

Annex 2

Overview of the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen

A comprehensive vision of development requires integrated and wide-ranging support and contributions in multiple tracks, such as relief services, sustainable development, promoting stability, economic recovery and establishing a sustainable peace. Saudi Arabia has continually sought to help the least developed Arab countries, chief among them Yemen, to provide basic services to their peoples and overcome the challenges standing in the way of the flourishing of their economies. In past decades, Saudi Arabia has provided Yemen with various forms of direct and indirect economic, political, humanitarian and development assistance, including for example: implementing major development projects in various Yemeni governorates, subsidizing petroleum by-products to Yemen, depositing vast sums with the Central Bank of Yemen, participating with the United Kingdom to chair the Friends of Yemen meeting in 2006 and providing donations at donor conferences to support humanitarian response in Yemen. Given the limited capacity of State institutions in Yemen to make use of these funds, these donations have not been reflected in local development.

To complement Saudi development efforts in Yemen, the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen was launched in 2018 to contribute to setting development priorities, providing basic services and meeting urgent development requirements in cooperation with the Yemeni Government, local authorities and civil society organizations. The Program also seeks to provide institutional support, target recovery efforts and create the necessary environment for the transition from the relief stage to the comprehensive and sustainable development stage, through cooperation with domestic and international stakeholders and with United Nations agencies.

Since 2018, the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen has

implemented more than 198 projects and initiatives across all critical sectors through its offices located throughout the governorates of Yemen, which allow the Program to track and oversee its actions and ensure high standards of quality in implementation. These development efforts are in line with the principles of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, such as empowering young people and women, fostering tolerance and peace, achieving prosperity, providing basic services, developing infrastructure and increasing the efficiency of the service and productive sectors. The Program is built on certain general orientations, the most important of which is achieving a development impact in all projects and programmes, in line

with the actual needs of Yemen, ending obstacles and challenges to development and supporting early economic recovery in Yemen.

The present report is part of strategic programming and support initiatives to conduct in-depth studies and issue

specialized reports with international development partners in order to understand development challenges in their multiple facets, harmonize projects and programmes with local development needs and work together to develop a comprehensive strategic vision of development in Yemen for the next 10 years.



Photos depicting from various educational development projects in Yemen by the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen.