

Rethinking Yemen's Economy

A Track II Initiative

I. Project Overview and Objectives

This two-year project, which will begin in March 2017, is an initiative to identify Yemen's economic, humanitarian, social and development priorities in light of the ongoing conflict in Yemen and prepare for the post-conflict recovery period. The project aims to build consensus in crucial policy areas through engaging and promoting informed Yemeni voices in the public discourse, and to positively influence local, regional and international development agendas. The project will be implemented by the Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient (CARPO), DeepRoot Consulting and the Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies (SCSS). It is funded by the European Union and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Yemen.

II. Project Activities

The project has four components:

- 1. Development Champions Forums:** A number of forums will convene senior Yemeni experts and professionals from both social and economic development fields with in-depth understanding and established experience. The Development Champions will identify key issues for intervention and contribute to the research and analysis of the Research Hive. They will be the driving force of this project.
- 2. Research Hive:** A research hive of Yemeni researchers with experience in those issues identified by the Development Champions will conduct research on Yemen; identify best practices and lessons learned of various international experiences; and present empirical evidence on the specified issues. The researchers will draft white papers on each of the key issues identified as well as provide regular situational analysis on the same issues through producing policy briefs.
- 3. Public Outreach:** As part of the research process, and to ensure the inclusion of various stakeholders, consultation workshops with different local stakeholders including the private sector, youth and CSOs will be implemented. Moreover, the project will also engage the Yemeni public by ensuring effective media coverage and social media engagement throughout the different project phases.
- 4. Regional and International Stakeholder engagement:** The project will reach out to regional and international stakeholders currently engaged in Yemen in order to ensure that they are informed about the outcomes of this project – for the benefit of the people of Yemen and in the hope of more concerted efforts in this regard by the international community.