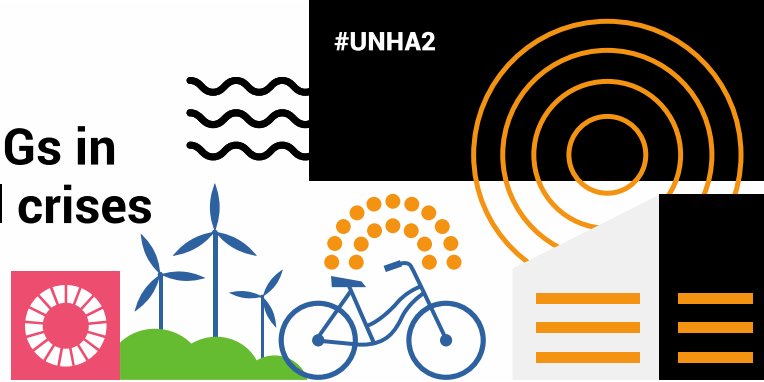



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Side Event 27

The interdependence of peace, development and humanitarian action in building urban resilience in Yemen

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SUMMARY

Yemen has become the largest humanitarian crisis globally, the largest food security crisis and the most widespread, with an estimated 20.7 million people in needs to humanitarian or protection assistance. The crisis resulted in almost total collapse of basic services and institutions, as well as immense pressure on essential basic services resulting in the collapse of institutions. Access to essential social services is extremely limited: only 50% of health facilities are functioning, and even these face severe shortages in medicines, equipment, and staff; 16 million people lack adequate access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene; resulting in unprecedented 2017 cholera outbreak; and 4.5 million children without access to education. More than 50% of the population requires support to meet their basic water, sanitation and hygiene needs. Around 5.4 million people need emergency shelter, and shelter remains the third most critical need for both Internally Displaced Persons and Returnees after food and access to income/financial assistance.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia presented a comprehensive and effective model that reflects the interdependence of humanitarian-development-peace in building urban resilience in Yemen in order to bridge the gaps resulting from focusing on one work over the other. Yemen contributes to improving the infrastructure and basic services available to the Yemeni people and creating job opportunities, through cooperation with the Yemeni government, local authorities and civil society organizations. The Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen (SDRPY) has created 224 projects and initiatives that are in line with the goals of sustainable development in seven sectors: health, energy, agriculture, fishing, education, water, transportation, government institutions, and development programs.

The “Adequate housing” project, implemented by UN-Habitat and supported by SDRPY and Alwaleed Philanthropies, aims at the provision of safe and dignified living conditions for Yemeni families through rehabilitating the damaged houses, covering the major to medium scale damages of houses and sanitation facilities in the two Districts of Aden (Moala and Khor Mkasar).

The objective of the event is to showcase the value of effective cooperation in order to achieve development through the partnership of SDRPY, Al-Waleed Philanthropies and UN-Habitat in supporting and building urban resilience in Yemen, and focusing on provision of adequate Housing for vulnerable families Aden city, in line with other efforts and projects in various sectors, and illustrate experience from other countries in the Arab Region on housing reconstruction and provision of adequate housing.



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