

# Public Notice

## Rehabilitation of health facilities, including upgrades to water and sanitation systems, construction of incinerators, in South Yemen. – Public Comments Invited

**September 30, 2024** – Global Affairs Canada must determine whether the proposed activity Rehabilitation of health facilities, including upgrades to water and sanitation systems, construction of incinerators, located in South Yemen is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

To help inform this determination, Global Affairs Canada is inviting comments from the public respecting that determination. All comments received will be considered public and may be posted online.

Written comments must be submitted **by October 30, 2024** to:

International Assistance Partnerships and Programming Branch  
Program Support and Oversight Division  
Global Affairs Canada  
Email : [CommentsIAARegistry-CommentairesRegistreLEI@international.gc.ca](mailto:CommentsIAARegistry-CommentairesRegistreLEI@international.gc.ca)

## The Proposed Project

**Project Title:** Rehabilitation of health facilities, including upgrades to water and sanitation systems, construction of incinerators, located in South Yemen.

### Project Summary:

Funded by the Canadian Government through Global Affairs Canada (GAC) under the Comprehensive Humanitarian Multi-Sectoral Response for Conflict, Disaster and at-Risk Communities in Ethiopia, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine and Yemen (2024-2026) initiative, and implemented by International Medical Corps (IMC), this project aims to improve healthcare services in Yemen's Lahj Governorate. The project will rehabilitate five Primary Health Centers (PHCs) and one Maternal and Child Health (MNCH) hospital.

Key activities include constructing one medical waste zones with incinerators, performing minor rehabilitations of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) infrastructure in a healthcare facility, and implementing infection prevention and control (IPC) measures in six healthcare facilities. These interventions are designed to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, the elderly, and pregnant and lactating women, while also reducing the risk of infections for patients and healthcare workers. The medical waste zones and rehabilitated WASH infrastructure will be situated within the premises of each targeted health facility. IMC will work closely with the Ministry of Health and the General Health Office (GHO) to secure necessary permits and approvals. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed with the GHO to define responsibilities and ensure project sustainability. Upon project completion, the facilities will be handed over to district health offices and facility management.

Additionally, healthcare staff will receive capacity-building training on WASH maintenance, medical waste management, IPC, and the Clean Clinic Approach.

IMC UK will carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed activities, following the environmental regulations of Yemen and the Canadian Environmental Impact Assessment Act of 2019.

Partner: International Medical Corps (IMC)

Localisation: South Yemen