Women in Peace in Yemen

(Results Summary)

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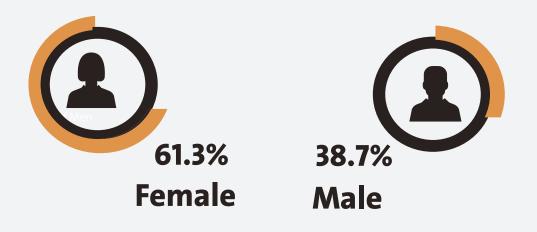
Yemen has been suffering from the effects of the conflict for nearly nine years now, which has greatly impacted its infrastructure, economy, and basic services. This ongoing conflict has exacerbated the humanitarian crisis, with Yemenis experiencing food and water shortages, limited access to healthcare, high unemployment and poverty rates. It has also resulted in a large-scale displacement of the population and the displacement of many families. Additionally, numerous vital facilities such as hospitals, schools, and factories have been destroyed, weakening their ability to meet the population's needs and making the humanitarian situation even worse.

This highlights the necessity of finding a solution to end the conflict in Yemen and initiate the rebuilding process. In this regard, the role of peacemaking and the inclusion of women become critically important.

It has been proven that women's participation in peacemaking enhances stability and national reconciliation, leading to more sustainable and inclusive outcomes. By involving women in the peace process, their presence is strengthened, emphasizing the importance of their opinions and expertise in achieving sustainable peace. Women are essential members of society with the ability to bring balance and oversee political and social processes. Through their participation in peacemaking, comprehensive and sustainable solutions can be provided to meet everyone's needs and promote justice and reconciliation.

Furthermore, the role of women in peacemaking enhances fair representation and active participation in decision-making. Therefore, platforms and opportunities should be provided for women to express their opinions, guide their voices, and play an active role in shaping Yemen's future policies and plans. Achieving peace in Yemen should be closely linked to the participation of women and the continuous promotion of their role in rebuilding the country, ensuring equality and inclusivity in dialogues and decision-making processes.

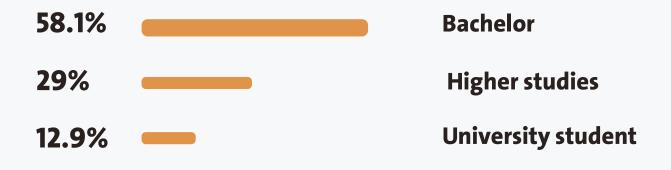
Based on this, the Information and Opinion Survey Unit at "Yemen Information Center" conducted a survey on the role Yemeni women may play in the peacebuilding process in Yemen, resulting in a range of answers and opinions. It was conducted on a sample of 196 individuals, with a participation rate of 61.3% females and 38.7% males.



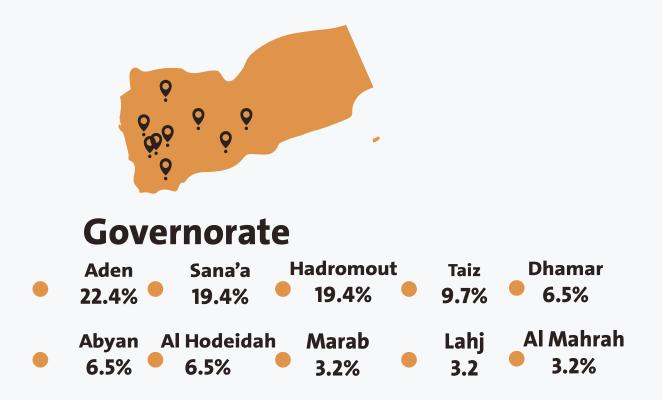
The age groups of the survey participants varied, with 45.2% of them belonging to the youth category, aged between 26-35 years. 32.3% of the participants were in the age range of 36-45 years, while 12.8% were between 18-25 years old. Participants aged between 46-65 years accounted for 9.7% of the total.



Regarding educational qualifications, the majority of participants held a bachelor's degree, comprising 58.1% of the respondents. Those with higher degrees accounted for 29%, and 12.9% were university students.

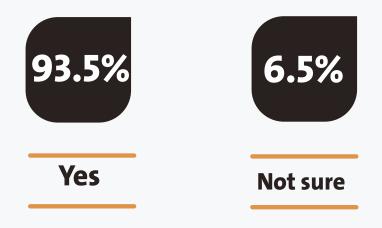


As for the geographic distribution of the survey, the sample was drawn from ten governorates, namely: Aden 22.4%; Sana'a 19.4%; Hadhramout 19.4%; Taiz 9.7%; Dhamar 6.5%; Abyan 6.5%; Hodeidah 6.5%; and Marib, Al-Mahrah, and Lahj each representing 3.2%.



Main Results

While 6.5% of the survey participants were unsure whether Yemeni women are capable of achieving change and bringing peace to Yemen, 93.5% of the participants stated that Yemeni women are indeed capable of doing so



This belief is based on their capabilities and capacities, and it can be achieved through the following : (multiple-choice question, each response was analyzed as a separate sample, with a percentage estimated at 100%)

74.2%	Promoting dialogue and understanding between conflicting parties
74%	Spreading a culture of peace and promoting tolerance and coexistence
67.7%	Providing psychological and social support to victims and the conflict-affected community
58.1%	Promoting women's rights and achieving gender equality
43.2%	Facilitating the democratic process and increasing women's participation in decision-making

All participants (100%) agree that the presence of Yemeni women in political negotiations and peacebuilding operations in Yemen should be enhanced.



However, 93% of the surveyed sample believes that there are many obstacles hindering the effective contribution of Yemeni women in peacebuilding in Yemen. Meanwhile, 7% of the participants believe that Yemeni women do not face any obstacles to their effective contribution to peacebuilding in Yemen.:(multiple-choice question, each response was analyzed as a separate sample, with a percentage estimated at 100%)



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In conclusion, the survey participants agree that the presence of women in all fields is important for achieving social equality and enabling sustainable development. Specifically, the inclusion of women in peacebuilding processes will significantly contribute to bringing peace to Yemen.