



Education

September 2005



USAID/Yemen

OVERVIEW

The Government of Yemen has made the expansion of primary education a priority. Enrollment rates are low: only 67 percent of boys and 40 percent of girls attend primary school. Only 25 percent of women can read and write. Sixty-eight percent of men are literate. To assist the government in reforming its education system, USAID has developed new programs to improve the teaching of reading, writing, and mathematics, and offers adult literacy and life-skills classes. USAID conducts in-service training for teachers, prepares and distributes teaching materials and textbooks, and builds schools in needy communities. In addition, USAID supports the government's decentralization goals in the education sector by providing officials at the governorate and district levels training in planning, budgeting, and management.

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Yemen Accelerated Learning Activity was launched in 2004 to support improvements in education in schools and outreach to out-of-school children and illiterate adults.
- 77 schools and multipurpose rooms have been identified for renovation, which includes the provision of school desks and textbooks.
- Targets and baselines are being established for working with local authorities, community representatives, and parents in promoting increased enrollments and quality improvements.
- Training of trainers has been conducted.
- Teacher and student kits for more than 540 students and 37 teachers in grades 1 -9 developed for dissemination.
- The Yemen Adult Literacy & Lifeskills Education program (YALLE), through the Middle Eastern Partnership Initiative (MEPI), works in the Amran Governante to help local communities develop functional literacy programs to help women in agricultural production, savings and loan clubs, environmental management, maternal and child health (including HIV/AIDS awareness), political participation, and women's rights. To date, YALLE has helped form 80 Women's Literacy Associations, benefiting nearly 5,300 females. In addition, the project works with approximately 40 local schools to develop life skills training and targets 4,000 youth for literacy training.

YEMEN

Education Budget (FY02-06)

YEAR	FUNDING
2002	4.8
2003	37.9
2004	3.3
2005	5.0
2006	12.7
TOTAL:	\$33.7million

EDUCATION SNAPSHOT

- 80 Women's Literacy Associations founded
- 77 schools identified for renovation
- Kits for 540 students and 37 teachers disseminated.

US Agency for International Development-Yemen
www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/countries/yemen/