



**STILL
I RISE**

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Resilience and Learning in Yemen



SUMMARY

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1 OVERVIEW



Overview

INTRODUCTION

Still I Rise Academy (SIR) in Aden, Yemen, was established in October 2023 to provide accelerated education to 50 vulnerable children in Dar Saad.

These students, from displaced, refugee, and host communities, had little to no prior education.

By the end of the 2023-2024 academic year, **47 students completed the program**, passed their Ministry of Education exams, and enrolled in public schools for the 2024-2025 academic year!

Overview

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Yemen has been in the throes of conflict since 2014, leading to one of the world's most severe humanitarian crises. The conflict has displaced millions, with many children losing access to education.

Access to quality education is severely limited due to destroyed infrastructure, displaced populations, and economic hardship. Schools are often understaffed and lack basic supplies.



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CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Challenges and Achievements

EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES

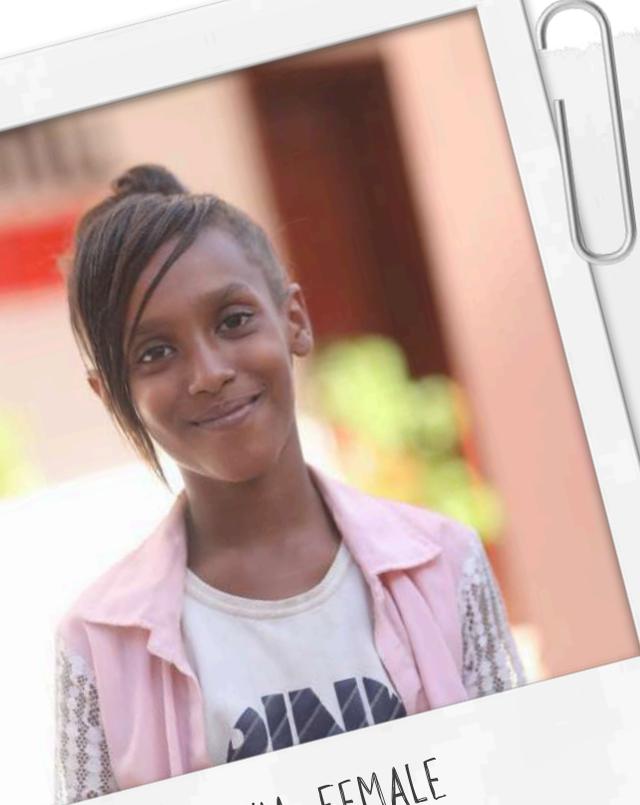
All our children were out of school and either refugees or internally displaced, victims of the ongoing civil war. **Most live in camps** and are picked up each day by Still I Rise's transport, a service we provide in all our sites.

Many children face psychosocial challenges from years out of school and unstable living conditions.



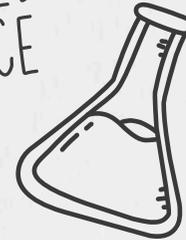
Challenges and Achievements

A JOURNEY TO BELONGING



LANIA, FEMALE
12 YEARS OLD

BEFORE JOINING SIR, MY LIFE LACKED GOALS, FRIENDS, AND DREAMS. BUT ONCE I JOINED, MY PERSPECTIVE CHANGED— I BEGAN TO LOVE SCIENCE AND SEEK KNOWLEDGE.



My biggest challenge was making new friends, but I eventually became close with my classmates. **I aspire to be a doctor because patients trust doctors with their deepest concerns.** I'm grateful to all the SIR staff for their support.



Challenges and Achievements

PROGRAMME AND CURRICULUM

Students at the academy study essential subjects, including Arabic, Math, English, Science, and Art, while also engaging in activities like sports, chess, poetry, handicrafts, acting, and yoga.

Additionally, **they develop soft skills** such as leadership, critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, questioning, negotiation, and debating.



Challenges and Achievements

STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SKILLS



“My greatest achievement is

**PREPARING THESE CHILDREN TO TRANSITION CONFIDENTLY
INTO PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH THE NECESSARY LANGUAGE
SKILLS AND SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING.**

I’m proud to see my students gain confidence in English, think critically, and actively participate in discussions. This progress stems from a supportive environment, dedicated teachers, and access to resources.”

HUDA SALEH - ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHER



1000%

**OF OUR FINALISTS
PASS THE EXAM**



Challenges and Achievements

AN INCREDIBLE RESULT

Our Academy's 100% pass rate showcases our effective educational model in a challenging environment.

Transitioning 47 students to public schools is remarkable given the country's high dropout rate.

Local educational authorities are also recognizing our success, opening doors to expand our programs.



Challenges and Achievements

CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS!

52 STUDENTS enrolled in the programme
(24M - 28F)

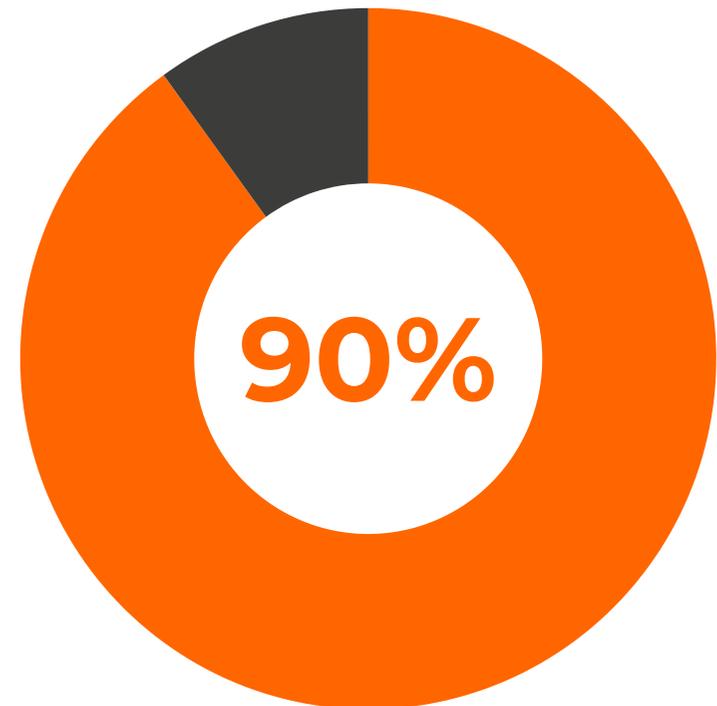
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100% Pass Rate

100% Transition to Public School!

EMPOWERING FUTURES TOGETHER!

RETENTION RATE



Challenges and Achievements

OUR APPROACH TO SUCCESS

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION:

Working closely with government entities and community leaders for resource allocation and policy changes.

FOCUS ON SAFETY AND SECURITY:

Prioritizing child protection, creating safe learning environments, and engaging with communities to build trust.

FLEXIBLE PROGRAMMING:

Tailoring curriculum to the children's needs, including language and life skills.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

Securing sustainable funding sources and providing training and support for team members and teachers.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Regularly collecting and analyzing data for evidence-based decision-making.



Challenges and Achievements

SHAPING LIFELONG LEARNERS



“The greatest achievement is

**TRANSFORMING A CHILD FROM WANDERING THE STREETS
WITH NO DREAMS TO A MOTIVATED LEARNER**

who seeks to positively impact his family and community. I am proud of the students' behavioral improvements and their success in ministry exams. And I'm so impressed this year with the mathematics results - they're problem solvers in so many ways!

WASEEM TAWFIK SHADHLI - PROGRAM MANAGER



Challenges and Achievements

NEXT STEPS

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE STUDENTS OF THIS COHORT?

They have enrolled in public schools based on their final exam results and caregivers' choices, supporting their academic and personal growth.



HOW IS SIR GOING TO FURTHER SUPPORT THEM?

SIR has invited students to stay at the academy until their registration in public school and is now covering yearly fees, school bags, uniforms, books, and stationery for everyone for the 2024-2025 academic year.



4 CONCLUSION



Conclusion

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

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The journey of the Still I Rise Academy has proven to be **a beacon of hope in the challenging landscape of Yemen.**

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By providing vulnerable children with access to quality education and essential support, **we have empowered them to overcome significant barriers and achieve remarkable success.**

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The 100% pass rate and seamless transition of 47 students into public schools are testaments to the dedication of our staff, the resilience of our students, and the strong partnerships we have forged within the community.



LOOKING FORWARD

Building on the success of our first cohort, we are excited to expand our impact in Yemen with **plans to enroll 100 students this year.**

The 2024/2025 academic year will introduce **innovative off-curricular classes and enhancements to our English program.**
STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

Our focus will continue to be on providing transformative educational opportunities, with the long-term goal of inspiring systemic change and improving education across Yemen, ensuring a brighter future for its children.





CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER, ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

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