

Women in Digital Technology in Yemen

(Results Summary)

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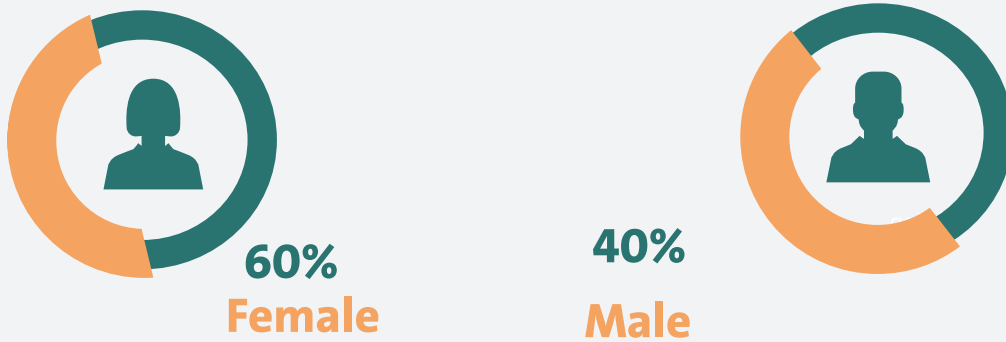
Technology is a set of tools, techniques, and knowledge used to develop devices, systems, services, and software, as well as to design and produce them, all of which contribute to improving and facilitating human life. The main goal of technology is to facilitate life for people by meeting their basic needs, simplifying access to information, and providing better communication capabilities.

In Yemen, the role of technology in the daily lives of most Yemenis remains limited and confined, primarily to some urban and more developed areas. This limitation is attributed to the economic and social conditions in Yemen, such as armed conflict, poverty, and the lack of adequate infrastructure in the communication sector, among other factors.

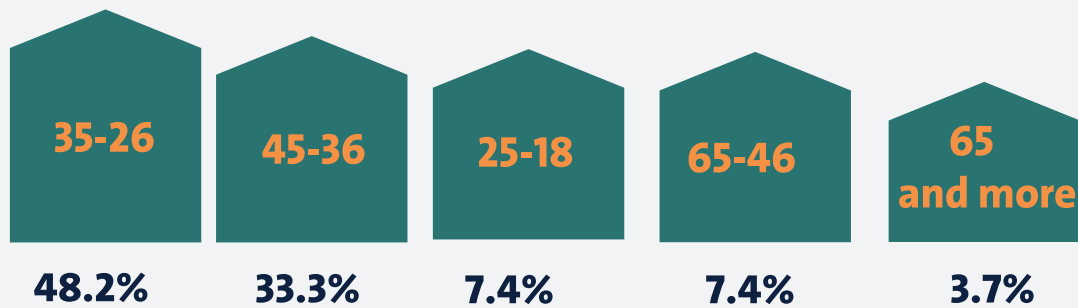
All of this has, in one way or another, led to the spread of what is known as "digital illiteracy" among Yemeni society, causing significant harm, particularly affecting women in Yemen. Their access to modern information and technologies is more difficult due to various reasons such as Yemeni societal norms and traditions. The lack of women's knowledge of technology has significantly deprived them of many training and job opportunities, as well as limited their active and effective participation in society. It has also resulted in their not having equal and fair opportunities to access decision-making positions in Yemen. Additionally, women in Yemen are at risk of falling victim to electronic crimes, such as fraud and extortion, due to their limited knowledge of digital technology.

To obtain more comprehensive answers on how to overcome widespread electronic illiteracy among Yemeni women, the Information and Opinion Survey Unit at "Yemen Information Center" conducted a survey titled "The Presence of Digital Technology in the Lives of Women in Yemen". The survey aimed to gather opinions from a sample of Yemeni society about technology and its importance in improving the lives of Yemeni women.

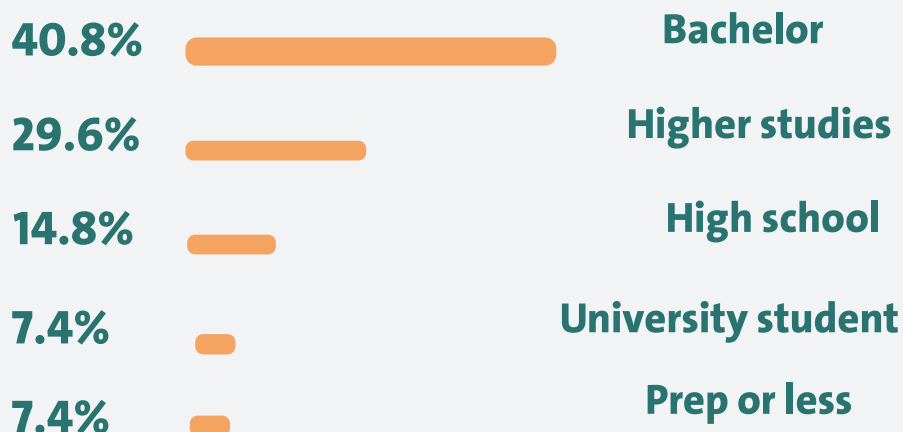
It was conducted on a sample of 200 individuals, with a participation rate of 60% females and 40% males.



The surveyed participants varied in age groups, with 48.2% being young adults aged between 26-35 years, 33.3% falling in the age range of 36-45 years, 7.4% belonging to the age group of 18-25 years, and an equal percentage for those between 46-65 years, while 3.7% were above 65 years old.



Regarding educational qualifications, the majority of participants had a bachelor's degree at 40.8%, followed by 29.6% having higher degrees, 14.8% holding high school certificates, and 7.4% consisting of university students and those with middle school certificates.



Geographically, the survey sample was drawn from eight governorates, with the distribution as follows: 33.4% from Sana'a, 29.6% from Hadhramout, 14.8% from Taiz, 7.4% from Dhamar, and each of Aden, Lahj, Ibb, and Al-Hodeidah representing the lowest percentage at 3.7%.



Governorate

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- **Ibb**
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- **Al Hodeidah**
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Main Results

100% of the participants in the survey stated that it is very possible to empower Yemeni women in digital technology because it will contribute to improving their lives through various aspects, including:(multiple-choice question, each response was analyzed as a separate sample, with a percentage estimated at 100%)



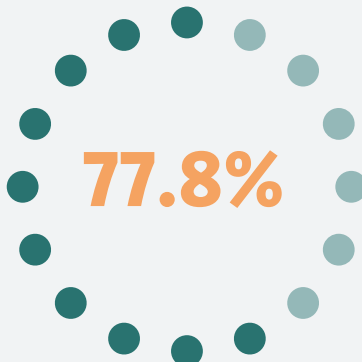
The survey participants believe that the realization of these benefits from technology in women's lives can only be achieved if it is used in an appropriate manner. This can be achieved through the following: (multiple-choice question, each response was analyzed as a separate sample, with a percentage estimated at 100%)



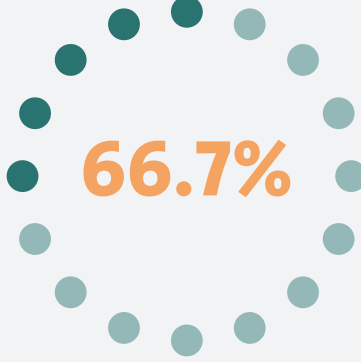
The participants also mentioned that women's lack of knowledge about technology would cause them numerous damages. When asked about the consequences, their responses were as follows: (multiple-choice question, each response was analyzed as a separate sample, with a percentage estimated at 100%)



Deprivation of opportunities

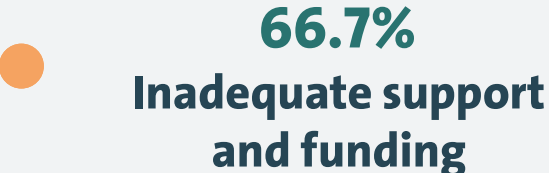


Making them susceptible to electronic scams and fraud



Exposing them to electronic extortion

As for the challenges that hinder Yemeni women's entry into the field of technology, the respondents' answers were as follows: (multiple-choice question, each response was analyzed as a separate sample, with a percentage estimated at 100%)



In conclusion, the participants believe that it is necessary to enhance technology in the lives of Yemeni women to ensure their access to fair and equal opportunities and to guarantee their fruitful participation in society. The participants also believe that this can only be achieved by providing a safe environment for Yemeni women to actively participate in the digital world.