

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Germany/KfW and UNOPS Support Al Sabeen Hospital in Yemen**

**Sanaa- April 3, 2022** - With the support from the Federal Republic of Germany, through the KfW Development Bank, UNOPS handed over Al Sabeen Hospital in Sanaa. The hospital is one of 19 health facilities and 21 isolation units that are being rehabilitated as part of the “Strengthening Resilience through enhancing Health Service Facilities in Yemen” project.

The project aims at supporting the local health service providers and local communities in increasing access to primary and secondary health facilities. Through restoring the physical infrastructure of the targeted health facilities, providing medical equipment and furniture, and building the capacity of the health staff, UNOPS contributes to the health sector in Yemen for improved healthcare services to the targeted populations.

Mr. Marc Engelhardt, Head of the Middle East Department at KfW Development Bank highlighted the strong partnership between KfW and UNOPS in the implementation of the project. He appreciated that over 130,000 patients will benefit annually from the improved health infrastructure and thanked UNOPS for the successful completion of the rehabilitation works.

Mr. Muhammad Usman Akram, UNOPS Director of Amman Multi-Country Office, said: “The handover of Al Sabeen hospital is another milestone intervention in support of the health sector in Yemen. Thanks to our partnership with the Government of Germany and the KfW, Al Sabeen hospital is better equipped and in a much better position to continue the provision of critical healthcare to Yemeni mothers and their children.”

“Strengthening Resilience through Enhancing Health Service Facilities in Yemen” project is funded by the German Government through KfW. The project aims at strengthening the resilience of the supported health facilities and the targeted communities by providing sustainable access to healthcare services. The project is aligned with the Health Cluster objectives of the 2019 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan, mainly, to enhance local referral health system by supporting selected tertiary health facilities in targeted communities; increase access to targeted communities to primary and secondary health care services; and, help ensure that health facilities in priority districts are able to respond to epidemics and outbreaks.

The project supports Sustainable Development Goal 3 - “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”.

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**About KfW:**

KfW Development Bank has been helping the German Federal Government to achieve its goals in development policy and international development cooperation for more than 50 years. KfW is an experienced bank and a development institution with financing expertise, expert knowledge of development policy, and many years of national and international experience.

On behalf of the German Federal Government, and primarily the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), KfW finances and supports programmes and projects that mainly involve public sector players in developing countries and emerging economies – from their conception and execution to monitoring their success. KfW's goal is to help partner countries fight poverty, maintain peace, protect both the environment and the climate, and shape globalisation in an appropriate way.

**About UNOPS:**

UNOPS helps the UN and its partners provide peace and security, humanitarian, and development solutions. The organization's mission is to help people build better lives and countries achieve peace and sustainable development. UNOPS services cover infrastructure, project management, procurement, financial management, and human resources. Partners call on UNOPS to supplement their own capacities, improve speed, reduce risks, boost cost-effectiveness and increase quality.

UNOPS Operational Hub in Amman covers projects in Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen and implements work in partnership with bilateral donors, national governments, and other UN agencies.

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