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### One Shared Mission

At first glance, these may seem like simple numbers. But behind every number is a story of resilience, hope, and transformation. This report is much more than a simple summary of the Y30 Association’s activities and achievements in 2025. It tells the story of lives transformed, communities empowered, and partnerships that made a significant impact throughout 2025. Each page tells a story of determination, collective action, and the belief that lasting change begins when communities have the means to shape their own future.

**We invite you to discover the stories behind these numbers.**

Y30 is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit organization founded in 2016. With offices in both Switzerland and Yemen, its mission is to help the Yemeni people cope with the consequences of war and build a post-war Yemeni society. Through its various programmes and initiatives, Y30 seeks to improve the lives of communities so that fewer people are dependent on foreign humanitarian aid.

To carry out its mission, Y30 focuses on 4 priorities: Khair restaurants, sustainable development, education and health, and culture. All our projects are carried out by our local partner, **Y30D**, which is based in Yemen and strives every day to contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1 (No Poverty), 2 (Zero Hunger), and 4 (Quality Education) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. All our actions are guided by a cross-cutting principle: the achievement of SDG 5, gender equality, and the empowerment of women and girls. **Y30** and **Y30D** also stand out for their strong involvement in reviving coffee production in Yemen, as we believe that it is through this historic agricultural wealth that the Yemeni people will rebuild their strength.



## 3.5 million meals distributed in 2025

### Sustaining Hope Through Daily Food Assistance

In Yemen's prolonged humanitarian crisis, access to a daily meal remains an ongoing challenge for thousands of vulnerable families. Throughout 2025, the 'Khair Restaurants' project, run by Y30, continued to provide vital support to communities in Sana'a, ensuring reliable access to hot, nutritious meals for those most affected by displacement, poverty and food insecurity.

Through its two community restaurants in the Musik neighbourhood, this project supports some of the city's most vulnerable groups, including displaced families, female-headed households, children, older people and people with disabilities. Despite mounting economic pressures and operational challenges, this initiative has continued to provide services without interruption throughout the year.

### Reaching Thousands Every Day

In 2025, the project continued to provide large-scale support :

- **1,200** households assisted every day,
- Around **6,000 people** benefiting every day,
- Over 3.5 million meals distributed since the project's launch, **including 500,000 in 2025.**

This significant milestone reflects not only the project's growth, but also, its long-term commitment to combating hunger and protecting vulnerable communities from worsening food insecurity.



### Responding When Needs Peak

During Ramadan and the Eid periods—times when economic pressures on families intensify—the project significantly expanded its operations to ensure no family was left behind.

Seasonal emergency aid included:

- **225,000** meals distributed
- **45,000–50,000** households reached.
- **Approximately 225,000** individuals supported.
- Enhanced meal packages including meat, dates, fruits, and nutritious food items.

These initiatives have enabled families to celebrate major religious and cultural celebrations in better conditions and to benefit from improved nutritional support.

## More Than a Meal: Creating Lasting Impact

The 'Khair Restaurants' project is about more than just distributing food. By ensuring regular access to meals, it enables families to make better use of their limited resources and focus on other essential priorities.

### The project contributed to:

- Improving household food security and nutritional stability,
- Reducing harmful coping strategies, such as skipping meals or sacrificing essential expenses,
- Strengthening families' resilience by enabling resources to be redirected toward healthcare and education,
- Promoting community solidarity through a project led by local stakeholders and supported by volunteers,
- Testimonials from beneficiaries have repeatedly highlighted that the project does more than simply provide food: it also offers comfort, stability and a renewed sense of dignity in the midst of a protracted crisis.

## Delivering Assistance with Dignity and Accountability

The quality of life and dignity of beneficiaries remain at the heart of the programme's implementation. To ensure that services are delivered fairly and efficiently, families access meals through a system of beneficiary cards, which reduces waiting times, prevents overcrowding and protects privacy.

Strong accountability mechanisms ensured high service quality throughout 2025:

- Standardized portions are served to all beneficiaries,
- Monthly monitoring and verification processes are in place,
- A beneficiary satisfaction rate of 95% and an on-time delivery rate exceeding the target of 80%.

### The project also complied with strict food safety and hygiene standards by:

- Water filtration systems.
- Solar-powered water heating.
- Mandatory staff hygiene practices.
- Regular sterilization and food safety procedures.

These measures have ensured food safety whilst protecting beneficiaries in a challenging operational environment.

## Looking Ahead

Behind every meal served lies a family that enjoys greater stability, greater dignity and a renewed sense of hope. As food insecurity continues to affect communities across Yemen, sustained support remains essential to ensure that vulnerable households can continue to receive the aid on which they depend day to day.

## Strengthening Water Security Through Community-Led Action

In response to the severe water shortage affecting Manakhah, **the fourth 'Basin of Hope' project was launched in 2023** to improve sustainable access to water for agricultural and domestic use. This initiative was made possible thanks to a generous donation of land by local farmers, demonstrating strong community ownership and unwavering commitment from the very start of the project.

Before work began, **residents took the initiative to repair the road leading to the site**, thereby cutting the journey time from one hour to just fifteen minutes and making it easier to transport building materials and equipment. More than 35 members of the community also played an active role in preparing the site and supporting the construction work, demonstrating remarkable solidarity and collective commitment.



During the first phase, significant progress was made:

- Construction of a **10-metre-high flood barrier**,
- A reservoir designed to hold approximately **2,000,000 liters of water**
- **Development of a sustainable development plan**, including water quality monitoring and the future installation of solar-powered pumping systems

In 2025, additional efforts were undertaken to support the project's long-term sustainability and accessibility. A 3-kilometer road leading to the basin site was rehabilitated and repaired to improve access and facilitate project operations. Furthermore, continuous coordination and follow-up were maintained with the Sana'a authorities regarding support for the project through the provision of cement bags, underscoring the importance of local institutional engagement and partnership in ensuring project continuity.

The second phase of the project has been temporarily postponed due to limited funding. However, efforts are currently underway to secure the necessary funds, and implementation is expected to resume by the end of 2026.

Despite the current funding shortfall, Y30 remains fully committed to delivering this project as effectively as possible, with the full involvement of the local community. Once completed, *the 'Basin of Hop n°4'* is expected to significantly improve the security of the water supply, support local agriculture and improve the living conditions of vulnerable families in the region.

### 64,744 plants distributed in 2025: promoting sustainable livelihoods

The 'Nurseries of Hope' project is a three-year initiative designed to help vulnerable communities in Manakhah and Dhamar transition from qat cultivation to sustainable agriculture focused on coffee and vegetables. By combining immediate food production with long-term agricultural investments, the project aims to improve household food security, diversify sources of income and enhance environmental sustainability.

By 2025, the project had laid solid foundations whilst delivering tangible results:

- **64,744 coffee and vegetable seedlings** distributed,
- **1,716 beneficiaries** reached, including 1,316 women farmers.
- **9 agricultural training sessions** organized, benefiting around 1,700 participants.

This integrated approach has enabled families to access nutritious vegetables for immediate household consumption, whilst investing in coffee cultivation as a sustainable source of future income.



The project has also delivered significant environmental benefits through initiatives aimed at land rehabilitation and the promotion of agriculture:

- **6,000 qat trees** have been uprooted.
- **2,000 m<sup>2</sup> of land** has been rehabilitated for sustainable agriculture.

Following the removal of the qat plantations, land restoration work — including soil regeneration, levelling, the preparation of planting holes and organic fertilization — was carried out under the supervision of agronomists to ensure the healthy growth of the young plants and long-term productivity.





Preparing individual planting sites

Despite water shortages and budgetary constraints – with only 53% of the required budget secured this year – the project managed to maintain high implementation standards through the use of hardy seedlings, training for farmers and supervision of the plantations, resulting in high survival rates and sustainable outcomes.

### Early Impact

The project is already helping to:

- Improve household food security and reduce food expenditure.
- Increase income opportunities, particularly for women farmers.
- Reducing dependence on qat cultivation and lowering water consumption.
- Enhancing environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change.
- Strengthening community ownership and agricultural knowledge.



Distribution of coffee seedlings to project beneficiaries in Manakhah

By transforming the land and people's livelihoods, the 'Nurseries of Hope' project helps communities build a more sustainable future, based on resilience, opportunity and long-term growth.

## Promoting Yemeni Coffee: From Local Heritage to Global Recognition

### Strengthening National Identity and Expanding Global Opportunities

In 2025, Y30 stepped up its efforts to promote Yemeni coffee both as a cultural heritage product and as a means of securing sustainable livelihoods. Through its engagement at national and international levels, Y30 has promoted sustainable agriculture, supported smallholder farmers and raised public awareness of coffee as a viable alternative to qat cultivation.

A key milestone was Y30's participation in the **National Coffee Day exhibition on February 16, 2025**—a week-long event that celebrated Yemen's rich coffee heritage and the communities that preserve it. The exhibition served as a key platform to promote sustainable farming and highlight the contribution of smallholder farmers, particularly women, to the revitalization of the coffee sector.

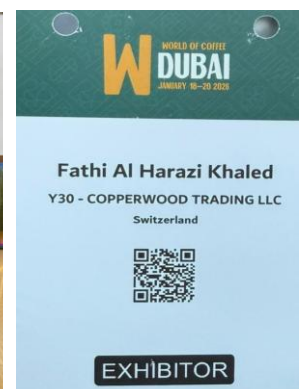
Y30's pavilion combined heritage with innovation through interactive experiences and visual storytelling, attracting strong visitor engagement. Activities included:

- The distribution of coffee seedlings to promote local,
- Awareness sessions on sustainable agriculture and the transition from qat to coffee,
- Highlighting the role of women throughout the entire coffee value chain
- Educational competitions and community engagement activities.

A special highlight was **the “Wishing Box” initiative**, in which visitors sent messages of encouragement to farmers in rural areas, thereby creating a meaningful connection between urban communities and agricultural producers

In addition to these efforts, Y30 celebrated **International Coffee Day 2025** under the theme “The Magic Cup Journey: From Seed to Cup.” The event strengthened appreciation for Yemeni coffee and promoted broader community engagement around sustainable agricultural practices.

To expand its international reach, Y30 also participated in **the World of Coffee Dubai (WOC Dubai)** trade show, which allowed it to network with international buyers, coffee experts, and industry stakeholders. This participation boosted the global visibility of Yemeni coffee and paved the way for future partnerships and business opportunities. Together, these initiatives have helped raise awareness of Yemeni coffee, foster national pride, and promote a more sustainable and inclusive future for Yemen's coffee sector.



### Al-Mehyam Road: Reconnecting Communities and Expanding Access to Essential Services



The 'Al-Mahyam Road' Project is a vital infrastructure project that connects four governorates and serves more than 12 villages located in remote and mountainous areas. By making previously inaccessible terrain passable, this project has significantly improved safe access to healthcare, education, markets, and essential services for thousands of residents.

#### A Community-Driven Achievement

Based on strong trust within the community and a sense of collective responsibility, the project was implemented through local initiatives and individual contributions, thereby serving as an inspiring model of community-led development.

- Residents of the beneficiary communities actively participated in the implementation work,
- Ongoing coordination with community representatives and tribal leaders has helped to strengthen local ownership and support throughout the various phases of the project.

#### Key Achievements

Significant progress has been made during the various implementation phases:

- Phase I: **Paving of 1,368 square meters** on the steep slopes of Al-Hamra and Al-Dawra
- Phases II and III: **Paving an additional 666 square meters** and **constructing a new 900-meter section** away from high-risk flood zones
- **Construction of retaining walls** to protect the road from seasonal flash floods and improve long-term durability and safety

#### Looking Ahead

The final phase of the project is currently underway and primarily involves completing the remaining grading and paving work. Once completed, the Al-Mehyam Road will continue to transform the daily lives of surrounding communities by improving mobility, boosting economic opportunities, and ensuring safer access to essential humanitarian and social services. More than just a road, this project embodies resilience, cooperation, and a shared commitment to building safer and better-connected communities.

## Vocational Training, Non-Formal Education, and Economic Inclusion for Yemeni Women

In 2025, the Empower Her Project continued creating opportunities for Yemeni women and girls affected by conflict, poverty, and limited access to education. Implemented across Sana'a City and Manakhah, the project focused on strengthening women's access to medical education, literacy programs, vocational skills, and practical learning opportunities that support long-term resilience and inclusion.

Despite challenging economic conditions, the project maintained educational continuity and expanded access for new beneficiaries, helping women build pathways toward independence and future employment.

### Key results in 2025 :

- **38 female students** received support,
- **29 students** made progress in their studies,
- **9 new students** enrolled,
- A **3-month supervised hospital internship** was completed.
- More than **40 literacy centers** received support.
- An advanced **first aid training program** was implemented.

The students achieved excellent academic results, with **pass rates reaching 100% in nursing during certain semesters**, while practical training in hospital settings helped strengthen their technical knowledge, communication skills, and professional confidence.

Beyond education, the project has restored hope, confidence, and a deeper sense of purpose to the lives of many participants. Through scholarships, mentorship, and hands-on learning opportunities, these women have gained the tools they need not only to succeed in their studies but also to become more independent and actively engage in society. By investing in women's education and skills, the project continues to help strengthen families, improve community health, and provide more inclusive opportunities throughout Yemen.



### Strengthening Rural Women's Education

In the rural villages of Manakhah, the project continued to expand access to literacy programs for women and girls who previously had limited or no access to formal education. Through community learning centers led by female teachers, this initiative combined literacy instruction with educational support, digital learning tools, and community engagement activities to strengthen women's participation and inclusion.



#### Key results in 2025 :

- **1,250 women and girls** enrolled in literacy programs,
- **40 female teachers** supported,
- **40 community learning centers** operating,
- **4 teacher training workshops** conducted,
- **15 solar-powered learning systems** distributed,



The women have made significant progress in reading, writing, and arithmetic, while teachers have observed increased participation, greater confidence, and higher motivation among the learners. Solar-powered digital tools have also improved classroom engagement, particularly in areas where access to electricity is limited. Beyond education, the project has helped women gain confidence and autonomy and become more involved in family and community life. For many beneficiaries, literacy has become much more than just learning: it has become a path to dignity, opportunity, and empowerment.

Alongside literacy efforts, the project continued to strengthen women's well-being and economic resilience by combining education with practical skills and livelihood opportunities. Health awareness sessions and vocational activities enabled women to gain knowledge that improved their daily lives while paving the way for greater independence. In 2025, approximately **480 women participated in health awareness workshops** led by a female medical doctor. These sessions improved understanding of personal hygiene, maternal health, childcare, and the prevention of common illnesses, thereby helping women make more informed health decisions for themselves and their families. Beyond skills and knowledge, these activities built confidence and reinforced the project's broader vision: to empower women by providing them with tools that foster healthier lives, stronger communities, and more sustainable opportunities for the future.

### Digitizing Hope : Expanding Women’s Learning Through Innovation

Beyond education, many Yemeni women continue to face deeply entrenched economic barriers, including limited access to formal employment, vocational training, and the practical skills needed to achieve greater financial independence. As part of the ‘Digitizing Hope’ initiative, Y30 has worked to expand learning opportunities by transforming adult literacy programs into accessible educational video content designed to reach women even in remote communities.

One of the project’s key innovations was the creation of AI-generated educational videos by Y30’s media team and interns. Distributed to non-formal education centers in Manakhah and published online, these resources enabled women to learn at their own pace and review lessons as needed.

The content covered literacy skills, basic health knowledge, and practical livelihood-related topics, such as sewing, handicrafts, and incense making, to promote economic empowerment.

To further expand its reach, educational materials were also shared via the Y30 YouTube channel, which helped extend access beyond the direct target areas and create more inclusive and accessible learning opportunities for women and girls throughout Yemen.

Y30 YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/@Y30-ch](http://www.youtube.com/@Y30-ch)



AI Projects



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### Creating Pathways for Inclusion, Care, and Opportunity

In 2025, Y30 continued its commitment to children with disabilities in Sanaa, Yemen, at a time when economic hardships, a lack of specialized services, and growing humanitarian needs continued to place considerable strain on vulnerable families. Through specialized education, rehabilitation services, transportation assistance, and psychosocial support, the project enabled children with disabilities to continue receiving safe, inclusive support tailored to their individual needs.

Beyond maintaining essential services, the initiative focused on building children's confidence, communication skills, academic progress, and social inclusion, while supporting families facing daily challenges in an extremely fragile environment. Through a holistic and compassionate approach, the project reaffirmed a simple yet powerful principle: every child deserves dignity, opportunities, and the chance to thrive.

### Ensuring Continuity of Specialized Care

Access to specialized services for people with disabilities remains limited in Yemen, making continuity of care crucial for children and their families. Throughout 2025, the project ensured the center's uninterrupted operation despite economic instability and rising operating costs. Operational support covered essential needs, including rent for the premises, transportation costs, staff salaries, and maintenance, enabling the center to remain fully operational five days a week and continue providing personalized support services.

Throughout the year, 60 children continued to receive specialized educational and rehabilitation services through structured interventions, including:

- Academic support
- Speech therapy
- Physical therapy sessions
- Behavioral support
- Development of daily living skills
- Psychosocial and emotional support.

Regular assessments conducted every three months allowed the teams to adapt therapeutic approaches and learning plans to each child's evolving needs, thereby ensuring personalized and tailored care.



### Measurable Progress, Meaningful Change

Throughout 2025, the children made significant progress in communication, behavior, learning, autonomy, and social interaction. Personalized support and practical teaching approaches helped boost their classroom participation, build their self-confidence, and enhance their engagement. To improve the quality of services, teachers and specialists underwent training in individualized education, behavioral support, speech therapy interventions, and interactive teaching methods, which led to improved academic outcomes and therapeutic support.

The training sessions helped improve staff skills in the following areas:

- Developing individualized education plans.
- Speech-language therapy interventions.
- Behavioral support strategies.
- Interactive teaching methods.
- Educational assessment and documentation.



Beyond the classroom, recreational and community activities have promoted emotional well-being and social inclusion. The children have shown greater self-confidence, more active participation in group activities, and less isolation, while families have been delighted to see their children integrate and become actively involved in society.

For many families, the center has become more than just a service provider: it has become a source of stability, encouragement, and hope. Beyond education and rehabilitation, the project has helped children participate more fully in daily life and has reinforced the importance of creating opportunities based on abilities rather than limitations.

### Empowering Futures: Y30 Institute's Skill Development

Beyond physical infrastructure, our commitment to community development extends to human capital through **the Y30 Institute**. In 2025, we offered **1,122 students** a wide range of short-term training programs designed to bridge the gap between education and employability. By focusing on both professional skills and personal development, we empower students and community members to thrive in an ever-changing job market.

Our program is strategically designed to address the critical needs of our time. We offer intensive **English training** to improve communication skills and international employment prospects, as well as **ICDL (International Computer Driving License) courses** to ensure proficiency in digital tools for word processing and data management. For those interested in vocational training, our **sewing and tailoring programs** provide practical skills that can immediately generate income. Additionally, we prioritize community safety through comprehensive first-aid training, equipping participants with the essential knowledge to effectively manage medical emergencies.

### Courses, events and workshops in the Y30 Institute



Medical students celebrate International Arabic Language Day



Sign language training course



Safe Motherhood Awareness Seminar for Medical Students



Training of Trainers (ToT) program for staff development.



Entrepreneurship Workshop



Artificial Intelligence Workshop

## Strengthening Global Partnerships: Y30 at the Second World Summit for Social Development

In 2025, Y30 participated in the **Second World Summit for Social Development in Doha**, alongside world leaders, development stakeholders, civil society organizations, and change-makers, to discuss solutions to urgent social and humanitarian challenges. This summit served as an important platform to amplify local voices, exchange knowledge, and strengthen international collaboration on sustainable development and social inclusion.

Y30's participation provided an opportunity to showcase community-led initiatives and share experiences from Yemen, highlighting innovative approaches in the areas of education, women's empowerment, livelihoods, and humanitarian aid. Through its exchanges with international stakeholders and sector experts, the organization strengthened the dialogue on the realities faced by vulnerable communities and explored opportunities for future partnerships and cooperation.

Participation in the summit reinforced Y30's commitment to linking local action with global platforms, ensuring that Yemen's community-based experiences and solutions contribute to broader discussions on resilience, inclusion, and sustainable development.



## Today, these are no longer just numbers.

- They are now children who have found their voices.
- Women who have gained new opportunities and confidence.
- Communities that now have better access to water, education, and healthcare.
- Farmers who are building a more sustainable future.
- Villages that are now more connected, more resilient, and more optimistic.

Throughout this report, every project, every activity, and every achievement has contributed to something that goes beyond results and statistics: it has helped change lives. These figures reflect the trust placed in us, the partnerships that made these initiatives possible, and the communities whose resilience continues to inspire us every day.

While 2025 brought significant progress, this is not the end of the story. Behind every success lies a new opportunity to seize, a new community to reach, and many more stories yet to be written.

We are proud of the significant progress made by our teams in Geneva and Sana'a throughout 2025. But our mission continues. Thanks to the ongoing support of our partners and donors, we remain committed to stepping up our humanitarian and development efforts to assist vulnerable communities across Yemen and to build a brighter future together.



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