

Dorcas *Gemen*

Creating opportunities
for sustainable recovery



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We are Dorcas

Dorcas is a faith-based organisation that provides humanitarian assistance and facilitates development cooperation. We invest in sustainable change in the lives of people who are marginalised. In the event of poverty, exclusion or a crisis, we create opportunities for them to flourish.

What we believe

We believe in the value and God-given potential of every single person. We are called to demonstrate God's love for those in need.

What we see

We see a world where poverty, exclusion and crisis marginalise people. We also see the potential of these people and their communities to flourish despite their difficult circumstances.

How we work

Accountable: We do what we say, work transparently and use resources wisely.

Compassionate: We see those in need and stand next to them.

Determined: We have an entrepreneurial spirit and do not give up.

Locally led: We work through local leadership, staff and partners.

What we do

We empower people who are marginalised to develop their talents. And we enable disadvantaged communities to flourish. We equip individuals and communities to promote and ensure participation of all.

We create hope and long-term perspectives in volatile and complex situations. We meet people's basic needs in times of crisis and increase their ability to

overcome poverty and exclusion. We persist despite frequent setbacks and invest in durable relationships to realise sustainable change.

We are part of a global movement of individuals and organisations working for a just and fair world. We recognise and appreciate everybody who supports our work. And we actively partner with others to create synergy and amplify our impact.

Theory of Change

Dorcas views poverty as a condition in which people cannot realise their intellectual, material, physical, social and spiritual needs and capacities. This kind of poverty is often related to exclusion mechanisms and barriers within society. We want to contribute to the protection, inclusion and resilience of people living in poverty, experiencing exclusion or caught in a crisis. Our Theory of Change recognises that transformation is needed at the individual, community and societal levels. We seek to realise a six-fold impact that results in flourishing people and communities.

Dorcas works towards change on three levels:

1. Individual

We create opportunities for people and, if necessary, we also provide for their basic needs.

2. Community

We invest in resilient, self-organising communities; we strengthen the position of certain groups, such as older people, people with disabilities and minority groups, and we encourage community members to support each other and stand up for themselves.

3. Society

We cooperate with local authorities and partners and motivate them to take their responsibilities. We tackle taboos by ensuring that everyone has a voice and that everyone is included.

The Dorcas Theory of Change is translated into programme concepts that create impact,

demonstrate our added value and inform the programmatic priorities set by each Country Office.

The three programme concepts are:

Humanitarian Assistance and Recovery

Humanitarian Assistance and Recovery focuses on saving people's lives and preserving their dignity during disasters or crises. People's immediate needs are met, communities are enabled to become resilient to shocks and governments are actively involved in contributing to safer and more peaceful communities.

Social Empowerment and Protection

Social Empowerment and Protection seeks to ensure that the poorest and most marginalised have access to basic services, like health and education, and are empowered in their social development. This is realised by organising and mobilising communities to solve their own problems and work on opportunities through asset-based community development processes.

Inclusive Entrepreneurship

Inclusive Entrepreneurship enables disadvantaged people and groups to acquire the attitudes, competences and skills they need to earn an income and build their dreams. This is realised by creating social and economic value through entrepreneurial livelihoods and applying it to self-employment, small businesses, member-based entities or social enterprises.

Dorcas in Yemen

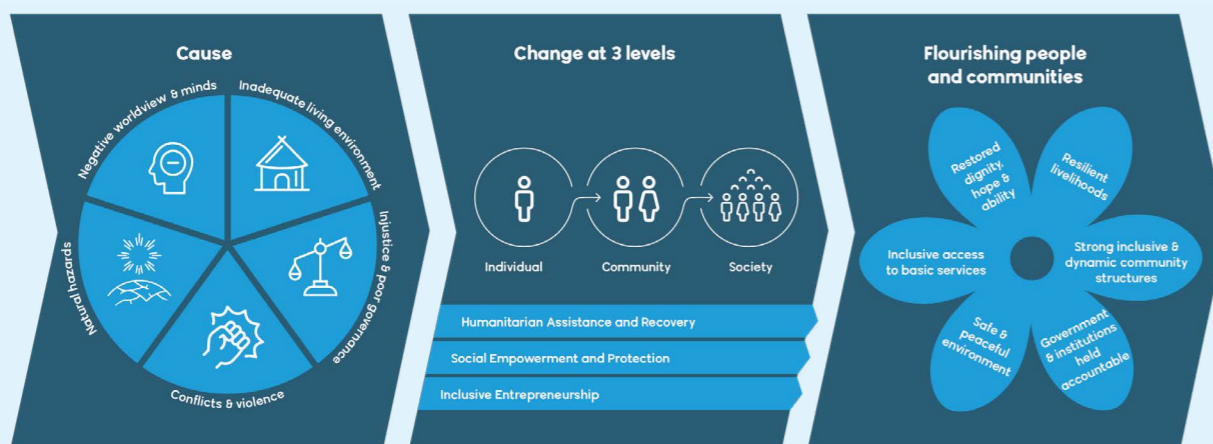


Dorcas Aid International Yemen (further referred to as Dorcas Yemen) was successfully registered as an NGO in the south of Yemen at the end of 2021. We have an office in Aden and implement projects with international and local partner organisations in the Aden, Al Dhale and Taizz governorates. Most of our projects fall under the programme concept of Humanitarian Aid and Recovery focussing on Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA), Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and health.

We set our programmatic priorities on the basis of humanitarian needs identified through local assessments. These priorities are used to develop strategic plans. Action plans for specific projects are realised through community participation and engagement to improve community ownership and acceptance of the projects rolled out. Project participants are involved in all phases of the project cycle and community response/feedback

mechanisms are put in place to guide project implementation and learn from our experiences.

In Yemen, we work alongside new and existing local partners to equip and train them to become more efficient and to comply with humanitarian sector standards. With a view to sustainability, we believe that this capacity building is really helping the people of Yemen.





Aldhalee Livelihood Track Record Building Project

Yemen has been hit hard by worsening global food crises, especially as the country imports ninety percent of its food. Dorcas Yemen is therefore seeking ways to reduce acute food insecurity and prevent the development of malnutrition. An example of this is the Aldhalee Livelihood Track Record Building project. It seeks to facilitate the transition of target households from emergency assistance to self-reliance in villages in the Aldhalee Governorate by combining humanitarian and development approaches using a nexus-continuum approach. The project focuses on food security, WASH and entrepreneurship and is being implemented from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. By the end of the project, we expect to have realised change at the individual and community levels with the implementation of resilient livelihood activities (such as beekeeping) and inclusive access to basic services (such as WASH facilities) for all community members. Within this project, colleagues from Dorcas in Egypt will teach programme staff how to strengthen communities.

Yemen Joint Response by the Dutch Relief Alliance

The Yemen Joint Response project provides a humanitarian response to the protracted crisis in Yemen through the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA), which is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project is implemented by Medair and ITDC in Aldhalee and Taizz Governorates, respectively, and focuses on food security, WASH and health. The implementation period is 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023. ITDC is implementing the FSL & WASH component in Taizz governorate, while Medair is implementing the health component in Aldhalee governorate.

As part of the project, Dorcas is also partnering with Laboratoire Laser Afrique (LLA) and Nahda Makers Organization (NMO) to develop a prototype solar oven appropriate for the Yemeni context. Other DRA members and organisations active in Yemen will benefit from the knowledge acquired.



LOYAC- I will be fine MHPSS project.

Many people in Yemen have fled their homes due to the civil war and are now experiencing mental health issues. The 'I will be fine' MHPSS project targets women and children from Almualla refugee camp in Aden and helps them to overcome the psychological harm they have suffered due to displacement, poverty and family violence. It enables 30 women to increase their income so that they can support their families better.

The project is being implemented by local partner LOYAC. Their capacity will be increased during the project through various capacity-building trainings. Dorcas is also investigating the MHPSS needs in Yemen and the outcomes will be used to help shape future programming and overcome cultural barriers in meeting people's needs.



Haifi (left) and Eva (right), both working for Dorcas Yemen.

Haifa holds a degree in business administration. She lives in Aden with her husband and has two children. She is the founder of our partner organisation LOYAC.

Back in 2011, she briefly worked on a project with another international NGO, which she really enjoyed. She then went into banking, but that was not where her heart lay. That was the moment she realised humanitarian work was her vocation and established LOYAC. This NGO has helped hundreds of people, but one story, in particular, sticks in her mind.

Abdullah's story

'A few years ago we visited an orphanage in Shaab. There I met Abdullah, a young boy who had already experienced so many intense things in life. His parents had divorced and when his mother remarried he went to live with his father, a soldier. Unfortunately, his father died one day during a fight and Abdullah ended up in the orphanage. Due to all these traumatic events, Abdullah suffered from a psychological disorder. He was also very sad about losing his father. I was very touched by Abdullah's story and offered him psychological

counselling. Unfortunately, Abdullah was very self-absorbed and, at first, he only wanted to draw during the sessions. He drew the same thing every time: a soldier in a field and a man on the ground riddled with bullets. This is how Abdullah expressed his grief at losing his father. However, Abdullah has gradually learned to talk about things. His grades have also improved and he is increasingly excited about life. When he grows up, he wants to become a pilot!'

'Peace in Yemen - we dream and strive for it'

Future dreams

Haifa is convinced that Yemen has a brighter future. 'Peace will prevail and Yemen will once again become a happy country. We wish it, strive for it and dream it. We all hope that our wish will come true. If God wants it.'

Sustainable Development Goals: Leave no one behind

Our programmes in Yemen are directly linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, most notably:



Dorcas in the Middle East

Dorcas is active in Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen. These Middle East countries share several contextual and cultural similarities and face the common concerns posed by climate change and water security. Protracted conflict and crisis in the region have led to social and economic decline and high numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons in need of assistance. People struggle with rising food prices and high inflation, and the migration of skilled workers has resulted in a chronic brain drain.



Our work

In the Middle East, Dorcas operates on the Triple Nexus of humanitarian aid, development, and peace and reconciliation. We respond to urgent needs and work on longer-term challenges, such as access to basic and public services. Our strategy is to restore trust, strengthen human capital, reinforce social protection systems and advance gender equity. We address fragility by supporting refugees and host communities in the supply of basic needs and protection, and we provide perspective through opportunities for improved livelihoods and entrepreneurship.

Partners in Yemen

From our Country Office in Aden, Dorcas Yemen continues to partner in its projects with local and international organisations. Together with ITDC, LOYAC, Medair, NMO and our own staff we work with the Yemeni people to develop and support communities. We will explore ways to strengthen and complement each other's activities and prepare for the future by identifying opportunities for sustainable recovery.

Our Strategic Partners and Donors:

- Dutch Relief Alliance
- International Training and Development Center (ITDC)
- Medair
- LOYAC
- Nahda Makers Organization (NMO)

Partner with us!

We are Dorcas Yemen and we enjoy working with both (inter)national and local partners alongside Yemeni communities. Are you interested in a possible collaboration or wondering what contribution your organisation could make? Then please get in touch with us so that together we can explore the opportunities for a partnership or collaboration in helping conflict-affected communities in Yemen.

Do you have any other questions about Dorcas' work in Yemen or would you like more information about a specific topic? Then please visit www.dorcas.org/yemen or contact us.

Partner with us! Together we can realise lasting changes in the lives of people in need.

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