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Progress Report on Strengthening and Training Communities to Respond to Disasters in Yemen

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Introduction:

Yemen is confronted with an array of formidable challenges stemming from protracted conflict, exacerbated by humanitarian crises and environmental hazards, this progress report aims to provide an overview of the continuous endeavors to fortify and train local communities, fostering their ability to respond effectively to the multifaceted challenges posed by disasters.

Covered Timeframe:

[From January 1 to December 31, 2023]

Main Objectives:

- 1. **Community Awareness:** Increase awareness among community members about disaster risks and preparedness measures.
- 2. **Capacity Building:** Enhance the capacity of local communities in disaster planning, response, and recovery.
- 3. **Leadership Training:** Provide specialized training for local leaders and emergency response teams.

Achievements and Activities:

1. Community Awareness:

- **School Campaigns:** Conducted awareness campaigns in schools, reaching [1329 students, both male and female] students.
- **Community Workshops:** Organized workshops in [17] training courses were implemented with (1682) participants, communities, covering topics such as disaster risks and evacuation procedures.

2. Capacity Building:

• **Local Plans:** Facilitated the development of emergency plans in [9] governorate localities, involving [892] community members.

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• **Evacuation Drills:** Conducted evacuation drills in [13] communities to test the effectiveness of local plans.

3. Leadership Training:

• Community Leadership Workshops: Held (17) workshops for local leaders with (282) participants, training courses were implemented on effective disaster coordination and communication.

Challenges and Solutions:

Challenges:

- **Resource Constraints:** Limited financial resources impacted the scope of activities.
- **Security Issues:** Ongoing conflict created challenges in accessing certain communities.

Solutions:

- **Resource Mobilization:** Initiated fundraising campaigns and sought partnerships to secure additional resources.
- **Community Engagement:** Collaborated with local authorities and community leaders to address security concerns and facilitate access.

Evaluation and Analysis:

- **Progress Assessment:** Overall progress aligned with set objectives, with [59%] of planned activities completed.
- **Impact Analysis:** Examined the impact of training and awareness campaigns on community resilience.

Recommendations:

- 1. **Resource Allocation:** Allocate additional resources to expand the reach of awareness campaigns and training programs.
- 2. **Collaboration:** Strengthen collaboration with international organizations and local partners to enhance support.

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3. **Technology Integration:** Explore the use of technology for remote training and communication in areas with restricted access.

Conclusion:

Despite challenges, significant strides have been made in strengthening and training communities in Yemen. Continued efforts, resource mobilization, and collaboration are essential to sustain and amplify the positive impact on community resilience in the face of disasters.

And NFHR provides training and other services related to occupational safety and health, security and protection, emergency management, and environmental studies and assessments. These are performed by national and international trainers, in strict compliance with national regulations. NFHR aims to further strengthen and train disaster first responders on floods, earthquakes and other hazards.

And NFHR is framing its activities within relevant policies for Disaster, Preparedness to respond to disasters is critical as most of Yemen's population faces the risk of flooding, as climate change continues to affect farming communities, and they are frequently exposed to serious stress, loss and trauma, whether as a result of food insecurity, unemployment, cholera, arbitrary detention, torture or attacks, or the ongoing conflict in Yemen.

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