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UNMHA's Quick Impact Projects: Supporting Communities and Building Confidence in Hudaydah

The United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) continues to support local communities across Hudaydah Governorate through Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) – small, impactful initiatives that respond to urgent needs, strengthen stability, and build trust in areas most affected by conflict. QIPs expand access to essential services, and create opportunities for livelihoods and build initiatives with local partners for longer sustainability.

In 2024, UNMHA launched the *Wave Breaker Project* in Al-Khawkha to protect coastal areas from sea erosion and safeguard the livelihoods of local fishermen. Implemented in 2025, the project provides a physical barrier against waves that threaten homes and fishing boats along the shoreline. Fishing remains central to Al-Khawkha's economy, and the project helps preserve this vital source of income while reinforcing community resilience along the coast.

UNMHA has launched a new cycle of QIPs for 2025 to advance the Mission's priorities under Women, Peace and Security (WPS), Youth, Peace and Security (YPS), and Mine Action.



Image: Women in Hays during training under FHDF's livelihood project

Three new projects are currently being implemented with local and international partners across Al-Khawkha and Hays districts of Hudaydah governorate.

From 28 to 30 October 2025, Officer-in-Charge of UNMHA, Ms. Mari Yamashita visited the Wave Breaker site and two new livelihood projects led by Humanity & Inclusion (HI) and the For Human Development Foundation (FHDF).

In Hays, she visited the *Promotion of Livelihood Conditions for Women* project implemented by FHDF. The initiative supports 50 women through training in handbag and belt production and home gardening, helping displaced and vulnerable women from Hudaydah and rural areas of Hays gain practical skills to generate income and stability. Graduates showcased their products and produce, many planning to sell in local markets. FHDF will provide sewing machines and starter kits, including seeds, to help participants launch small businesses and sustain their livelihoods.





Photo: OIC of UNMHA visits training site of FHD.

In Al-Khawkha, the Officer-in-Charge of UNMHA visited the *Promoting Inclusive Economic Recovery project*, implemented by Humanity & Inclusion (HI), which benefits 30 participants, including individuals with disabilities, youth, and women-headed households. Training is provided in sewing, beauty services, and cellphone repair to enable small business creation and promote social inclusion. The project aims to foster self-reliance and community recovery by equipping participants with tools and knowledge to sustain independent livelihoods.



Image: Mine survivor learns sewing skills through HI project

UNMHA also continues its partnership with Three Tracks Organization through the *"Plastic Recycling Project"* across Al-Khawkha and Hays, which promotes environmental sustainability and livelihood creation. Designed to empower youth and women through environmental entrepreneurship, the project will train 30 participants to transform plastic waste into useful, marketable products. It promotes green jobs, community-led innovation, and climate awareness. As part of a broader push toward sustainability in Hudaydah governorate, this initiative supports local recovery by turning environmental challenges into economic opportunity.

At the heart of these efforts is partnership. UNMHA works with implementing organizations and local authorities to ensure projects meet actual community needs and deliver lasting benefits. These Quick Impact Projects demonstrate how local collaboration can restore confidence, create opportunity, and strengthen recovery across the districts of Hudaydah governorate.

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