

**United Nations Association of
Yemen
(UNAY)**

Workshop on:

**_ To integrate Deaf-Mute Women
Socially & Economically
in Society _**

Introduction:

Of particular significance seems to me is the Act No. 2/ 2002 enacted and passed to stresses assertions of the invalid men and women to be treated in equal par with the integrated citizens.

Th State encourahes the NGOs to adopt and sponsor the welfare state of the invalid persons both males and feales so that the objectives aimed at for them are achieved in an optimum manner.

It is the first such Act in the Arab countries to benefit a disadvantaged community which, although has gone through difficulties, demonstrated the resilience of nationhood and is coming back with intensity.

The Act allows fund raising to make a real difference for people in need and makes their integration and participation in development plans mandatory.

This has been an excellent example of how the local and international community-level efforts can successfully work together on a problem with major developmental, highly sensitive religious and humanitarian ramifications.

If past records are any indication, United Nation Association Of Yemen (UNAY) ranks high in its dedication to help disabled people feel no longer alienated from society in a country with a President encouraging democratic practices and all citizens treatment of each other as equals and with absence of class feelings.

It is worth mentioning that the workshop conducted to address the integration of (The Deaf-mute Women Socially & Economically In Society) in the development plans aimed at laying foundations for sustainable growth with equity. While it focused on rehabilitating the disabled in particular the women, the workshop emphasized a significant plan for the disability symptom exploration and control in its early stages.

In reality UNAY organized workshop is one of the better examples of a well-coordinated NGO activity addressing a critical problem calling for exigent solutions.

With UNAY at the forefront of such good efforts we are hoping to increase its participation still further. It has the ingredients for a very successful campaign: knocking only the right doors and shaking the right hands to exhort combined international and local community coordinated help for a cause worthy of support.

Indeed an opportunity has presented itself for the good people to do what they suggest right.

Tribute is hereby paid to the UNAY endeavors.

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