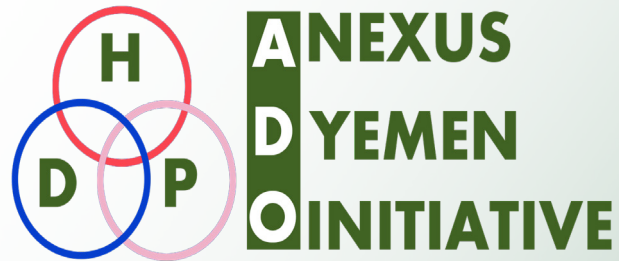


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Initiative background:



Yemen is one of the most fragile and poorest countries in the world. Despite receiving significant funds since the outbreak of the war, a large portion of these funds has not been utilized effectively due to the lack of flexibility and the sectoral approach that treats each area of intervention separately. The Abs Development Organization for Woman and Child, with 30 years of experience in humanitarian work, and through its partnerships with numerous international and UN organizations, has drawn the following lessons:

There are many flexible donors who understand the reality on the ground and have allowed adjustments to certain activities based on emerging needs. These donors have contributed to creating lasting impacts and sustainability in our interventions. On the other hand, some donors or international partners have posed significant challenges for us and the affected communities by refusing to allow changes or show flexibility. Their rigidity has created obstacles for implementing necessary actions effectively. One of the good practices of the Abs Development Organization for Woman and Child is its role in bringing together various initiatives and strategies to advocate for the



localization of humanitarian work and to ensure accountability in interventions. In 2020, different references has been gathered related to the Nexus Approach from sources such as the UNDP website and other network. Since UNICEF's 2010 Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action, there has been widespread recognition of the connection between humanitarian action and development, with a specific focus on disaster risk reduction (UNICEF, 2010).

Dr. Aisha Thawab quate “Through my research, I found that the solution to Yemen's humanitarian and developmental challenges, as well as peacebuilding efforts, lies in adopting the Nexus approach”.

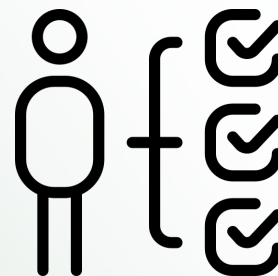
Despite global commitments to the SDGs, particularly the principle of leaving no one behind, we are heading in the wrong direction. All observations from our humanitarian interventions—whether from local, international, or UN organizations—show that we are stuck in an endless cycle, preventing us from achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The time has come to rise and shift away from the traditional approach to humanitarian aid. Numerous UN studies support this view.





In 2021, the Abs Development Organization recognized a significant gap in its humanitarian response. It conducted a survey and discovered that many local organizations were struggling with isolated interventions. The organization initiated an advocacy campaign for integrated, multi-sector interventions and called on high-level donors to ensure accountability. It also pushed for the localization of humanitarian efforts and published several statements highlighting the loss of funding due to the neglect of the peace and development sectors during emergency humanitarian interventions.

From this foundation, the Abs Development Organization met with the Yemeni Women NGOs Leadership Network (YWNLN), and together, the initiative was launched.



Initiative Vision:



To create a positive cycle of change through applying the triple nexus approach systematically to improve living conditions, foster resilience, and support long-term peace and stability in Yemen.

Mission:



The mission of the Yemen Nexus Initiative is to establish a cohesive platform that promotes the integration of humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding efforts in Yemen. The initiative seeks to;

1. Generate and share evidence-based knowledge to strengthen nexus implementation.
2. Build capacity among local organizations, communities, and authorities to institutionalize the nexus approach.

3. Empower Local Actors: Strengthen local capacities and ensure that local actors Promote Community Engagement and Participation
4. Build Capacity of Local Stakeholders
5. Advance Advocacy and Policy Influence



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Objectives:

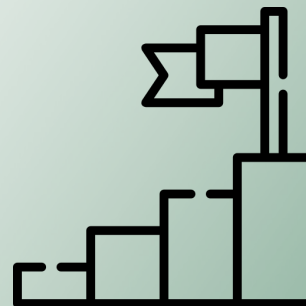
Phase I:

1. Strengthen Institutional Capacity:

- Establish and institutionalize the Yemen Nexus Initiative to serve as a collaborative platform for nexus-related activities.
- Develop strategies, action plans, and guidance notes that incorporate nexus principles into programmatic planning, especially in the context of climate change impacts.

2. Enhance Evidence-based Implementation:

- Conduct research, assessments, and data analysis to generate evidence that supports the adoption of the nexus approach in Yemen.
- Produce reports, policy documents, and strategic guidelines to inform stakeholders and enhance the implementation of nexus-based interventions.



3. Promote Community Engagement and Participation:

- Increase the involvement of local communities in the design, implementation, and monitoring of nexus initiatives.
- Strengthen the role of communities and local authorities in nexus activities to ensure inclusive and participatory development.

4. Build Capacity of Local Stakeholders:

- Enhance the capacity of local organizations, authorities, and communities to implement nexus-oriented projects effectively.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange and technical support through workshops, training sessions, and webinars on nexus-related issues.

5. Advance Advocacy and Policy Influence:

- Advocate for the integration of the nexus approach at the national and regional levels through joint meetings, conferences, and policy dialogues.
- Establish a Yemen Nexus Fund to support nexus projects and mobilize resources for sustainable and climate-resilient interventions.

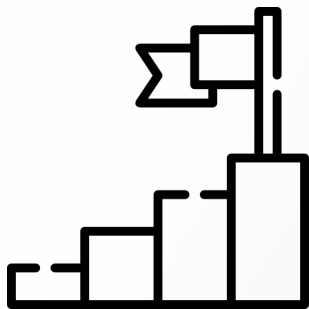
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6. Increase Visibility and Collaboration:

- Create a knowledge platform to serve as a centralized source for nexus-related information, tools, and best practices.
- Organize advocacy conferences and engagement events to raise awareness and strengthen the visibility of the Yemen Nexus Initiative.

7. Scale up to Establish and Operationalize the Yemen Nexus Fund: (Phase II)

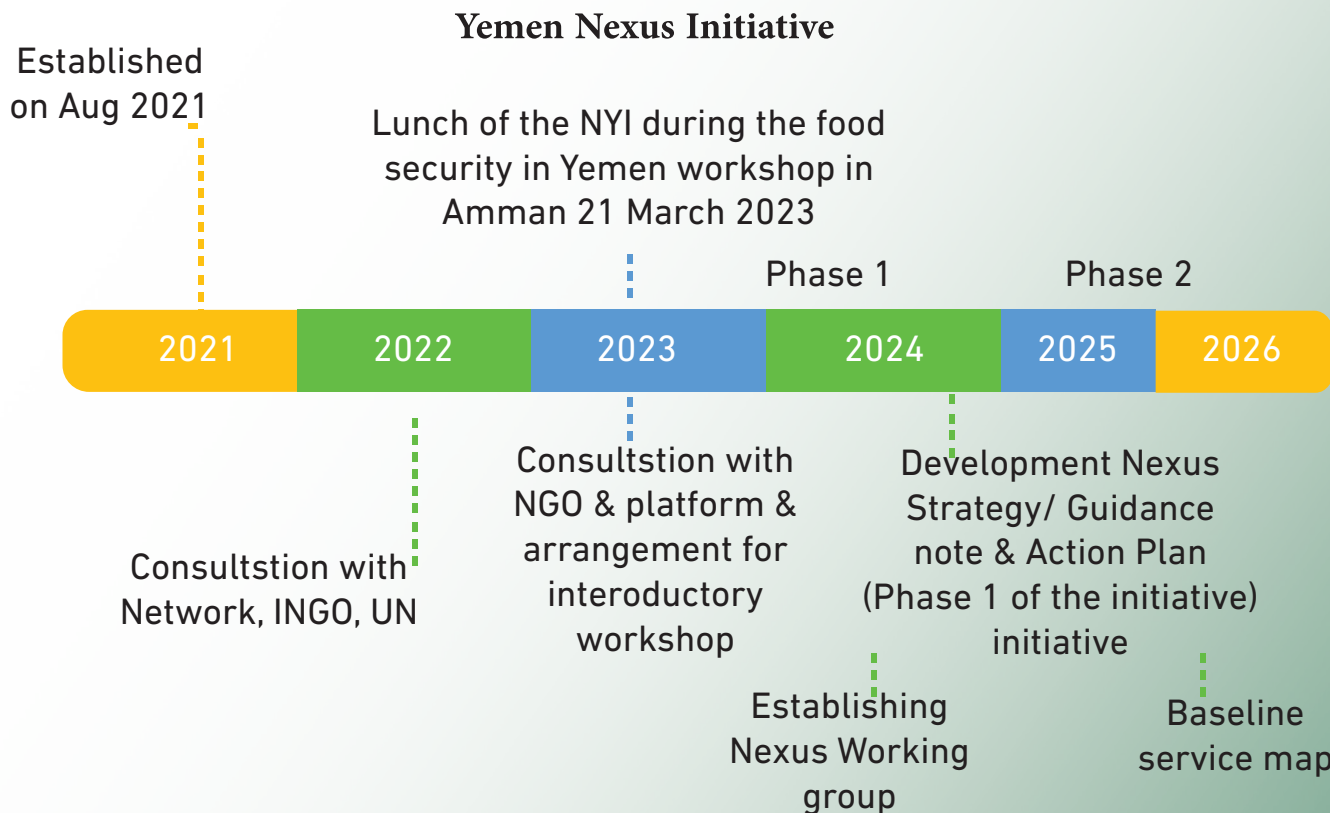
- Develop and launch a dedicated financing mechanism to support nexus-oriented projects that address Yemen's complex humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding challenges.
- Secure financial commitments from international donors, development partners, and private sector entities to sustain and expand the fund.





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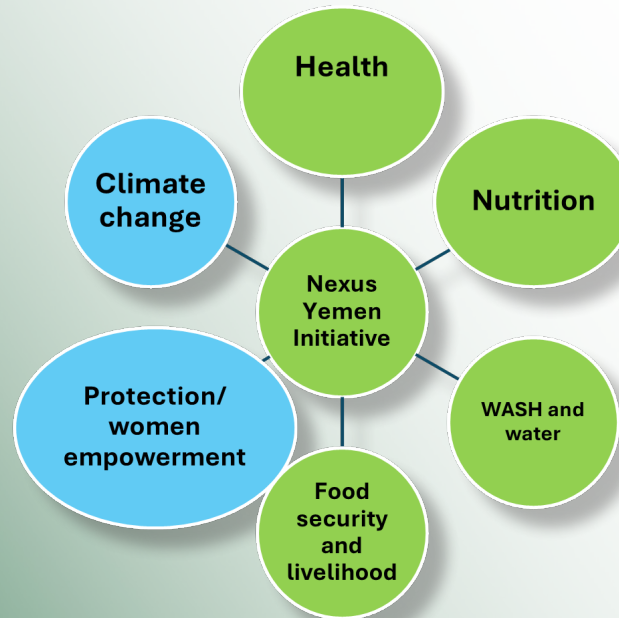
Initiative progress:



Initiative Sectors:

To Encourage the practice of the nexus approach promoting the linkage of humanitarian and development projects in Yemen for peace. The initiative will seek to contribute to the intended impact of the triple nexus and the adoption of climate change, where food security-health-WASH/Water-climate change Nexus in Yemen

Sectors of Yemen Nexus Initiative



Core Pillars of the Initiative:



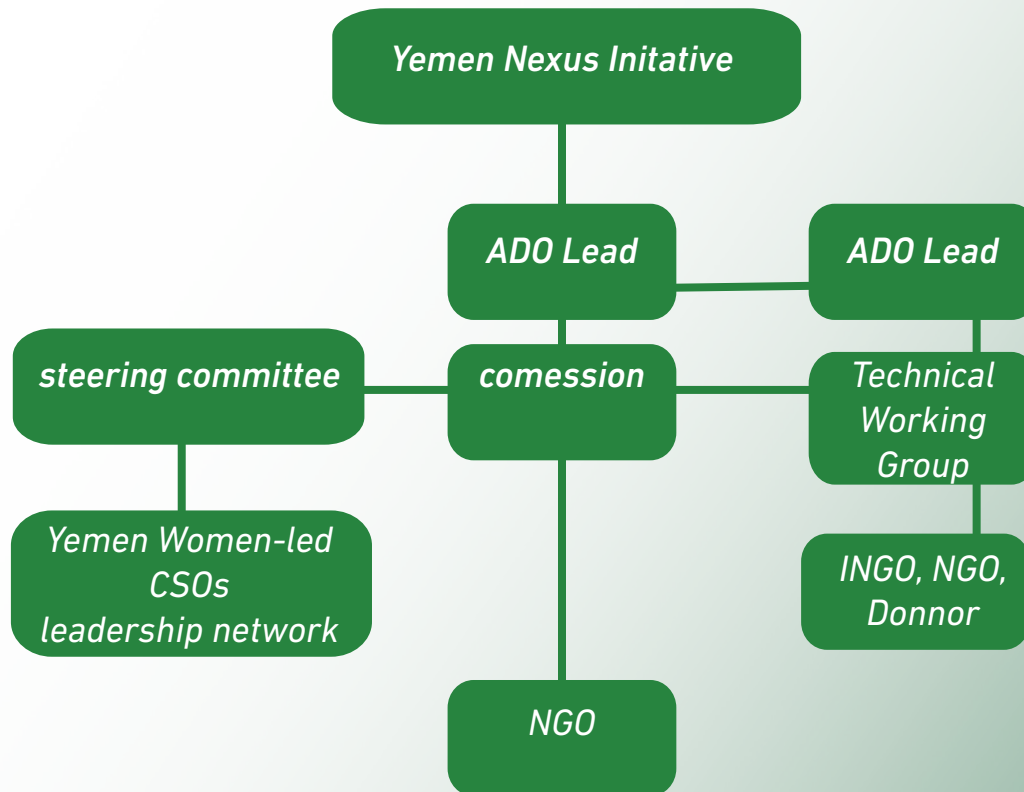
Composition and Governance:

The Yemen Nexus Initiative is composed of:

- **Yemen Nexus Initiative Steering Committee:** A group of up to 10 national organizations with experience in both humanitarian and development work. This committee leads the strategic direction and coordination of the initiative.
- **Yemen Nexus Initiative Commission:** A broader group of over 60 national organizations representing various sectors, including women, youth, and people with disabilities. The commission plays a key role in implementing Nexus-based projects and ensuring community participation.
- **Technical Working Group:** Comprising representatives from donors, UN agencies, INGOs, NGOs, and the private sector, this group provides technical expertise and ensures the integration of Nexus principles across all interventions.

Abs Development Organization for Woman and Child (ADO) serves as the chair of the Yemen Nexus Initiative and is responsible for organizing meetings, facilitating partnerships, and driving the overall Nexus agenda in Yemen.

Yemen Nexus Initiative structure:





Participation in international network & platforms:

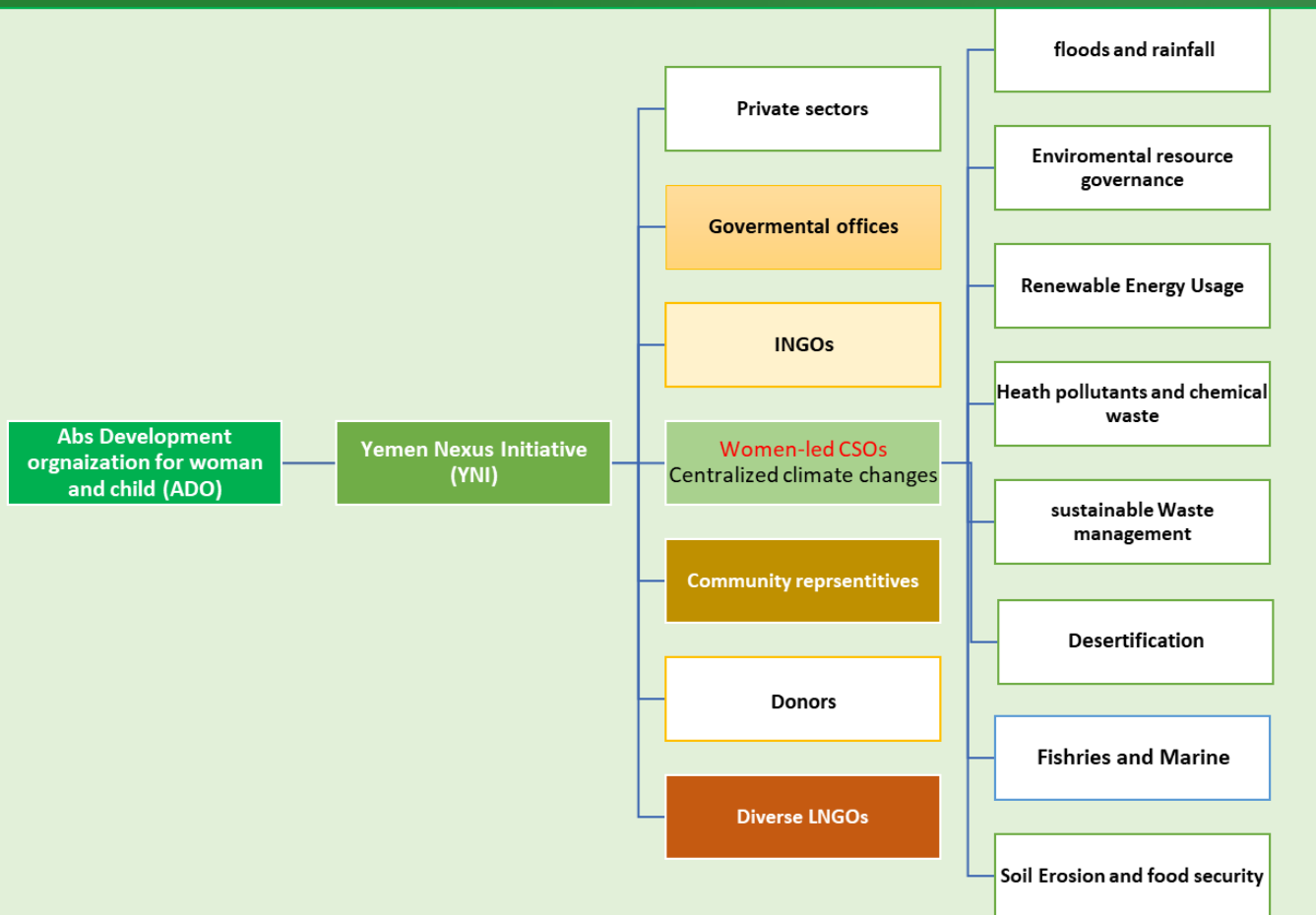
1. The MENA 2024 Regional Exchange Forum held from 08. to 10. October 2024 in Gaziantep, Türkiye.
2. Global Community of Practice Webinar: Tool Accompanying HDPN Guidance.
3. Under the IASC Task Force4 on Humanitarian Development Collaboration Under the IASC Task Force4 on Humanitarian Development Collaboration
4. Building WASH resilience, conflict sensitivity and peace
5. Triple Nexus; definition and applicability; NEAR Regional Core group.
6. Regional Capacity Development and Knowledge Sharing Event on the HDPN; Organized by the Regional Issue-Based-Coalition on the Humanitarian Development and Peace Nexus (IBC HDPN); Arab Region in collaboration with the Global Nexus Academy; Online 21-18 July 2022.
7. Shaking off the silos: How to make the HDP nexus work for local actors. A hybrid session for the Fragility Forum Partnership Day; Session time: Friday 1 March at 1pm EST, ALNAP.
8. Advancing nexus in MENA: breaking the silos, ICVA

Increase women-led organizations roles to WPS Agendas including Climate Change:

In 2021, ADO reviewed and evaluated its previous work and the humanitarian gap in cooperation with INGOS and launched a Yemen Nexus Initiative (YNI), which links humanitarian aid, development and peacebuilding with outcomes that enhance social cohesion, peaceful coexistence to alleviate human suffering and advocate for the rights of women and children.

ADO leads a Yemen Nexus initiative as a humanitarian-development-peacebuilding mediator among society, government agencies and stakeholders, behind coming to strengthen ADO's institutional structure, goals and strategic vision in which it operates within multi-sectoral framework related to climate change, peacebuilding and food security and protection.

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Steering Committee:





Looking Ahead:

The Yemen Nexus Initiative is committed to continuing its work in promoting the Nexus approach as a key solution to Yemen's interconnected humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding challenges. The initiative seeks to expand its reach, advocate for increased donor flexibility, and ensure that local actors and communities are empowered to take charge of their development.

Yemen Nexus Initiative slogan:

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