districts Taiz Governorate: Al Mudaffar and Al Qahirah districts
Partners	Lead Grantee: National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response (NAHR) Sub-Grantees: Sub-Grantee: Sheba Youth Foundation for Development (SYF)
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In Aden and Taiz, the deterioration of water and sanitation services has become one of the most immediate sources of public frustration. Conflict, displacement, aging infrastructure and limited institutional response have all affected the reliability and fairness of service delivery. In this context, water and sanitation gaps are not only technical problems: they also shape social relations.

The Challenge

Through a local peace and conflict mapping exercise including 12 focus group discussions (198 participants, 52% women), 38 key informant interviews, and 4 validation sessions, the Consortium documented, amongst others, 86 WASH-related conflict cases (including 73 directly linked to water and sanitation). The process and analysis identified the following key tensions across the target districts:

- Perceptions of unequal water distribution between communities and neighborhoods.
- Weak communication between communities, service providers, and local authorities.
- Limited institutional response to complaints and service disruptions.
- Unreliable access to water and sanitation services.
- Poor and aging infrastructure affects daily life and public health.

📍 Aden – Al Mualla and Sirah districts

In Aden, water related conflicts and tensions are shaped by aging infrastructure, electricity shortages, population pressure, and weak maintenance capacity. Water disruption can quickly become public grievances, especially when communities perceive that access to water is unequal or that local institutions are not responding clearly and fairly.

📍 Taiz – Al Mudaffar and Al Qahirah districts

In Taiz, war, high displacement and long-standing infrastructure challenges have affected access to water and sanitation. Communities often experience service gaps through the lens of fairness and institutional responsiveness.

The Building for Peace Approach in Practice

1 Dialogue, Mediation and Conflict Prevention

Community-based dialogue and mediation mechanisms will aim to strengthen the management of water- and sanitation-related tensions. Four Service Peace and Mediation Committees will bring together communities, local authorities, and service providers to identify concerns, discuss grievances, monitor risks, and resolve or prevent disputes before they escalate.

2 Fair and Conflict-Sensitive WASH Improvements

Rehabilitation of 13 priority water and sanitation infrastructure systems in Aden and Taiz will improve service reliability, support more equitable access to services and enhance daily living conditions, while contributing to reduced tensions linked to service delivery.

3 Accountable and Responsive Service Governance

Improved coordination between communities and the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation in Aden and Taiz will enhance communication, monitoring, grievance handling, digital asset management and joint planning.

Together, dialogue, tangible WASH improvements, and more accountable service governance help reduce service-related tensions, improve cooperation, and rebuild trust between communities and local institutions.

How it Works

Target Outcomes

- **Reduced community tensions related to water and sanitation in the four target districts.**
- **Improved equitable access to water across target locations.**
- **Improved sanitation conditions in targeted locations in Taiz.**
- **Strengthened trust between communities and the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation.**
- **Improved responsiveness and accountability of local water and sanitation service management.**
- **Strengthened operational and technical capacity of the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation.**

In Figures

- **67,872 people expected to benefit from rehabilitated water networks in Aden and Taiz.**
- **10,550 people expected to benefit from rehabilitated sanitation networks in Taiz.**
- **13 water and sanitation sites rehabilitated (9 water sites and 4 sanitation sites).**
- **1,440 community members engaged through awareness-raising and dialogue sessions.**
- **32 members from 4 Service Peace and Mediation Committees across Aden and Taiz will be trained in mediation, conflict resolution, field monitoring, evidence-based reporting, and advocacy.**

