

Improve Livelihood in the provinces

Strengthening local administration to stabilize the country

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basic services (water, food, electricity) but also security, justice, education, health and infrastructure is therefore inadequate. The government and districts currently lack both qualified human resources as well as technical know how to restore security and social services. The deficit in the provision of basic services weakens the confidence of the population and thus the legitimacy of state structures.

Objective

Small projects of the local administrative structures at the county or municipal level contribute to the stabilization of the living conditions of the population in the two Governorates Dhamar and Hadhramaut.

Context

The internal political situation in Yemen has continued to worsen. Military operations occur mainly in larger cities in the country and represent a considerable threat to the civilian population. At the beginning of July 2015, the United Nations (UN) raised the UN's highest emergency level for Yemen due to the humanitarian emergency. Large parts of the civilian infrastructure are damaged or destroyed. In a total population of 25.5 million, 2.8 million people had fled the fighting and are now internally displaced (IDP). More than half of the population (14.1 million Yemenis), suffer hunger. Almost two of three citizens (21 million) depend on humanitarian aid.

There are enormous challenges for administrations and municipalities in rural regions to provide adequate services under the given situation by taking into account the different needs. Their capacity to act is considerably completely limited. Over all, the state's sub-national administrative structures have collapsed with only a few exceptions. Their ability to supply the population with

Approach

The project will focus on capacity-building for the local governance structures and promoting implementation of mutually agreed small-scale measures to stabilize the living conditions of the population in two governorates Dhamar and Hadhramout. The activities will be carried out in close coordination with the project of the Berghof Foundation "Strengthening Inclusive Local Governance and Peace Building in Yemen", that will focus on inclusive policy-discussions, local peace and stabilization initiatives and the establishment of responsive governance structures. The envisaged close cooperation and coordination will create synergies between the two programmes.

The aim of the Berghof Foundation is to improve the contributions of local administrative structures to foster a stabilised environment to achieve peace and security in the region. Local administrative structures are strengthened to be more inclusive and accountable e.g. by giving advisory services for planning and



Left: Group of consultative committees – Hadhramaut Governorate during sorting of small scale measures applications (Sorting and Evaluation Process of Applications)

Right: Training measure for the accountants of 3 districts of Dhamar Governorate on financial procedures for implementing local subsidies (Initialization and Preparation Process)



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*Improving the obstetrics and gynecology services at Sah hospital/
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(Wadi area): site visit (verification process)*

realising of public policy discussions and support of local peace initiatives. The SSPY project will accompany this process pre-eminently by providing technical advice for local structures in the planning and implementation of small scale measures/projects. Therefore the project will work with existing and / or partially functional administrative structures, identified by the Berghof Foundation and will strengthen them on province and district level.

The Programme will intervene in the following areas:

Area 1: Strengthening the capacities of locally organized administrative units. Local administrative employees are able to plan and implement small projects to stabilize the population's livelihoods.

Area 2: Promotion of small scale measures to stabilize the live-hoods of the population. The emergency and demand situation of the local population is mitigated by small scale measures. The project supports administrative structures in the two local governments Dharmar and Hadhramout in implementing measures which aim to improve directly the living conditions of the population. For that local grants for small scale measures/projects are awarded to authorities in the two Governments Dharmar and Hadhramout. Small scale measures/projects are to be identified by a structured application procedure. Applicants are, as a rule, elected representatives of local administrative structures at district or municipality level. The inclusion of traditional or informal structures (such as village leaders) is useful in project identification, as they often enjoy great trust in the local population. Through capacity-development measures, the administrative structures at the technical level learn to write project proposals and – with support by the GIZ team – to carry out procurement processes, to implement projects, to maintain infrastructure measures and to produce a simple financial report.

These procedures create an awareness of transparency and accountability towards their own communities. In addition, the workers employed to implement the measures learn the technical skills necessary to implement or maintain projects and which they can subsequently use again.

Results

The consultative committees in both governorates have been formed. The criteria for the selection of the small scale projects are established as well as an operational manual including guidelines. The first 10 districts (4 districts in Dhamar and 6 districts in Hadhramaut) for intervention measures are identified. The first application round for financing small scale projects in the two governorates has been carried out. The selection process by the consultative structure Hadhramaut has been finalized. As a result 18 proposals for small scale projects have been selected in Hadhramaut (10 proposals) and Dhamar (8 proposals). The verification process for 18 proposals is finished and 12 proposal are ready for contractual process and implementation, like for example:

1. Rehabilitating the internal water supply networks at As Sawm District (12 villages) / Hadhramaut Governorate (Wadi area).
2. Expanding the Medical Health Care Services of the Health Unit of Al-mesbah area/Wesab – Ass'afel – Dhamar.
3. Furnishing the girls classes building at Alnasr educational complex school in Althalooth /Otmah district – Dhamar governorate.
4. Improving the obstetrics and gynecology services at Sah hospital/Sah District/ Hadhramaut Governorate (Wadi area).

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