Armed conflict has weakened the social networks that ordinarily help maintain peaceful relationships within the families and communities of Yemen. Since March 2015, Yemeni health facilities have documented 8,757 conflict-related deaths and over 50,610 injuries. A range of human rights violations have been documented – affecting women and children. Child labour and forced marriage are reported increased. In addition, protection mechanisms to preserve peaceful co-existence also reduced.

Objective

The Enhanced Security, Safety and Protection at the Local Level in Yemen project has several overarching objectives. It is designed to contribute to an environment in which urban communities are able to cope with insecurity and injustice; collaboration between community and police institutions through community policing approaches are materialized; justice actors are stronger and more reliable in delivering services; and prisoners/detainees are better protected.

Value

Project activities are anticipated to increase security and protection of the targeted communities; local authorities are prepared for delivering security and justice services; redeployment of police in the event of a peace agreement is formulated and prepared.

Activities

Interventions occur at several levels. At the individual level, the project provides legal support to marginalized people including prisoners/detainees. At the community level, it helps people and communities to identify issues and challenges facing them, and subsequently able to plan the actions and to make synergy with legal institutions. At the institutional level, the project assists local authorities to improve justice and security services.

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