

Executive Summary: First Epilepsy Training Course in Yemen/Aden

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Khormakser.Aden**

Background

Due to security constraints in Yemen, the initially planned in-person course for January 2026 was converted to an online format. This was the first epilepsy training course of its kind in Yemen, delivered with ILAE support.

Objectives

- 1- Build capacity of pediatricians and pediatric neurologists in epilepsy diagnosis and management.
- 2- Cascade training to rural areas and medical teams across Yemen.
- 3- Strengthen epilepsy care despite limited in-person access.

Key Preparations & Mitigation Measures

To ensure smooth delivery, we implemented a robust online model:

- **Experienced IT Support:** Dedicated IT team with pre-course device checks for all trainees.
- **Technical Rehearsal:** Full connectivity and platform test 24hrs prior.
- **On-site Coordination:** 3 coordinators in the day of training for live trainee support.
- **Communication:** WhatsApp groups with trainers, BPNA coordinator, and IT lead for real-time troubleshoot.

–Participants

- **Total:** 24 physicians

Profile: Pediatric consultants, pediatric neurologists, Arab Board trainees, and 1 ER resident from Lahj

- **Reach:** 5 consultants and 1 resident based in rural areas

Commitment: All trainees agreed to cascade training to medical staff/community in their governorates

Outcomes & Feedback

- **Delivery:** Course completed as scheduled with zero technical interruptions
- **Impact:** Participants reported significant gains in both theoretical and practical epilepsy management skills
- Sustainability:** Cascading model ensures wider reach beyond direct participants

Financials & Accountability

Full financial documentation and signed attendance sheets are attached.

Conclusion:

Despite security challenges, the online model proved effective for delivering high-quality epilepsy education in Yemen and establishing a foundation for future training.

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