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RURAL ACCESS PROGRAM







>>> ABOUT RAP

The Rural Access Program (RAP) was established in partnership between the Yemen Government and the World Bank (IDA) to reduce isolation and create streams of social benefits to most-valued services through improved year-round access, which directly addresses poverty and gender gaps and to improve livelihood in rural areas. Since 2001, RAP has been a sustainable foundation for rural accessibility improvement to areas severely affected by isolation and poverty.

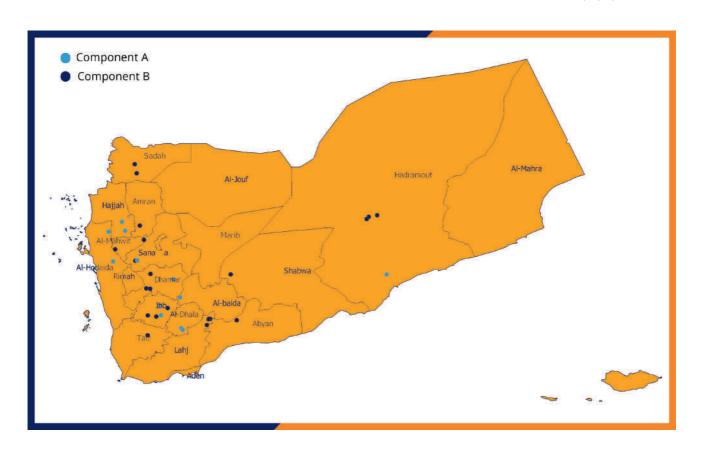
WHAT IS YELCP <<<

Yemen Emergency Lifeline Connectivity Project (YELCP) is funded by the World Bank and implemented by UNOPS and RAP As a local implementing partner by signing the project cooperation agreement in May 2022. RAP is engaged in the core of this project through the rehabilitation and upgrading of 150 km, installation of 2 Bailey bridges, and labor-intensive maintenance of 210 km.

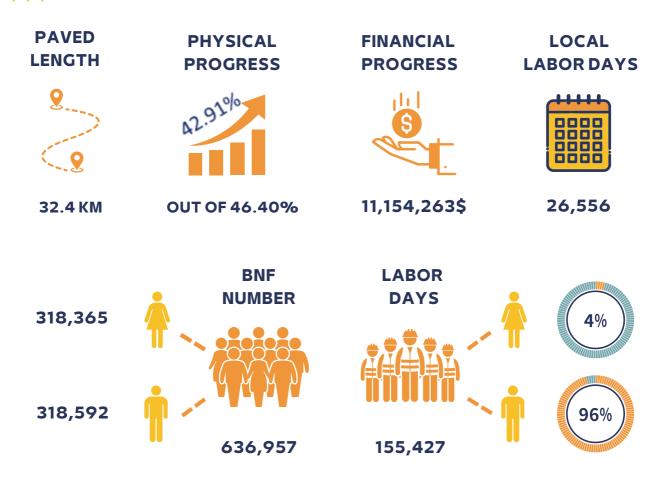


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YELCP MAP <<<



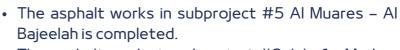
>>> CUMULATIVE PROGRESS



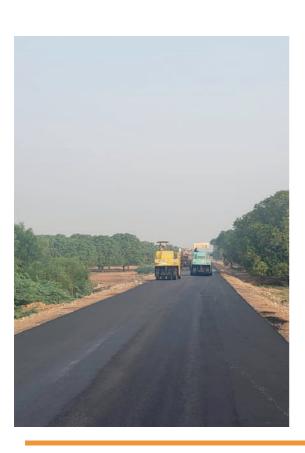




>>> SUBPROJECTS ACHIEVEMENTS



- The asphalt works in subproject #2 Jahaf Markez Almoderih is completed.
- 4 ESMPs of 4 VAR subprojects in component 1.B.2 were submitted.
- More than 50 Microenterprises were interviewed and evaluated by UNOPS and RAP.
- A total area of 2512.3 Hectares has experienced significant advantages through subproject #5 Al Muares - Al Bajeelah, as they have been successfully linked to the main market. Additionally, the beneficiaries now have improved access to Almuares HC and Al-Khushm secondary school, which happens to be the only secondary school serving the region.
- One of the main impacts of subproject#2: Jahaf Markiz Almoderih is linking the district HQ with the governorate HQ.



>>> STAFF & INTERNS

- Three Interns went on field visits to one or more subproject sites.
- Five new interns, four females, and one male, joined the team and started their orientation phase.

{ The field visit revealed engineering's power to transform lives, and the importance of collaboration, and deepened understanding of the profession and its impact on society.)

Eng. Azzam

{ It was a valuable experience as an architect. It deepened my understanding of paving layers, material sourcing and testing, and onsite work procedures. I'm eager for more field visits to abundant learning opportunities, growth, and success. }

{ It was a crucial step in realizing the significance of practical engineering experience. It emphasized how crucial it is to apply engineering principles in real-life situations, especially for a female engineer who often encounters field obstacles.}

Eng. Hafsa







>>> CREDIT & AWARDS

Al Bayda local authority awarded RAP a letter of gratitude for the hard work, accountability, and reliability in the subproject implemented in Al Bayda Governorate.

SUCCESS STORY <<<



MOHAMMED HASSAN MOHAMMED STRUCTURAL WORKS TEAM LEADER COMPONENT 1.A, SUBPROJECT #7 AL-AMROR

A beneficiary from the area, who had been struggling to find a job opportunity for an extended period, experienced a positive change through the project, thanks to his expertise in building and construction. He applied for a construction job alongside a group of individuals from the region, and arrangements were made for them to form a cohesive team consisting of 21 workers, led by Mohammed Hassan, a construction contractor. Their assigned tasks included constructing retaining walls and carrying out environmental protection work within the project. Their contribution proved to be highly influential and impactful for the overall success of the project. Since they joined, 945 labor days were created for the local workers.

>>> UPCOMING EVENTS

- Two subprojects are going to be completed.
- Five new interns will start practical work in YELCP.
- The tendering phase is likely to start in four subprojects under component 1.B.1 (RAR).
- The tendering phase is likely to start in four subprojects under component 1.B.2 (VAR).





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