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Norway supports skills and entrepreneurship for youth in Yemen

Norway-funded ILO project to improve labour market access for young women and men in Yemen

Beirut (ILO News) – The ILO and the Government of Norway have launched a project to promote skills development and youth entrepreneurship in Yemen in partnership with the Ministry of Labour, trade unions and employers' organizations.

The project will provide support to skills training providers to improve their services, to trade unions and employers on how to better engage in policy dialogue, and to young women and men on entrepreneurship, as well as assist them in starting their own business.

With a budget of nearly US\$800,000 over one year, the initiative is one of a series of technical cooperation projects funded by the Government of Norway in the Arab states until 2015.

In February this year, Norway pledged 10 million Norwegian Kroner (US\$1,760,410) to support ILO activities in the Middle East and North Africa as part of the [ILO inter-regional response strategy](#) that was presented to the donor community in July 2011.

Promoting youth employment has been highlighted as an objective of Yemen's 2012-2014 transition plan.

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