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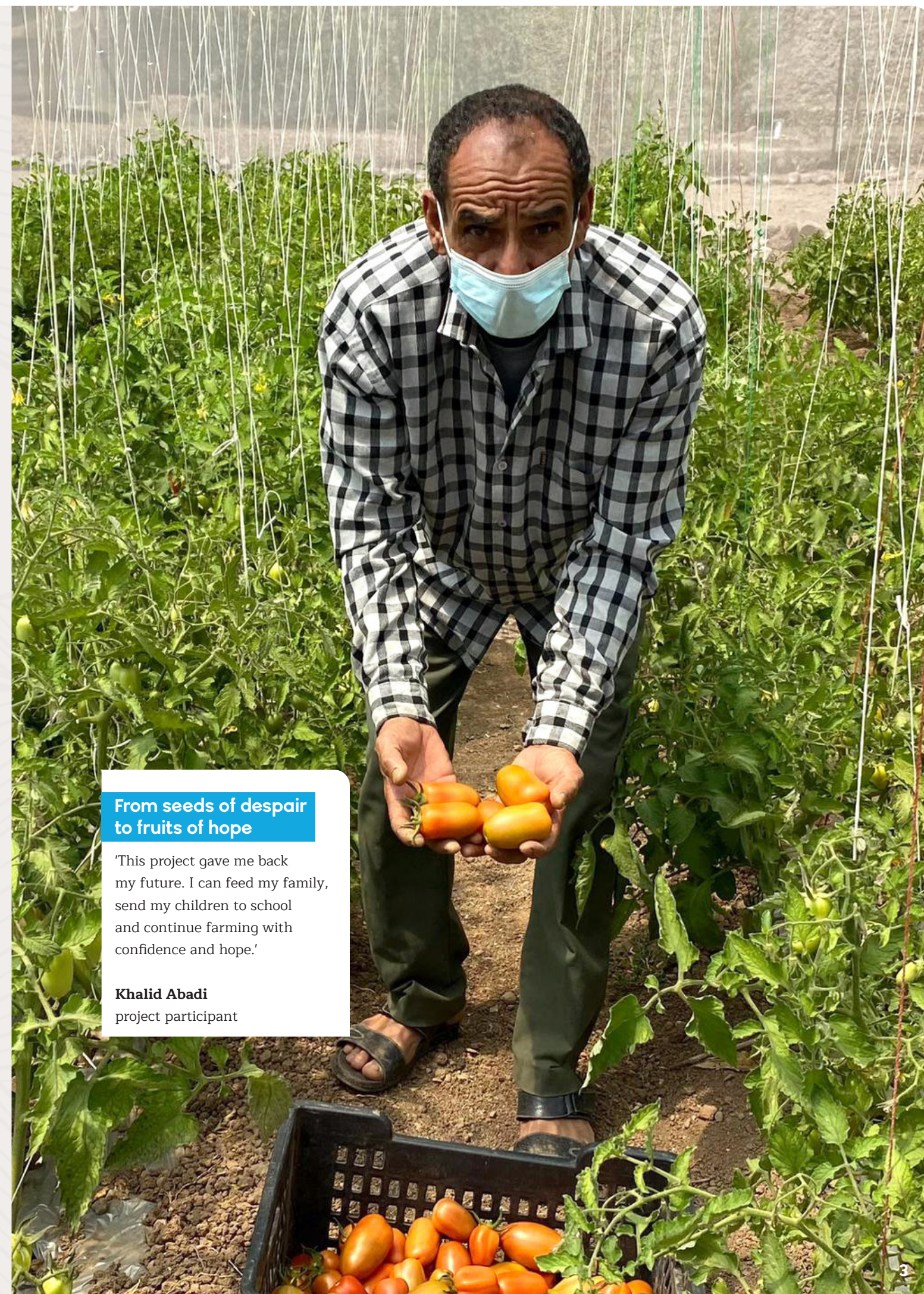
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Quality assurance and accountability

Dorcas Yemen applies internal quality assurance measures like structured scoring, analysis, and action planning to continuously improve standards. We adhere to the Core Humanitarian Standard to ensure accountability to crisis-

affected people. For example, the standard's complaints and feedback mechanism provides safe feedback channels, ensures confidentiality and non-retaliation, tracks follow-up within 14 days, and uses aggregated data to inform future programming.



From seeds of despair to fruits of hope

'This project gave me back
my future. I can feed my family,
send my children to school
and continue farming with
confidence and hope.'

Khalid Abadi
project participant

Who is Dorcas?

Dorcas is a Christian organisation working in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa. We have been active in Yemen since 2019, initially through local partners and, since 2021, through our own registered entity. Dorcas supports communities facing poverty, exclusion and crisis. We stand beside people in vulnerable situations. We support them in unlocking their potential and restoring their dignity. We work with partners to strengthen local governance structures, improve access to services and build sustainable livelihoods. Our mission is rooted in compassion and action. We follow Jesus' example by standing with those who are left behind.

Discover more in the We are Dorcas brochure.



Dorcas Yemen at a glance

Who we are

Dorcas Yemen works in one of the world's most complex humanitarian and development crises. Conflict, climate shocks, weak governance and economic collapse have left millions in need. Our work focuses on strengthening local governance structures, supporting groups in vulnerable situations, and building resilience through integrated humanitarian and development programming. We support local NGOs and subnational authorities in leading coordination, social inclusion, and recovery efforts. Our long-term presence and partnerships enable us to address food insecurity, rebuild productive means and support inclusive recovery. By 2030, we will operate in four geographical areas, including two new locations, reaching 384,000 individuals through integrated, large-scale programmes.

Our expertise

We work across four themes: Crisis Response, Livelihoods and Food Security, Water, and Climate Adaptation. Our programmes apply integrated Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus approaches, combining emergency response with recovery and development. Our work is delivered through a mix of direct implementation (50 per cent) and national partners (50 per cent), supported by growing national technical expertise in climate action, WASH, livelihoods and inclusion.

Our geographic focus and reach

Where we work: We currently implement our activities in Aden, Al Dhalee and Taiz Governorates. Planned expansion: Taiz, Al Dhalea, Aden, Abyan (based on humanitarian needs).

Regional priorities

Aden: To strengthen inclusive urban resilience by expanding sustainable livelihoods, climate adaptive economic opportunities, and access to basic services for communities in vulnerable situations.

Al Dhalea: To support conflict-affected communities in achieving greater self-reliance through improved food security, resilient livelihoods, water access, and local recovery initiatives.

Taiz: To promote climate resilient agricultural development and economic recovery that enables rural communities, women, and youth to build sustainable futures.

Abyan (planned expansion): To establish locally led resilience programmes that strengthen livelihoods, social cohesion, and community capacity to withstand future shocks and crises.



Current reach



2026 target:
25,143
individuals



Our strategic ambition

Dorcas Yemen aims to strengthen evidence-based programming, expand technical expertise, diversify funding to five sources, and position itself as a recognised actor in livelihoods and climate action. By 2030, we will operate in four geographical areas, reach 384,000 individuals, and generate annual income of €3.5 million, with 80 per cent of this from external funding.

Dorcas vision for Yemen

By 2030, we envision a Yemen where:

Communities in vulnerable situations move toward sustainable and inclusive recovery through strengthened local governance and resilient livelihoods.

Women, youth, displaced groups and the Muhamasheen access social services, protection and economic opportunities.

Local partners lead coordination, recovery and resilience-building efforts across humanitarian and development domains.

How Dorcas contributes to this vision

Dorcas Yemen strengthens community resilience through integrated humanitarian and development programming. We connect emergency assistance with recovery to reduce long-term dependence on assistance. Our programmes empower local partners through capacity self-assessments, Core Humanitarian Standard training and capacity building in project management so that they can lead coordination and recovery efforts. A strong monitoring, evaluation and learning system supports systematic data collection, impact measurement and programme adaptation. We support livelihoods, food security, water access and climate adaptation while addressing gender equality, inclusion and environmental sustainability. Through strong partnerships with local NGOs and authorities, evidence-based programming, and integrated approaches, we help communities transition from crisis to recovery.

The challenges we address with our partners

Conflict, governance deficits and poverty

Years of conflict, weak governance and economic collapse have created the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

Food insecurity and climate vulnerability

Climate shocks, natural disasters and degraded productive means threaten livelihoods and food security.

Marginalisation and social exclusion

Women, youth, the Muhamasheen, IDPs and people with disabilities face limited access to services and economic opportunities.

Yemen faces the world's worst development and humanitarian crisis.

How Dorcas makes a difference in Yemen

Dorcas Yemen works through four programmatic themes that advance our 2030 vision. All programmes integrate gender equality, inclusion, climate sensitivity and community ownership.



Crisis Response

What we do We provide life-saving support while linking emergency aid to recovery and resilience.

Impact example We enabled 3,750 individuals to meet their basic food needs by distributing minimum food baskets for 6 cycles in Taiz Governorate. Additionally, 6,286 individuals were supported with 6 cycles of multipurpose cash assistance for food in Taiz, Aldhalee and Aden Governorates.

Contribution to vision Humanitarian assistance reduces vulnerability and supports dignified recovery.

Key metric 10,036 individuals received Crisis Response support.



Livelihoods and Food Security

What we do We strengthen livelihoods, create job opportunities and support inclusive economic recovery.

Impact We provided livelihood support to across Taiz and Al Dhale'e governorates, enabling people to protect and rebuild their assets through: vocational training in sewing and embroidery with distribution of sewing machines and kits; drip irrigation installation and distribution of greenhouses, farming implements, and fast-maturing vegetable seeds; agricultural and livestock kits; solar technician training and distribution of solar thermal cookers; and women's empowerment training.

Contribution to vision Livelihoods projects improve food security, autonomy and resilience.

Key metric 583 individuals received Livelihoods and Food Security support.





Water

What we do We improve access to water and support climate-resilient water management.

Impact example People received access to sufficient and safe water for domestic use through repair and maintenance of water systems. Sustainable approaches were used, such as installation of solar panels, distribution of water ceramic filters, construction and installation of rainwater harvesting tanks. Hygiene awareness was promoted.

Contribution to vision Access to clean water enhances health, stability and resilience.

Key metric 24,706 individuals received access to sufficient safe water.



Climate Adaptation

What we do We support climate-resilient livelihoods and environmental recovery.

Impact example To improve the resilience of flood-affected communities in Taiz Governorate, Dorcas implemented anticipatory flood mitigation interventions including construction of a box culvert bridge, retaining walls, gabions, and irrigation channels.

Contribution to vision Climate adaptation measures strengthen long-term resilience to climate shocks.

Key metric Flood impacts reduced for 1,475 individuals.



Our track record and capacity

Our contribution to Yemen's development (2020–2025)

Dorcas Yemen supported communities in vulnerable situations through humanitarian assistance, livelihoods support and resilience-building. We strengthened local partners, improved access to services and contributed to inclusive recovery through integrated programming.

People and communities



Results per theme

The total number of people helped:



Programme quality

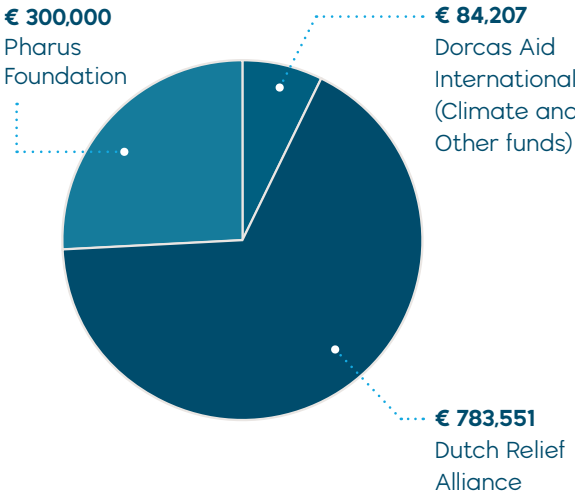
Our integrated approach in project implementation focusing on Water, Food Security and Livelihoods and Protection had a positive impact on targeted project participants. They could access sufficient and safe water for domestic use, access primary health care services, meet their basic food needs, and acquire resources to protect and start rebuilding their livelihood assets.

Financial capacity

Annual income (2026): € 1,167,758
Largest project implemented: € 3,139,772
Programme expenditure: 70 per cent

Funding portfolio (2026):

Total programme budget: € 1,167,758
Dutch Relief Alliance: € 783,551
Pharus Foundation: € 300,000
Dorcas Aid International: € 84,207
YEM 1881-Strengthening community resilience through Aquaponic farming (Dorcas Aid International): € 51,909



'Adopting an integrated approach enabled us to achieve real impact. This means communities don't just survive, they thrive!'

Dorcas Yemen employee

Looking ahead (2026–2030)

Dorcas Yemen will expand to four geographical areas, strengthen local leadership, diversify funding and deepen expertise in climate action and livelihoods. Local partners will lead more programme delivery, supported by strong MEAL and technical systems.

Join our vision

Why partnerships matter

Dorcas Yemen works with local, national and international partners, including government institutions, civil society organisations, research institutes, private-sector actors and community groups. Our partnerships are built on trust, shared values and long-term commitment. Together, we create opportunities for communities to flourish.

What partners say

What sets Dorcas apart is the consistency, commitment and flexibility they bring to a complex and challenging context. Their continuous support has been a cornerstone of our joint response.

Jan Engelmann
ITDC

Our partnership with Dorcas has significantly enhanced the quality and sustainability of our work. Support and training from Dorcas improved our team's capacity to plan and implement psychological support programmes and ensure safe and effective access to them for groups in vulnerable situations.

Sami Jazim
Executive Director
Social Service Foundation



Network memberships

- Technical working group of minimum expenditure basket (MEB), and minimum food basket (MFB)
- The Yemen Cash and Markets Working Group (CMWG)
- Cluster members of WASH, FSL, Protection, Health, and Nutrition



Partnership principles

- Shared values and mutual respect
- Complementary strengths
- Transparent communication
- Long-term commitment
- Local leadership
- Joint learning and adaptation

An invitation from our director

Yemen stands at a crossroads. Millions of families face compounding economic decline, reduced funding, and the steady erosion of essential services. Our vision is a Yemen where communities move beyond survival towards resilience, dignity, and sustainable recovery.

Since 2021, Dorcas has built principled, locally grounded partnerships bridging humanitarian response, development, climate resilience, and economic transformation. Partnerships are not peripheral to our work; they are central to how we operate, how we learn, and how we deliver lasting impact.

As we pursue our 2026 to 2030 strategy, we invite you to explore collaboration with us. Whether you are a donor, an institution, or a like-minded organisation, there is a place for you in this work.

Together, we can realise our vision for Yemen.

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We take action in the face of poverty,
exclusion and crises. We come alongside
marginalised people and communities and
jointly create opportunities for them to flourish.
This is how we follow Jesus' example.