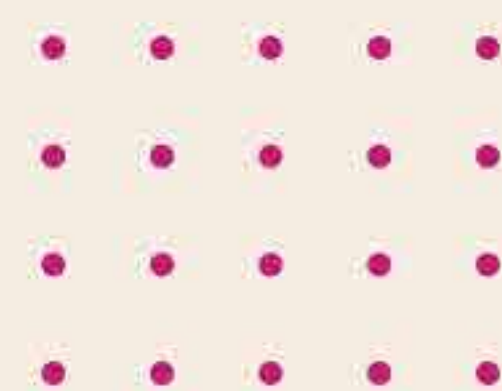
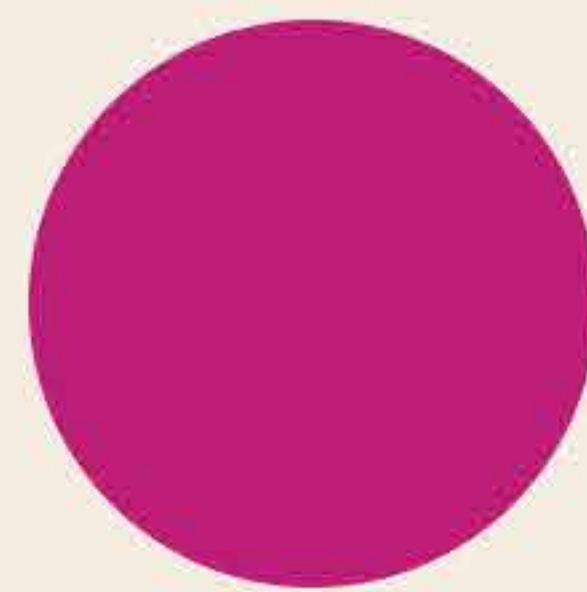


WA'ED Network



Profile

In order for adolescent girls in Yemen to have an active role and an influential presence in positive change at the level of awareness and active collective practical participation in various fields of sustainable development, peacebuilding and climate change, it was required to establish a civil entity based on goals, mission, vision and action plans that can provide adolescent girls and boys a free space that can get their voices and opinions heard in various issues of society and breaks the isolation imposed on girls for false social and cultural reasons, and can make them influential and effective like others. From this standpoint, the identity of the work was formed as a promise to achieve all this. This promise was embodied by naming the actual framework for action through a civil entity that includes adolescent girls and works for them under the name "Wa'ed Network" as part of the projects of Sheba Youth Foundation for Development in Taiz, which aims to empower youth including girls, in development and peacebuilding.



Who are we

Wa'ed Network is a Yemeni civil entity operating in several Yemeni governorates and led by **young girls under 18 years old** from various social backgrounds. It was established and launched by Karama International in cooperation with Sheba Youth Foundation in 2019, and it is part of the other Wa'ed networks established in several Arab countries, including Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco and Iraq. The framework of qualifying and involving adolescent girls and boys in various fields of development in Yemen in a way that meets the needs of adolescent girls and boys, express their concerns, and enable them to participate in decision-making and positive change in society at the cultural, social, political and environmental levels.



Our Team



Wa'ed Network team consists of 15 members of adolescent girls who have been qualified skillfully and cognitively, through a number of training workshops, in project management, activity implementation, communication, advocacy, leadership and climate change. The team has been qualified by Sheba Youth Foundation for Development, which considered to be the most important sponsor of the network. In overseas participations, Wa'ed Network is usually represented by its technical team.



Vision

- Confronting the gaps of discrimination and exclusion against girls in all their forms.
 - Achieving equality and non-bias against females in general and girls in particular.
- To be, as a network, one of the important platforms for girls in the Arab region and North Africa to enable them to have their voices heard, confront their problems, and find solutions that contribute to reducing negative phenomena in their lives
- We seek to nurture a generation of young women to become leaders and changers
- both in their communities and outside.



Mission



A world free of discrimination, a world that is confident in adolescent girls' voices and their abilities to make a difference like other human beings, a world in which adolescent girls enjoy full rights and opportunities to realize their potentials, a world that provides a safe and fair environment that helps girls learn, develop, innovate and create, and engages them in leadership and decision-making.



Business Values

Wa'ed Network strives to achieve its goals in accordance with the values of teamwork, encouraging entrepreneurship and volunteer work, and involving community members in implementing its activities and achieving its goals.



Objectives

Wa'ed Network for Adolescent Girls aspires to achieve the following goals:

- Qualifying adolescent boys and girls to become leaders of change both in their communities and outside.
- Addressing violence against girls, including bullying on social media, through awareness and advocacy campaigns.
- Providing psychological support to girls and boys to address the violence they are exposed to in cooperation with specialized authorities.
- Raising community awareness of the importance of educating girls and boys and the danger of depriving them of education at the family and community levels.
- Expanding the outreach to girls and boys, in different locations, to create a wider network, make a greater impact, and help get their voices heard.
- Achieving equality and non-bias against females in general and girls in particular.
- Confronting the gaps of discrimination and exclusion in all its forms against girls.



Activities & Partnerships

- Wa'ed Network has implemented various projects and activities in the past six years, since **the beginning of its establishment in 2019**, within the framework of achieving its set goals related to the rehabilitation and empowerment of adolescent girls and boys in order to enhance their active presence in society in various fields.
- In **2019, the Network implemented hearing workshops for adolescent girls in Yemen**, targeting 40 young girls from Taiz, Sana'a and Hadramawt with the support of Karama International, with the aim of identifying and understanding the needs of adolescent girls from different environments to ensure a diversity of visions and experiences, and a deeper and more comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced by this group.
 - Designing programs and interventions that **meet the needs of adolescent girls**.
 - Organizing meetings with youth initiatives in Taiz city in 2022 with the support of Sheba Youth Foundation with the aim of identifying and understanding **the needs of adolescent girls**. One of the most prominent results was the implementation of hearing workshops in which 40 young girls from different governorates learned about their needs and challenges. The workshops contributed to gathering diverse visions to ensure appropriate and sustainable support.



- In 2023, the network implemented a project of **building the capacity of school students in leadership and advocacy** with the support of Karama International. The project targeted girls at Ne'ma Rassam School and Al-Hijri School in Taiz city. The activities were done through a three-day training workshop, providing the targeted girls with leadership skills, advocacy mechanisms, community mobilization, and the establishment of community initiatives. One of the outputs of this project was the establishment of three community initiatives implemented by the targeted girls: the first was a special initiative for afforestation in schools with the aim of creating green spaces in educational facilities, improving the school environment and increasing environmental awareness, the second was a drawing initiative held at Ne'ma Rassam School in Taiz city aimed to provide a space of expression for girls to address various issues, including the impact of climate change on young girls through expressive drawings, and the third was an initiative for the revival and preservation of the intangible cultural heritage "Popular Games" in cooperation with Mashaqer Center. The initiative included the distribution of a book called "My Games", which documents a group of popular games.



- Organizing workshops to prepare a study on the impact of climate change on adolescent girls and boys in Yemen. **15 adolescent girls and 15 adolescents participated in these workshops**, with the support of Save the Children Middle East and North Africa Office in 2023, aiming at highlighting the impact of children and youth and serious and effective climate action on finding ideal solutions to reduce climate change.
- The adolescent girls also **participated in highlighting the effects of climate change through 20 expressive images posted** on the social media platforms of Sheba Youth Foundation for Development, Karama International and **UNICEF**.
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Wa'ed Network in Taiz city implemented the capacity building project for adolescent girls and boys 2024 in communication mechanisms and leadership, with the support of **"We Are Purposeful"** Organization, through a training workshop which targeted 15 adolescent girls and boys of Wa'ed Network members. The workshop focused on training and the use of digital tools in these areas. The activities included developing profiles, **creating a website for the network**, and **improving the level of media access to the network's productions**.



Participation

- Wa'ed Network participated in an in-person workshop in July 2023 in the Egyptian capital, Cairo, with Karama Regional Organization to identify the needs of young girls for Waad Regional Network.
- Wa'ed Network was a representative of adolescent girls in Yemen with 12 participants from several Arab countries in the Arab Girl Summit held in Jordan on October 10, 2022 on health and well-being, education and livelihoods, freedom from violence and access to justice, participation and leadership.
- Wa'ed Network was among the participants in the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference [COP28] in Dubai, which was held on September 9, 2023, as its participation was to highlight the role of girls to make positive change for climate change in the Middle East and North Africa.



- Wa'ed Network was a member of Save the Children's Youth, Adolescent and Adolescent Advisory Group **[AYAG]** Denmark 2023.
- Wa'ed Network member participated in meetings of the members of the Advisory Group in Kenya on February 2024, which was dedicated to the management structure of the Group.
- Wa'ed Network contributed through its participation in **the preparatory meeting with Save the Children MEE**, which was held on June 22, 2023, to conduct research workshops on climate change and its impact on adolescent boys and girls in Taiz Governorate.
- Wa'ed Network participated in the workshop **"Alliance for Girls' Issues in the Middle East and North Africa"** held in Amman, Jordan, on 2-3 March 2020.





Media Platforms



Wa'ed Network has worked to highlight the outputs of its various activities in a written media way, in a news and reporting manner, actively through the network's platforms on various social networking sites.

The network was present in media in line with the various activities it implements with written and visual content that enhanced its media **presence among the public.**

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