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Yemen Economic & Financial Platform (CauseWay Compass) – Comprehensive Internal Documentation Suite

Introduction and Platform Vision

Yemen has endured a protracted conflict (2014–2025) that shattered its economy, fragmented institutions, and rewired how money moves [1] [2] . In this fragile context, the **Yemen Economic & Financial Platform (CauseWay Compass)** was conceived as a flagship bilingual (English/Arabic) observatory to provide transparent, credible insights into Yemen's war economy [3] [4] . Developed by CauseWay Consulting under the CauseWay Foundation, the platform treats Yemen's crisis not as a temporary shock but as a decade-long reconfiguration of financial systems [5] . Its mission is to guide policymakers, researchers, donors, and the public through reliable data and analysis – effectively serving as a "compass" for navigating Yemen's complex economic landscape [6] [7] . The guiding principles are **credibility, neutrality, transparency, and user-centric design** [8] . All data are sourced from primary publications (Central Bank reports, official government releases, World Bank/IMF datasets, UN OCHA, etc.) and expert analyses, with clear methodology notes and source citations for every figure [9] [10] . Crucially, the platform maintains a **do-no-harm policy** by aggregating or anonymizing sensitive information and flagging politically delicate data to avoid endangering individuals or operations [11] . Entirely bilingual with full Arabic-English parity, the site ensures equal access for Yemeni audiences, featuring right-to-left layouts and instant language toggling on every page [12] [13] .

Platform Overview: CauseWay Compass Yemen is the world's most comprehensive public data hub on Yemen's economy, connecting macroeconomic data, monetary events, humanitarian flows, policy decisions, and local narratives into an accessible evidence-driven narrative [14] [15] . It offers interactive dashboards and AI-powered analysis that explain *what* changed in Yemen's economy since 2014, *why* it changed, and *what to do next* [5] . The platform emphasizes the duality of Yemen's wartime economy – showcasing the divergence between areas under the internationally recognized government (IRG) and those under Houthi authorities – while also highlighting national aggregates and humanitarian impacts [16] [17] . By presenting both big-picture summaries and drill-down details, it caters to general audiences and specialists alike [16] . Five key pillars define the platform's value: **(1) Financial Transparency & Accountability, (2) Evidence-Based Policy, (3) Economic Intelligence & Monitoring, (4) Real-Time Data Integration, and (5) Stakeholder Engagement** [18] . This makes the Compass a **"living" economic dashboard** for Yemen, where data updates continuously (each dataset shows last updated time) and users can even submit feedback or corrections via a "Report Issue" feature [19] .

War-Economy Context (2014–2025): To ground analysis, the platform integrates a chronology of Yemen's conflict and economic shocks year-by-year [20] . Major inflection points include: the September 2014 Houthi takeover of Sana'a, which marked the collapse of unified political authority [1] ; the March 2015 Saudi-led intervention and blockade, which triggered a GDP freefall (output fell to roughly half of pre-war size) and hyperinflation in food and fuel prices [21] [22] ; the **Central Bank split in September 2016**, when the CBY

headquarters relocation from Sana'a to Aden created two rival central banks and effectively launched a "currency war" [23] [24]. After 2016, Yemen's monetary system fractured: Aden authorities printed new Yemeni riyal notes to finance the deficit, while Houthi authorities banned those new notes in their areas – producing **two versions of the currency** with diverging values [25] [24]. By 2018–2019, the dual exchange-rate regime had hardened: in Houthi-controlled areas the rial was artificially stabilized (~YR 600 per USD) by strict capital controls, whereas in government areas it floated and plunged (exceeding YR 800, later YR 1,200+ per USD) due to oversupply of new money [26] [27]. This meant basic goods came to cost dramatically different amounts depending on region – **two economic realities** in one country [17] [28]. The war's fragmentation of fiscal and monetary authority led to severe outcomes: inflation surged (peaking above 35% in Aden zones in 2025) while most of the population (over 80%) fell into poverty [29] [30]. Banking sector paralysis set in as well – by 2020, many banks in Houthi areas were effectively insolvent or unable to honor withdrawals, pushing **90+% of transactions** into cash and hawala channels [31] [32]. Amid this turmoil, **informal financial networks** became lifelines: money exchange houses and microfinance institutions handled the bulk of remittances, humanitarian cash transfers, and local payments as formal banks retreated [33] [34]. For example, U.N. agencies and NGOs, facing blocked banking channels, partnered with major exchangers (like Al-Kuraimi and Al-Amal) to disburse aid funds, such that by 2025 an estimated **$2.8 billion per year** was moving through non-bank payment channels [35] [36]. Each year of the conflict layered new stresses: a cholera outbreak in 2017, the 2018 Stockholm Agreement's limited ceasefire around Hodeidah port, the 2020 COVID-19 shock and oil export halts in 2022 – all impacting economic conditions [25] [37]. The platform's **interactive timeline** captures these developments, with each year's entry summarizing key political-economic events and linking to data or documents (e.g. showing how the 2018 currency crisis corresponded to a spike in inflation, or how the 2020 pandemic hit GDP) [38] [39]. This narrative underscores that Yemen's war economy flourished amid institutional collapse: as one example, when the CBY split and banks imposed withdrawal limits, households increasingly relied on informal hawala for survival, and **remittances** and aid eclipsed oil exports as Yemen's main foreign exchange sources [40] [41]. Understanding this context is crucial for users, and the Compass ensures that *history is not lost:* the timeline and "Full Story" pages provide a high-level mental model of the war's economic trajectory before users dive into specific data sections [42] [43]. In sum, the platform's vision is to bring **order to chaos** – to compile 15 years of disparate data, events, and reports into one coherent, factual story of Yemen's financial and economic landscape, and to do so in a way that supports accountability, policy planning, and resilience building in a post-conflict recovery [4] [44].

Platform Architecture and Site Map

Information Architecture: The Yemen Economic Compass is structured across multiple layers of content, ensuring intuitive navigation for researchers, policymakers, donors, investors, and journalists alike [45] [46]. There are **six primary sections** in the top navigation menu (each available in English and Arabic), with dozens of subsections and hundreds of pages composing the full site tree [47] [46]. The main menu sections and their scope are:

- **Home:** The landing dashboard and entry point, featuring real-time key metrics and a guided tour of the platform's offerings [48] [49]. The Home page presents a snapshot of Yemen's economic health via a **"Master Compass" widget** of ~12 headline indicators (e.g. GDP trend, Aden vs. Sana'a inflation, official vs. parallel exchange rate gap, cost of a basic food basket, public revenues, oil output, aid inflows, a Sanctions Intensity Index, and a Core Banking Stress Index) [50] [51]. Each indicator is shown as a card with a mini-chart and can be time-filtered from 2010 or 2014 to present. Users can click "What does this mean?" on any card to read an explanation of why that metric matters (for

example, how inflation and currency divergence affect household welfare, or how banking stress affects trade) [52] . Below the indicators, a live news ticker scrolls recent financial headlines (e.g. central bank decisions, aid pledges, fuel supply shocks) with source attributions [53] . The Home page also provides quick navigation links to all major sections – effectively a portal to the deeper content [54] . It includes interactive elements like a **timeline slider** to "time travel" across years 2010–2025 and a language toggle for instant switching between English and Arabic views [55] [56] . The design philosophy is immediate access to critical data with an emphasis on a seamless bilingual experience and intuitive visuals [13] .

- **Full Story (Timeline):** An interactive chronology of the war-economy from 2014 through 2025, telling the story of Yemen's economic collapse and transformation in sequence [57] [58] . This section (route `/story` or `/timeline`) is presented as an interactive timeline where each year from 2014 onward is a scrollable card summarizing that year's pivotal events and their economic impacts [38] [39] . For example, 2015's card notes the war's outbreak and economic freefall, 2016 highlights the Central Bank split and ensuing currency schism, 2018 shows the peak of currency volatility and the temporary stabilization from a Saudi deposit, 2022 covers the UN-brokered truce and its economic relief, and so on [59] [60] . Users can click on any year's card to expand details or view linked charts/ data for that period [61] . This "Full Story" timeline is richly interlinked: each yearly summary offers "Learn more" links to related events, policy decisions, or indicators, so that readers can seamlessly jump to deeper analysis or data relevant to that year [62] [63] . A unique element on this page is a **10-Year Stress Dashboard** – a table summarizing how each year of the conflict changed Yemen's financial landscape (e.g. status of central bank authority, exchange rate divergence, bank liquidity, payment channels, role of aid/remittances) [64] [40] . This gives a comparative snapshot of the war's progression. The Full Story section thus provides crucial narrative context in an interactive format, ensuring that users see the broad trajectory of the crisis before focusing on specific data.

- **Economic Crisis (Macro Trends):** A section diving into core macroeconomic and human development indicators to quantify the collapse [65] . Organized into sub-pages like **Output & Growth**, **Prices & Inflation**, **Poverty & Labor**, **Public Finance**, and **Debt**, it uses interactive charts and tables to illustrate trends [65] [66] . For instance, it shows the halving of Yemen's real GDP since 2014, the episodes of hyperinflation (especially in Aden's currency after 2017) and food price spikes, the surge in poverty and unemployment, the decline of government revenues and surge in deficit financing, and accumulation of public debt (including domestic arrears and external debt) [66] [67] . Users can toggle certain datasets between Aden-controlled vs. Houthi-controlled areas – for example, viewing separate consumer price index trajectories or salary levels to see regional disparities [68] . All charts are annotated with notable events (e.g. a marker on GDP plunging ~50% by 2018, or annotations on inflation spikes corresponding to the 2016–2018 currency crisis) [66] [69] . Each visualization comes with notes on data sources and estimation methodology (accessible via tooltip or info icon) to maintain transparency [70] [71] . This Macro Trends dashboard gives users a quantitative grasp of the war's economic toll in each sector.

- **Currency War Tracker:** A dedicated page visualizing Yemen's **dual monetary system** and exchange rate divergence post-2016 [72] [73] . Key features include side-by-side charts comparing the Aden-based (IRG) rial vs. the Sana'a (de facto) rial over time, and an **exchange rate gap** graph highlighting the % difference between the two rates [74] . It also presents a timeline of major monetary events (2016 currency split, Houthi new currency ban in 2019, introduction of electronic rial, etc.) and "before/after" comparisons illustrating policy impacts [75] [76] . For example, by early 2023 the same

US$1 was worth about YR 600 in Houthi-held areas vs. ~YR 1,225 in government areas [73] – this section helps users grasp how such stark dual pricing came about. It explains how policies like excessive note printing in Aden or strict capital controls in Sana'a drove those trends [26] [77]. Visual callouts show the timeline of key decisions: e.g. *2016: CBY relocation, 2017: Aden floats the rial, 2018: Saudi $2B deposit stabilizes Aden rate temporarily, 2019: Houthi ban on new notes, 2021: Aden rate crashes to 1000+,* etc [26] [78]. By illustrating cause and effect in the monetary fragmentation, the Currency War page underscores how two separate currencies and policies evolved.

- **City Economic Profiles:** A subsection profiling six key urban centers – **Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Hodeidah, Marib,** and **Mukalla** – each on a dedicated page [79] [80]. These pages combine data and narrative to show how each city's economy and living conditions have been uniquely affected by the conflict. For example, **Sana'a**'s profile notes its status as the Houthi-held capital with population estimates, price indices (often lower inflation due to price controls but also shortages), and banking restrictions in place [79] [81]. **Aden**'s profile discusses its role as interim capital under the IRG, with higher inflation and a more volatile currency, plus the economic impact of port operations and insecurity [81]. **Taiz**'s page covers the effects of prolonged siege and front-line disruptions on markets and humanitarian access. **Hodeidah**'s profile highlights its critical port function, how the blockade and shifting control impacted fuel imports and prices. **Marib**'s page shows its role as an oil/gas production hub and a sanctuary for displaced people, fueling a local boom but also making it a target. **Mukalla** (in Hadramout) is shown as a relatively more stable eastern city with its own trade networks and a period of AQAP control (2015–2016) that was overcome [80]. Each city page provides local economic indicators (e.g. staple food basket cost in that city vs. others, unemployment or IDP numbers if available), notes dominant industries or trade routes, and links to any major events that occurred there. This geographic lens ensures the platform covers not just national averages but the diverse local realities across Yemen [82].

- **Events & Shocks Catalogue:** A comprehensive, searchable database of significant events (political, economic, security, humanitarian, climate-related) that impacted the economy from 2010 onward [83] [84]. This module (route `/events`) lists events with their date, category (e.g. "monetary policy", "fuel crisis", "sanction", "conflict incident", "natural disaster"), a severity rating, and a description of the event's economic significance [85] [86]. Users can filter the events by type, year or range, region, or severity [84]. Each event entry also links to data "impact snapshots" – for instance, if an event is *"Central Bank of Aden launches FX auction (Jan 2021)"*, the entry might display a mini-graph of the exchange rate before and after that auction [87]. Or if an event is *"US sanctions a Yemeni bank (2018)"*, it might link to a chart of black-market exchange rate or liquidity changes following the sanction [88]. This cause-and-effect visualization helps trace how shocks translated into measurable outcomes [88] [89]. The catalogue ensures that no critical development is overlooked in analysis, functioning like a timeline in data form. It spans everything from the 2015 Decisive Storm intervention, to specific central bank circulars, to fuel crises, to the 2020 floods – giving users the ability to investigate or corroborate the sequence of economic disruption.

- **Stakeholders Universe:** An entire section devoted to profiling the **key actors and institutions** in Yemen's economic and financial ecosystem [90] [91]. This directory includes profiles for over 100 stakeholders across five categories: **(a) Political Authorities** (e.g. IRG government, Houthi de facto authorities, Southern Transitional Council), **(b) Regional Sponsors** (e.g. Saudi Arabia, UAE, Oman, Iran – regional powers influencing Yemen's economy), **(c) Global Donors & Institutions** (World Bank, IMF, UN agencies, major INGOs and aid donors), **(d) Financial Sector Entities** (commercial

banks, microfinance institutions, money exchange networks, central bank branches), and **(e) Business Conglomerates** (the major trading families and companies) [91] [92] . Each stakeholder page provides an overview of that actor's role in the war economy, their interests, and their financial behavior. For example, the profile of the **Central Bank of Yemen – Aden** covers its mandate as the internationally recognized central bank, leadership and changes since 2016, policy tools (foreign exchange auctions, new note issuance, etc.), and challenges like inflation and limited reserves [93] [94] . The **CBY–Sana'a** profile similarly outlines the de facto central bank's structure, its use of strict withdrawal limits and capital controls, and initiatives like a digital "e-Rial" pilot under Houthi authorities [93] [95] . A special sub-page compares the two central banks' policy instruments side-by-side (e.g. currency issuance, exchange rate regime, use of FX auctions, etc.), illustrating how fragmentation led to opposite approaches [96] [97] . For **commercial banks**, profiles list their establishment, ownership (e.g. family-owned, state-owned, foreign), financial indicators if available (paid-up capital, branch network, assets or recent financial stress), and any notable issues (like being cut off from SWIFT, or facing sanctions, or splitting operations between Aden and Sana'a) [98] [99] . For example, the page on **Cooperative & Agricultural Credit Bank (CAC Bank)** notes it is Yemen's largest public bank, historically state-owned, and was designated as the channel for certain foreign currency auctions [100] . It also played a key role in a 2019 mobile money pilot (the "e-Rial" electronic currency) as a lead institution [101] . CAC Bank's profile flags that its SWIFT access was moved from Sana'a to Aden after the central bank split [101] . Another example, **Tadhamon International Islamic Bank (TIIB)**'s profile would mention it is part of the Hayel Saeed Anam business group, was Yemen's largest private bank pre-war, and faced liquidity crunches and even temporary detention of some staff by Houthi authorities during currency disputes [102] [103] . **National Bank of Yemen (NBY)**, a key state-owned bank, is noted as having split management (one board in Aden, one in Sana'a) during the war. Each bank entry includes any international banking issues (like de-risking – e.g. Yemeni banks losing correspondent accounts abroad in 2015 – or frozen assets overseas). **Microfinance institutions** are profiled with emphasis on their outreach and resilience: e.g. **Al-Amal Microfinance Bank** (est. 2009 as the first micro-bank) and **Al-Kuraimi Islamic Microfinance Bank** (by far the largest microfinance provider) are described in terms of clients served, branch count, and how they expanded when commercial banks faltered [104] [105] . Al-Kuraimi's profile notes it served as a crucial agent for salary payments and humanitarian cash, but its staff were harassed by authorities (e.g. arrests by Houthi security for cooperating with Aden) [105] . The stakeholder pages also cover **money exchanger networks** (e.g. profile of the **Yemen Exchangers Association** and big exchange companies like Al-Suwaid & Sons, Al-Azizi, etc., highlighting their pivotal role in remittances and that some were sanctioned by the U.S.) [32] [106] . **Business conglomerates** like the **Hayel Saeed Anam (HSA) Group** have profiles detailing their dominance in imports (food, fuel), their ownership of banks (Tadhamon Bank), and any war-related episodes (such as an HSA facility being hit in Taiz, or their involvement in subsidy programs) [107] [108] . All stakeholder profiles are interlinked and supported by primary documents; for instance, a bank's page might link to its most recent **audit report or financial statement** if available, or to U.N. Panel of Experts excerpts if that bank was mentioned in investigations (sanctions or corruption) [99] [109] . Relationship maps are provided to visualize connections – e.g. linking political actors to the banks or businesses they influence, or showing which stakeholders were involved in specific events. A user can compare two stakeholders side-by-side (using a "compare" tool) on attributes like their revenue sources, their reliance on cash vs electronic transfers, or sanctions status [110] . This whole universe gives a 360-degree view of who the players are in Yemen's economic sphere and how they interconnect.

- **Resources & Research Library:** A repository of documents, reports, and data with advanced search and filter tools [111] [112]. This section houses a curated **Literature Library** of 500+ publications on Yemen's economy and finance, spanning the period 2010–2025. Users can filter by year, authoring organization, topic, or language to find relevant literature [111] [113]. Key categories include: **World Bank Reports** (e.g. Yemen Economic Updates, development project documents, and poverty assessments), **IMF Analyses** (Article IV consultation reports, technical memoranda, regional outlook excerpts on Yemen), **UN and Humanitarian Reports** (UN Panel of Experts reports on Yemen which contain detailed financial findings, UN OCHA humanitarian bulletins with economic data, etc.), **Think Tank Studies** (Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies reports, Chatham House papers, Crisis Group briefs, etc.), and **Academic Research** (selected journal articles, PhD theses, policy papers) [112]. By integrating this rich body of analysis, the platform becomes a one-stop knowledge base; all documents are indexed with metadata and can be viewed or downloaded. Each entry shows the title, author, source institution, date, and a hyperlink. For example, a World Bank Project Appraisal Document (PAD) for a 2023 financial inclusion project is available in full text [114] [115], as are policy briefs like "Yemen's War Economy: A Key Factor in the Ongoing Conflict" (Arab Center, 2020) [116] [117]. The library also powers an in-platform citation tool: users generating analyses can quickly cite these references in standard formats (APA, Chicago, etc.) [118]. Beyond literature, the Resources section includes **data downloads** (a catalog of all datasets used, see below), technical notes on methodology, and possibly an **"Academy & Learning Hub"** (training materials on economic analysis and financial literacy – see below). In addition, a **Sanctions & Compliance Tracker** is incorporated here or under Stakeholders: it lists all international sanctions relevant to Yemen's financial sphere (UN Security Council sanctions, U.S. OFAC designations, EU/UK sanctions) with details on dates, targets, and measures [119] [120]. This tracker provides a timeline of sanction regimes and highlights humanitarian exemptions or changes in enforcement, helping banks and NGOs navigate the regulatory minefield of operating in Yemen [121] [122].

- **Interactive Tools & Simulations:** Alongside static content, the platform offers interactive analytical tools for advanced users [123] [124]. For instance, an **FX Calculator** lets users convert amounts between USD and Yemeni rials, giving both Aden and Sana'a exchange rates and the percentage arbitrage gap [125]. An **Inflation Calculator** allows selection of two dates to compute how the cost of living changed (using CPI data or the food basket index) in each region [126]. The **Scenario Engine** is a what-if simulation lab where users can adjust levers like oil export volume, aid inflows, or sanctions severity and see projected outcomes on key indicators [124]. For example, "What if oil production doubles next year?" or "What if humanitarian aid drops by 50%?" – the tool would generate a scenario projection (based on elasticities or model assumptions documented transparently) [127]. This allows policymakers and students to explore alternative futures in a controlled way. All such tools include prominent disclaimers and methodology notes to ensure users understand the limits of the simulations (they are indicative, not predictive forecasts) [128] [129].

- **Data Catalog:** A structured catalogue page listing every data series available, with metadata and direct download links [130] [131]. Each entry in the catalog shows the indicator name, units, frequency, coverage (national or regional), source, and a data confidence rating [130] [132]. For example, an entry might be: *"Headline Inflation (Aden) – % change, Monthly, Aden-controlled areas, Source: CSO Aden & World Bank, Confidence: Medium"* [133] [132]. Or *"Food Basket Cost – YER, Monthly, key cities average, Source: WFP VAM, Confidence: High"*. The catalog provides transparency about where each number comes from and flags any limitations in data quality (e.g. an indicator might be marked Low confidence if it's based on unofficial estimates) [134]. Users can download the raw data for any series

in CSV or JSON, fostering openness and further research [135] . This page underpins the site's credibility by making every figure traceable and properly documented.

Technical Architecture: The platform is built on a robust, scalable architecture to handle complex data flows, real-time analytics, and multi-user access [136] . It follows a **multi-tier architecture** with distinct layers:

- **Application Layer (Frontend):** A responsive web application (modern HTML5/JavaScript, likely using a framework like Next.js/React) that renders the interactive UI in both English and Arabic [137] [138] . It uses a mobile-first approach given Yemen's connectivity constraints, ensuring pages load efficiently on low-bandwidth networks and display correctly on mobile devices [139] . Right-to-left (RTL) layout support is implemented via internationalization libraries (e.g. next-i18next) so that Arabic pages have proper alignment and glyph shaping [138] [140] . The front-end includes dynamic visualizations (charts, maps) built with JS libraries (D3.js, Chart.js, ECharts, etc.) for an interactive user experience [141] . On the design side, the interface uses a high-contrast, accessible design with bilingual font support (for example, pairing Latin fonts with an appropriate Arabic font) to meet WCAG accessibility standards [142] [143] .

- **Content Management System (CMS):** A backend content system (such as WordPress or a headless CMS) manages all static and narrative content in both languages [144] [145] . This allows non-technical staff (economists, translators) to update text, upload images or PDFs, and publish new analysis without coding. The CMS stores page content and media in a database and delivers them to the front-end via templated pages or an API. Support for bilingual content is enabled (e.g. using WPML in WordPress or a custom locale structure) so that each page exists in EN and AR versions which are kept in sync [146] .

- **Data Storage & Pipeline:** The platform maintains a **database** for structured data (likely a relational DB like PostgreSQL) and a pipeline for data ingestion and updates [147] [148] . The schema is designed around key entities: *actors, indicators, data points, events, documents,* etc. (see **Data Schema** section below for details). A set of background **ingestion scripts** fetch data from external APIs (World Bank, IMF, OCHA/FTS, etc.) on a scheduled basis to keep key indicators up-to-date [149] [148] . For example, a daily job might pull the latest exchange rate from a market feed, a monthly job fetches updated food price indices from WFP, and a quarterly job retrieves the latest IMF data or sanctions list [150] [151] . These jobs include validation checks and log any changes (ensuring data quality and provenance by recording source and timestamp) [152] [153] . Data that cannot be auto-fetched (e.g. a new government budget figure, or a historical series from a PDF) can be entered manually via the admin interface [147] . The data pipeline architecture allows for both **live API integrations** and manual curation, using an idempotent upsert approach so that repeated fetches do not duplicate data [154] . All data points are stored with metadata: source reference, confidence score, and a "vintage" timestamp (capturing when that data was current) [155] [156] . This ensures traceability (every number can link back to a specific source document or URL). The storage layer also includes file storage for documents (e.g. PDF reports) and possibly a search index for full-text search across documents and narrative (for the site's search bar).

- **Service Layer (APIs & Backend):** An API layer (RESTful endpoints and/or GraphQL/tRPC) serves the data to the frontend and any external integrations [157] [158] . This acts as an **API Gateway** through which all data requests pass, enabling security and caching policies [159] . Business logic is implemented in this layer – for instance, computing composite indicators (like the Core Banking

Stress Index) from underlying metrics, or enforcing user access rules if needed. The backend is developed in a modern framework (e.g. Node.js with NestJS or Fastify) enabling high performance and easy JSON handling [157] . Real-time features (like live updates or notifications) are supported via WebSocket connections if necessary (for example, to push a breaking news ticker update) [160] . The API also exposes certain data publicly (with appropriate documentation) so that researchers can programmatically query the platform's datasets (see **Open API** section below) [151] .

- **Security & Infrastructure:** The platform is deployed on a scalable cloud infrastructure (such as AWS or GCP) with containerization and Infrastructure-as-Code for maintainability [161] [162] . It uses HTTPS encryption site-wide and implements a Web Application Firewall (WAF) and other security measures to protect sensitive data [161] . Role-based access control (RBAC) is in place for the admin backend (so only authorized editors can change content or data) [163] . Regular backups are configured for both the database and file storage (e.g. daily snapshots and versioned storage for documents) [164] . The system is designed for **99.9% uptime**, with a CDN caching static content for global performance and failover capacity [162] [165] . Monitoring and observability tools track metrics, logs, and traces, with alerts set for any downtime or anomalies. The architecture overall is built to be modular and extensible – for instance, adding a new country's "Compass" in the future or plugging in new data sources would not require a fundamental redesign [166] [167] . In summary, the tech stack aligns with modern web standards and emphasizes reliability, data integrity, and security (critical given the sensitive nature of financial data in a conflict context).

- **Data Schema (Core Entities):** The platform's database schema is centered on the core objects it monitors [155] [156] . Key tables include: **Actors** (stakeholders) with fields for unique ID, type/category, name in English and Arabic, summary description, and tags/attributes [168] . **Indicators** (quantitative series) with fields for ID, code (shortname), name EN/AR, unit of measure, frequency, description, and default source [169] . **Indicator_DataPoints** linking an indicator to a date and value (and unit, source_id, "vintage_at" timestamp, and confidence score) [170] . **Events** with ID, date, title EN/AR, category, severity, summary description, and an array of source references for that event [156] . **Event_Actor_Link** and **Event_Indicator_Link** tables to capture relationships (which actors were involved in an event, and which indicators an event impacted, with direction and lag info) [171] . **Regulations** table to catalog legal texts and directives, with fields like ID, title EN/AR, type (law, circular, memo), status (active/repealed), last_update date, official link (URL or PDF), and sensitivity level (if any) [172] . **Documents** (for library items) with fields: ID, title, author/org, date, tags, storage path, checksum, text excerpt, language, etc. [173] . **Sanctions_Entities** table for sanctioned individuals/entities, noting source list, program, name, aliases, identifying info, status, and optionally linking to an Actor if that entity is profiled [174] . **Recommendations** (for policy recommendations generated by the AI or experts) with fields: ID, related actor or scenario, text EN/AR, impact and risk scores, and evidence references array [175] . **Scenarios** tables for scenario configurations and results (storing simulation parameter sets and outputs) [176] . **AI_Responses** to log any AI-generated briefs, with the prompt, which refs were retrieved, the answer text, citations used, timestamp, etc. [177] . This schema ensures that every piece of content (data or narrative) is structured and cross-referenced, enabling the rich interactive features described above.

- **Analytics & Intelligence Engine:** On top of the data, the platform includes intelligent analytics modules. A rules-based engine maps **events to indicators** to infer causal links – for example, a rule might encode that *"if CBY raises reserve requirements, expect bank liquidity to drop in 30-90 days, which in turn may affect credit and then CPI"* [178] [179] . These "impact chains" help the platform's AI highlight

knock-on effects. There is a **confidence scoring system** for data points: each source is given a base trust weight, adjusted for freshness and cross-verification (points that are corroborated by multiple sources get higher confidence) [180]. The Compass also features a **scenario simulation engine**: by using Monte Carlo simulations over a defined model (with elasticity parameters), it can generate optimistic/baseline/pessimistic scenarios for things like restarting oil exports or changes in aid flows [181] [182]. A **recommendation engine** provides evidence-based policy recommendations tailored to each stakeholder, using templates and rule triggers (e.g. if exchange rate divergence > X and aid inflows Y, then a recommendation for donors might be "increase cash programming" – with explanation of expected effect, risks, and references) [183] [184]. Finally, the platform includes a **closed-corpus AI assistant** ("Ask the Compass") – essentially a chatbot that answers user queries in English or Arabic by drawing purely on the platform's verified data and documents (no open web) [185] [186]. It works by embedding the text of reports and data into a vector index and retrieving relevant snippets to feed into an answer, which is then composed with citations and a confidence banner showing how certain the AI is [186]. Every AI-generated brief is required to include citations and to refrain from using any information not in the trusted corpus (ensuring no hallucinations and preserving neutrality). Safety filters are applied so that sensitive or potentially harmful content (e.g. personal identifiers or politically provocative language) is avoided or redacted [187]. This AI feature is especially powerful for drafting summaries or answering complex questions by synthesizing across the platform's sources – essentially providing on-demand analysis, but always traceable back to the original data and documents.

In summary, the platform's architecture – both informational and technical – is designed to **exceed global benchmarks** for conflict economic monitoring [188]. It combines a massive breadth of content (850+ pages, 15 years of data) with depth (source fidelity and documentation for every claim) [189] [190]. The bilingual, modular design makes it accessible yet sophisticated, suitable for diverse audiences from academic researchers to field practitioners [45] [191]. The following sections of this documentation provide detailed content on specific areas – the legal framework in Yemen, profiles of banks and microfinance institutions, the full reference library, and technical API specifications – to support the operation and use of the CauseWay Compass platform as an official institutional tool.

Legal and Regulatory Framework (Laws, Regulations & Central Bank Directives)

A cornerstone of the platform is the compilation of **actual legal texts, financial regulations, central bank directives, and policy memos** that have governed (or tried to govern) Yemen's financial sector, both before and after the institutional split. This section presents the key laws and regulations in force, along with notes on their status in the divided context, as well as major central bank circulars and decisions from both Aden and Sana'a authorities.

Key Financial Legislation in Yemen

Despite the turmoil of war, Yemen *does* have a foundational legal framework for finance – albeit one that is now inconsistently enforced and in need of updating [192] . The platform's legal library includes the full texts (when available) or official summaries of all relevant financial laws. The most important laws are:

- **Central Bank of Yemen Law No. 14 of 2000:** Establishes the Central Bank's mandate, objectives, and governance. This law defines the CBY's core functions (ensuring price stability, supporting the national currency's value, managing reserves, acting as banker to the government, etc.) [193] . It outlines the independence of the Central Bank and its policy tools. This 2000 law remains the legal basis for central banking, though in practice since 2016 two separate authorities claim this mandate. (Notably, proposals have been floated to amend this law to reflect post-war realities, but as of 2025 it is still in effect as written.) The platform provides access to Law 14/2000 in both English translation and Arabic, and highlights key articles (such as Article 4 on objectives, Article 27 on note issuance limits, etc.).

- **Banking Law No. 38 of 1998:** The primary law governing the licensing, regulation, and supervision of banks in Yemen [194] . It covers the requirements to operate a commercial bank, sets prudential standards (capital adequacy, liquidity ratios), and grants the Central Bank authority to oversee and inspect banks. This law also includes provisions on Islamic banking. Since the war, enforcement has diverged: the CBY-Aden attempted to apply this law in revoking or warning licenses of banks that didn't meet capital requirements (at least on paper) [195] , whereas CBY-Sana'a continued supervising banks in Houthi areas under this same law but with its own interpretations. The platform includes the text of Law 38/1998 and any amendments.

- **Microfinance Bank Law No. 15 of 2009:** This law enabled and regulates microfinance banks (MFBs) in Yemen [196] . It set minimum capital requirements for MFBs and defined their permissible activities (deposit-taking from the public, micro-lending, etc., with some limits distinct from commercial banks). Under this law, Yemen established several microfinance banks (Al-Amal Bank was the first under this law). The law was quite progressive regionally (for comparison, Syria only allowed an MFB to take deposits much later) [197] . The platform provides this law's text, which has become especially important as numerous money exchange companies converted into licensed micro-banks around 2020–2022. Both authorities have an interest in maintaining this law to support financial inclusion [198] , although supervision capacity is stretched.

- **Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Law of 2010 and Counter-Terrorism Financing (CFT) Amendments (c.2013):** Yemen issued a dedicated AML law in 2010, and later amendments addressing terrorism financing [199] . These laws criminalize money laundering, require customer due diligence by banks, and established a Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) for reporting suspicious transactions [200] . The platform includes these texts, acknowledging that enforcement has been problematic during the conflict. The FIU (which was originally under CBY Sana'a) became effectively split; the IRG has attempted to re-establish an FIU in Aden. Both sides claim to uphold AML/CFT standards, and Yemen continues to engage with the Middle East & North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENAFATF) on these issues [201] [202] . (Yemen has been on and off FATF watchlists; in 2015 it was listed as high-risk, contributing to global banks severing ties with Yemeni banks).

- **Customs Law (1990) and Income Tax Law (2010) and related tax laws:** These laws govern revenue collection that affects financial flows. For instance, the Customs Law sets duties at ports (competition over control of customs in Hodeidah vs. Aden has big fiscal implications), and the Income Tax Law (and a draft VAT law that was prepared pre-war) affect businesses and banks in terms of taxation [203] . During the conflict, the Houthi authorities introduced a parallel **Zakat Law (2018)**, creating a Zakat Authority that collects a 2.5% levy effectively as an additional tax in areas they control [204] . The platform includes the texts of the Zakat Authority law as enacted in Sana'a, as well as noting its divergence from the national tax law. These illustrate how a parallel legal system has been created by de facto authorities.

- **Electronic Payments Regulation (Draft 2019):** The IRG, with IMF assistance, drafted new regulations in 2019 to govern electronic money and payment service providers [201] . This was partly in response to the emergence of mobile money and electronic wallets (e.g. efforts to introduce digital currency like the "e-Rial"). While it's unclear if this draft was formally issued, the platform includes any available text or policy paper on it, given its relevance to fintech developments (mobile wallets, etc.) in Yemen [201] .

- **Other laws** covered in the library include the **Central Depository and Settlement System Law (if any)**, any relevant **Investment law or Companies Law** that affects financial institutions, the **Public Finance Law**, and the **Local Governance Law** to the extent fiscal decentralization is considered. The platform also references key **international standards** Yemen aspires to, such as the Basel Core Principles for Banking Supervision (Yemen's central bank pre-war was gradually working toward Basel standards) [202] .

For each law, the documentation provides a summary in English and Arabic, and highlights any known updates or conflicting interpretations since the split. For example, after 2016, certain regulations under these laws were issued separately by Aden and Sana'a (e.g. separate circulars on capital requirements) – those are discussed below. The **Legal Cards** in the platform's Regulations section show for each law: a short description, the official link or PDF, last update, and sensitivity level (if politically sensitive) [205] [206] .

Central Bank Regulations and Split-era Directives

Since the Central Bank split into two authorities, each side has issued its own **circulars, decrees, and directives** which have at times conflicted. The platform has collated all major **Central Bank of Yemen (CBY) directives and policy memos** from both Aden and Sana'a from 2016 to present. Notable examples include:

- **CBY-Aden circulars:** These have included directives on bank capital (e.g. a 2021 memo warning banks to increase capital or face license revocation) [195] , instructions to banks to relocate headquarters to Aden (2018), the implementation of new banknote series (2017), and the adoption of an exchange rate float (August 2017) [207] . In late 2019, CBY-Aden responded to Houthi actions by issuing a directive instructing banks nationwide to continue accepting the new currency notes and capping any electronic money issuance [208] [209] . The platform includes scans or texts of these Aden CBY directives, along with English translations.

- **CBY-Sana'a (De Facto) directives:** These include the December 2019 **ban on new currency notes** issued by Aden and the simultaneous introduction of a digital currency initiative ("e-Rial") [210] [208] .

Earlier, in 2017, Houthi authorities gave unofficial orders to banks not to transfer funds to Aden and later formalized restrictions. In June 2017 they issued a circular instructing businesses not to use the new banknotes of YR 500 and YR 1,000 printed by Aden [211] . The platform's regulation tracker logs these steps: e.g. *"Dec 2019: Sana'a CBY Circular No. (..) banning new notes and launching e-Rial, with 30-day exchange window"* [210] . It also notes enforcement actions like Houthi authorities detaining executives of banks (e.g. TIIB, Al-Kuraimi) to enforce compliance [103] . Additionally, during a 2018 rial crash, Houthi regulators imposed interest rate caps and arrested dozens of exchangers for "speculation" [212] . These decisions are documented as well.

- **Economic Committee Decrees (IRG):** In 2018, the Yemeni government's Economic Committee (based in Aden) issued **Decree 75** regulating the use of the Saudi deposit for import financing of essential goods [213] [214] . This decree required importers of certain goods to go through the CBY's Letter-of-Credit system at a fixed rate, which was controversial (allegations of favoritism arose). The platform provides the text of Decree 75 (Sept 2018) and notes that parts of it were later suspended to ease food import difficulties [215] . Another measure was a temporary ban by Aden authorities on exporting hard currency out of Yemen. All such policy measures are listed chronologically in the **Decision Log** with their date, issuer, and purpose [216] [208] .

- **Ministry of Finance (Aden) memos:** Including the December 2019 announcement that the IRG could no longer pay salaries in Houthi-controlled areas due to the note ban and liquidity crunch [217] [218] . Also, budget announcements or exchange rate unifications attempted by the IRG (for instance, the MOF in Aden reportedly considered devaluing the official rate in 2021). The documentation collects any such memos available.

- **Houthi fiscal directives:** Such as the institution of the Zakat tax law mentioned above, and directives to customs authorities to divert revenues (the platform notes, for example, the 2019 initiative where the UN attempted a revenue-sharing deal for Hodeidah port fees, which involved tacit coordination of customs procedures).

Each **regulatory action** is presented in the platform's database with: Date, Issuing Authority, a summary of the measure, and its implications [211] [210] . Users can filter these by authority (e.g. show all CBY-Aden vs all CBY-Sana'a directives). This is critical for compliance tracking, as banks and businesses have had to navigate often contradictory regulations. For instance, after the December 2019 ban, banks in Sana'a had to obey CBY-Sana'a's rules or face closure, but also risked penalties from CBY-Aden for complying with the ban. The platform's commentary explains these legal conflicts (e.g. the legal confusion in loan contracts and repayments when one side's courts might not recognize the other's decisions) [219] [220] .

Additionally, the platform includes **international agreements and guidelines** that affect Yemen's financial legal context: for example, the IMF's safeguards requirements (the attempt to perform a joint audit of the CBY 2014 accounts as part of reunification talks) [221] , and conditions from donors that funds be held in special escrow accounts with audits (World Bank and others require project funds to be channeled via designated accounts in e.g. CAC Bank or NBY) [222] . These effectively impose certain standards by proxy (for instance, local banks managing donor funds must undergo audits by international firms, improving transparency) [222] .

In summary, the legal framework section of the platform serves as both a **law library** and a **policy log**, ensuring that users (especially compliance officers, lawyers, and researchers) have access to the *actual texts*

of laws and a timeline of regulatory decisions. All content is sourced from official gazettes, government websites, or credible reports. For example, references include Yemen's Official Gazette publications (for laws pre-2014), U.N. Panel of Experts reports that often cite specific decrees, and Central Bank press releases. By aggregating these, the platform aids in understanding how governance of the financial sector splintered and what would be required to unify it legally. A notable insight from this compilation is the need to **harmonize parallel legal interpretations** – e.g., resolving how contracts enforced in Houthi courts differ from those in IRG courts, something flagged as a risk by investors and likely a key task in any peace transition [223] [224] .

Stakeholder Profiles: Banks and Microfinance Institutions

One of the most critical components of the CauseWay Compass is the comprehensive profiling of every licensed **commercial bank** and **microfinance institution** (MFI) operating in Yemen. The platform's Stakeholder Universe includes detailed pages for each bank and MFI, presenting key performance indicators (KPIs), ownership and governance info, sanctions or audit flags, financial resilience metrics, and licensing details. These profiles are grounded in primary documents – such as banks' financial statements, Central Bank reports, and international auditor findings – to ensure accuracy and accountability.

Commercial Banks in Yemen

Prior to the war, Yemen had 17 operational banks (11 private commercial banks – of which some were Islamic banks – and 6 public or state-owned including specialized banks) [225] [226] . As of 2023, with new licenses and reconfigurations, there are about 19 banks (this count includes a few that have converted to microfinance banks) [227] [228] . The platform profiles **all** these institutions. Below is an overview of each licensed commercial bank (including Islamic banks), grouped by category:

- **Cooperative & Agricultural Credit Bank (CAC Bank):** A state-owned bank established in 1969, historically Yemen's largest public bank [229] . CAC Bank had a broad network and, notably, has been involved in digital payment initiatives (it was a partner in the mobile money "e-Rial" platform launched by the Houthi-run CBY in 2019) [101] . During the war, CAC's management effectively split – one management in Sana'a (the original HQ) and a government-appointed management in Aden. CAC retained relatively strong capital and was entrusted by donors: for instance, humanitarian organizations and the World Bank channeled funds through CAC for certain projects [222] . KPI highlights: Pre-war, CAC held roughly 20% of banking system assets; it continued limited operations through conflict. **Sanctions flags:** None on the institution itself, but it had to navigate compliance (correspondent banks abroad severed ties post-2015). **Audit status:** CAC Bank underwent an external audit facilitated by the IMF in 2019 as part of re-unification discussions [230] . **Resilience:** CAC managed to launch Yemen's first local electronic payment card and served as the clearing bank for fuel import financing in 2018. However, it suffered from frozen accounts and had its SWIFT code briefly suspended in 2016 (later reactivated via Aden) [101] .

- **National Bank of Yemen (NBY):** A state-owned commercial bank (est. 1969) with a significant presence. NBY has also been split between Sana'a and Aden factions. It traditionally held government accounts. KPI: NBY's capital adequacy deteriorated; by some reports it and CAC had to rely on government recapitalization. **Sanctions:** None (NBY was not sanctioned). **Audits:** Subject to Central Bank supervision; no known international audit published during war. NBY was used to

disburse some public sector salaries in the south. It faces high NPLs (non-performing loans) due to government's inability to service debts.

- **Yemen Bank for Reconstruction & Development (YBRD):** The oldest Yemeni bank (est. 1962) and partly state-owned. It traditionally financed development projects. YBRD's head office remained in Sana'a; it struggled with liquidity as its government deposits vanished. **Resilience:** YBRD still operates and has many branches, but limited lending.

- **Tadhamon International Islamic Bank (TIIB):** The largest private bank pre-war, part of the HSA conglomerate. Established 1995, Islamic bank. **Ownership:** Hayel Saeed Anam (HSA) Group families. **KPIs:** Pre-war it had ~20% of deposits. War impact: Tadhamon's assets in Houthi areas were frozen for a period; its ability to transact internationally was hit by de-risking (some Gulf banks closed accounts). **Sanctions:** Not on any sanctions list, but in 2019 the U.S. Treasury mentioned a Yemeni exchange network (related to HSA's money exchange arm) in a terror finance advisory – Tadhamon itself was not designated. **Audit:** Per Panel of Experts, TIIB's management did commission audits, but dual regulation made consistent oversight tough. **Financial resilience:** Faced heavy withdrawal demands in 2016–17; reportedly limited cash withdrawals severely. It leveraged HSA support to maintain some stability.

- **International Bank of Yemen (IBY):** A private bank (est. 1979) owned by the Bin Mahfouz family (which also had stake in Saudi's NCB). IBY was mid-sized. **War:** IBY's Saudi shareholders had difficulties injecting support due to capital controls. IBY curtailed operations heavily.

- **Yemen Commercial Bank (YCB):** A private conventional bank (founded early 1990s). It had some government share. YCB's profile notes whether it relocated HQ to Aden; it dealt with similar issues of asset freezes.

- **Yemen Kuwait Bank (YKB):** Private bank partly owned by Kuwaiti interests (est. 1979). **Ownership:** Mixed Yemeni/Kuwaiti. It relocated HQ to Aden in 2018 under pressure from CBY-Aden. **Resilience:** YKB managed to keep corresponding accounts a bit longer due to Kuwaiti links.

- **Arab Bank – Yemen:** Branch of Jordan's Arab Bank (est. 1970s in Yemen). **Ownership:** Arab Bank plc. **Status:** Continued operating but at minimal capacity; as a foreign bank branch, it followed HQ's policies – in 2016, Arab Bank consolidated its Yemen exposure. **Sanctions:** None; but it faced difficulty repatriating funds from Yemen due to capital controls.

- **Shamil Bank of Yemen & Bahrain:** An Islamic bank with Bahraini link (later renamed). Likely struggled and may have merged or closed during war. The platform notes its status.

- **Rafidain Bank – Yemen:** Branch of Iraq's Rafidain (state bank). Provided services especially to Iraqi-Yemeni community. Its operations became tiny by war's peak.

- **Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait (BBK) – Yemen:** Another foreign bank branch (if still open; many closed in early war years).

- **Qatar National Bank (QNB) – Yemen:** Opened a branch pre-war which closed in 2017 due to conflict and Qatar-Gulf rift.

(*Note:* The total "55 commercial banks" mentioned in platform materials likely counts each branch or a broader set of licensed financial institutions, possibly including exchange companies as quasi-banks. In reality, the core licensed banks are those above; new entrants during the war were mostly microfinance banks, covered below.)

Financial Soundness and Risks: The platform tracks metrics like each bank's paid-up capital versus required capital, their last known financial statements (assets, deposit levels), and whether they faced a **run or closure**. By 2020, Yemen's formal banking sector was "a shell of its former self" [231] – total bank deposits fell from YR 2.5 trillion pre-war to about YR 1.8 trillion, and only ~6% of Yemenis had a bank account [200] [232] . Many banks effectively ceased lending; their role narrowed to basic services and acting as custodians of frozen deposits [233] . The platform's **Core Banking Stress Index (CBSI)** compiles bank data on liquidity ratios, non-performing loan percentages, and branch closures to quantify the distress [234] . For example, by 2018 some estimates said >60% of loans were non-performing across banks [234] . Several banks likely fell below the minimum capital adequacy (10 billion YR) in real terms [195] . **Sanctions and Compliance:** No Yemeni bank as an institution is directly under UN or US sanctions (as of 2025), but individual shareholders or exchangers tied to them might be (e.g. Al-Suwaid Exchange, co-owner of a bank, was sanctioned by OFAC in 2021 for AQAP links [235]). The profiles flag such cases. Compliance-wise, Yemeni banks were cut off from global lines: e.g., in 2015 Western banks terminated correspondent relationships due to Yemen's inclusion on FATF high-risk list [236] . Many banks moved funds to Lebanon as an alternative – about $240 million of Yemeni bank assets were in Lebanese banks by 2019 [236] . The collapse of Lebanon's banking sector then trapped those funds (this is detailed in an analysis available on the platform). The profiles note amounts of such exposure if known. For instance, CAC and Tadhamon each had tens of millions stuck in Lebanese banks [236] .

Audit and Oversight: The documentation notes which banks received international audits or support. The IMF helped facilitate audits of the CBY itself; in 2021, a UAE-based firm reportedly audited several Yemeni banks at the IRG's behest. Banks affiliated with the Houthi side had audits by local firms and were not recognized by international regulators. These details are included to assess credibility of reported figures.

Licensing Details: Each profile indicates **license status** – all banks originally licensed by CBY pre-2016. Post-split, CBY-Aden threatened to revoke licenses of banks not complying with its regs (e.g. moving HQ) but did not fully follow through. Meanwhile, CBY-Sana'a continued issuing circulars to the same banks. So effectively, all banks maintain dual licenses. The platform reflects that dual compliance burden.

In summary, the bank profiles give a factual, up-to-date picture of each financial institution's condition. Data is backed by primary sources: excerpts from Central Bank quarterly reports (when available up to 2014), U.N. Panel expert reports for war impacts (which often list banking sector stats), and even the banks' own websites or released statements. This allows stakeholders (like humanitarian actors assessing which banks are viable for delivering aid, or regulators planning reconstruction of the sector) to quickly get critical info on **who's who in Yemeni banking** and their viability. A key insight is that most Yemeni banks survived in name but at drastically reduced capacity – deposits are largely frozen and intermediation (loans) nearly halted [237] . Any recovery effort must address recapitalizing and possibly merging or resolving some of these banks [234] [238] .

Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) and Microfinance Banks

Yemen's microfinance sector, while small pre-war, grew substantially during the conflict as MFIs filled the gap left by collapsing commercial banks [239] [104]. As of 2025, Yemen has **4 licensed microfinance banks** (Al-Amal, Al-Kuraimi, Al-Qutaibi, and Azal Microfinance Bank – plus several very new ones established 2022–2024) and over **30 microfinance institutions/programs** (non-bank MFIs often structured as NGOs or as programs under SFD) [225] [240]. The platform profiles every significant MFI:

- **Al-Amal Microfinance Bank:** Established 2009 as the first microfinance bank in Yemen (with support from Social Fund for Development and external donors). **Ownership:** Mixed, including SFD, private investors. **KPI:** As of late 2010s, served ~70,000 clients, and had ~15 branches. **Resilience:** Al-Amal continued operating through the war, focusing on micro-loans and savings accounts (by 2019, ~1.3 million Yemenis had micro-savings largely thanks to institutions like Al-Amal and Al-Kuraimi) [241] [242]. It benefited from being neutral and development-focused; it avoided political entanglement. **Audit:** Received capacity building and audits via SFD. No sanctions issues.

- **Al-Kuraimi Islamic Microfinance Bank:** Yemen's largest microfinance institution, originally a money exchange network (Al-Kuraimi Exchange) that transformed into a licensed microfinance bank in 2010 [243]. **Scale:** By mid-2020s, Al-Kuraimi had over 1 million accounts and 40+ branches [104] [244]. It became a main agent for NGO cash transfers and even government salary payments (especially early in the war, Kuraimi paid salaries in Houthi areas on behalf of the gov't until being stopped) [105]. **Sanctions/Pressures:** In 2018, Houthi authorities detained some Kuraimi staff, accusing the bank of following CBY-Aden orders [105]. Also, in 2021, the U.S. designated Al-Kuraimi's exchange business for facilitating Houthi finance (though later clarified and effectively paused that designation due to humanitarian impact). The profile clarifies that situation. **Financials:** Extremely important for remittances – an estimated 40% of remittances flowed through Kuraimi's network by 2020. **Audit:** The bank has partnerships with international orgs, implying some oversight. It's a clear example of **"licensing boom"**: its success spurred others.

- **National Microfinance Foundation (NMF):** A leading non-bank MFI (NGO form, started mid-2000s) with branches in multiple governorates. It provides microcredit and some savings via community groups. Continued work albeit with challenges. No sanctions. Supported by Social Fund.

- **Al-Qutaibi Islamic Microfinance Bank:** One of the new microfinance banks licensed around 2021, likely originating from a money exchange (Al-Qutaibi Exchange) converting to a micro-bank. Profile notes year founded (2021), early performance, and any issues (e.g. whether fully operational or mostly an upgrade in name only).

- **Aden Microfinance Foundation:** An NGO MFI focusing on Aden and south (profile includes its loan portfolio and donors supporting it).

- **Al-Kuraimi and Tadhamon** also have microfinance programs (Tadhamon established a separate microfinance arm under its Islamic banking umbrella).

- **Azal Microfinance Bank:** Possibly established in 2022 in Sana'a areas (the name suggests northern initiative). Profile would note it.

- **Al-Inma, Al-Busairi, Bin Dowa, Shamoul, Sharq Yemen, Al-Qasimi, etc.:** The list from data shows a series of new microfinance banks licensed in 2022–2024, mostly in IRG-controlled areas (many are family-owned, likely spurred by loosened licensing and donor push for inclusion)【34†】. Each is profiled with minimal info: e.g. year established, key founder (for instance, Al-Qasimi Bank founded 2024, private), and concerns that rapid licensing may be outpacing regulators' capacity [245] [246].

The platform's analysis highlights trends: by 2023, the number of microfinance banks jumped dramatically (the **"license bubble"** phenomenon) [244] [247]. Many money exchange houses sought micro-bank licenses to gain legitimacy and access to formal financial systems. This brought **benefits** (more people served – microfinance account holders climbed to ~1.9 million by 2023 from 0.3 million in 2015 [241] [248]) but also **risks**: regulators (CBY-Aden and CBY-Sana'a) struggled to supervise so many new entrants, raising concerns about weak credit discipline or even potential laundering if oversight is lax [238] [249]. The Houthi de facto authorities and IRG both encouraged microfinance as a policy for resilience – one of the few areas of convergence [198] – but in practice their rivalry created uneven playing fields (some new MFIs in Aden got donor support and better tech, while those in Sana'a did not, etc.) [245] [250].

Each MFI profile includes **KPIs** like number of active borrowers, total loan portfolio, portfolio at risk (PAR >30 days), number of branches, and whether they take deposits. For example, Al-Amal's PAR soared during the war due to economic stress; Al-Kuraimi's deposit base grew but it also faced liquidity demands. Data sources are Yemen Microfinance Network reports and SFD assessments. The platform also flags any **audit or award** – e.g. Al-Amal was recognized internationally early on.

Sanctions/Compliance: No Yemeni MFI is directly sanctioned. However, many MFIs rely on cash couriers and hawala networks which faced general compliance issues. The platform notes if any MFI was mentioned in documents like the UN Panel report or if their owners were politically exposed.

Licensing & Oversight: All MFBs are licensed by CBY (either Aden or Sana'a depending on where they applied). For instance, Aden CBY licensed several new ones in 2022 when it had donor backing for financial inclusion. Sana'a also announced some new Islamic micro-banks. The profiles note who licensed them. The **Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN)** and **Social Fund for Development (SFD)** are also profiled as key support institutions – YMN as an association coordinating MFIs, and SFD as the original incubator and funder for many MF programs [251]. SFD continued some support even during war (with World Bank funding via UNDP).

Money Exchangers: While not banks, the largest money exchange companies are included in profiles due to their systemic role. For example, **Al-Suwaid & Sons** (major exchanger, co-owner of Quality Connect payment platform, sanctioned by U.S. in 2021) [235], **Al-Aziz Exchange**, **Yemen and Gulf Exchange**, etc., and the **Money Exchangers Union** (one for north, one for south) [32]. The profiles describe how exchangers became pivotal for remittances, and how both central banks tried to license and regulate them (with limited success) [252] [253]. The largest exchangers like Al-Kuraimi and Al-Amaki effectively turned into quasi-banks, handling NGO funds and everyday transfers on a massive scale [36] [254].

By providing granular profiles on all these institutions, the platform enables users to assess **financial sector stability** and identify potential partners or risks. For example, humanitarian agencies can check which banks or MFIs are viable for cash programming (the platform might recommend that as of 2025, only a handful of banks like CAC, NBY, Tadhamon are functional enough, and MFIs like Kuraimi are critical).

Regulators and donors can see which institutions could anchor a reconstruction (e.g. building on the microfinance network's success).

The data in profiles is kept up-to-date with input from official records: the Central Bank's bank supervision reports (if obtainable), or at least the development project documents which often list banking stats (the World Bank's Financial Infrastructure project docs, etc.). Each profile cites its sources at the bottom (for instance, "Source: CBY Banking Supervision Report 2017, Sana'a Center article 2020, etc."). This transparency is key as numbers in Yemen can be contested.

Finally, a **financial network map** is provided to visualize connections: e.g. linking banks to their owners (showing HSA Group connects to Tadhamon Bank; the Al-Kuraimi family connects to Al-Kuraimi Bank and Exchange; the government connects to CAC and NBY; etc.) [122] [255] . Also linking which banks and MFIs are operating in which jurisdictions. This network view helps illustrate issues like concentration (e.g. HSA Group influence) and fragmentation.

In conclusion, the Stakeholder profiles, especially for banks and MFIs, deliver an unprecedented level of detail on Yemen's financial institutions with evidence-based assessments of each. It underlines a critical narrative: **the formal banking system has been hollowed out, while informal and microfinance institutions rose to prominence** [256] [257] . Rebuilding trust and capacity in these institutions is one of Yemen's post-conflict challenges, and the platform's documentation provides the factual basis for such efforts.

Platform API Specifications (per Module)

In addition to the web interface, the Yemen Economic & Financial Platform provides a set of **RESTful APIs** that allow programmatic access to its data and functionalities. This section details the API specification for each major module – including endpoint URLs, request/response formats, parameters, error handling, and relevant data schemas. These APIs enable developers, analysts, or partner systems to query the Compass data (for integration into other tools, or to automate updates), ensuring the platform's data and insights are not siloed. All API endpoints accept requests and return responses in JSON format, and require proper authentication for write operations (read endpoints for public data are generally open or use API keys as noted).

General Conventions:
- Base URL: `https://api.yemeneconomiccompass.org/v1/` (for example purposes).
- All endpoints return JSON. Dates are in ISO 8601 format (`YYYY-MM-DD`). Numeric values are usually in floats or ints as applicable.
- For bilingual content, endpoints either provide both languages or allow a `lang` parameter (`en` or `ar`). If not specified, English is default.
- Errors follow a unified structure: e.g. HTTP 400 for bad requests, 404 for not found, 500 for server errors. The JSON error response contains `{"error": {"code": <HTTP_CODE>, "message": "<description>"}}` .
- All GET endpoints are read-only and generally don't require auth (some may require an API key if rate-limited). POST/PUT (for feedback or internal use) require API keys or OAuth token, which is beyond public scope.

- Paging: List endpoints support `limit` and `offset` parameters for pagination (default limit 100, max 1000). They return results along with a `total_count`.

Below are module-specific API details:

Dashboard (Home) Module API

This covers the high-level indicators and summary statistics shown on the Home dashboard.

- **GET** `/dashboard/summary` – Retrieves the current values of key indicators displayed on the home page's "Master Compass" widget.
  Description: Returns ~12 core indicators with their latest available values for both regions (if applicable) [50].
  Response example:

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1300, "unit": "YER/USD", "date": "2025-12-01", "source": "Market Survey"},
    {"code": "FX_rate_Sanaa", "name_en": "Exchange Rate (Sana'a)",
"value": 600, "unit": "YER/USD", "date": "2025-12-01", "source": "CBY
Sana'a"},
    {"code": "FX_gap", "name_en": "Exchange Rate Gap", "value": 116.7,
"unit": "%", "calc_note": "((1300-600)/600*100)"},
    {"code": "FoodBasket_cost", "name_en": "Min. Food Basket (monthly)",
"value": 45000, "unit": "YER", "date": "2025-11-01", "source": "WFP VAM"},
    {"code": "Public_Revenue", "name_en": "Public Revenue (vs 2014)",
"value": 30, "unit": "% of 2014", "year": 2023, "source": "IMF Est."},
    {"code": "Oil_output", "name_en": "Oil Output", "value": 25, "unit":
"kbpd", "year": 2023, "source": "YOGC"},
    {"code": "Aid_inflows", "name_en": "Humanitarian Aid (annual)",
"value": 2300, "unit": "USD million", "year": 2024, "source": "FTS/OCHA"},
    {"code": "Sanctions_index", "name_en": "Sanctions Intensity Index",
"value": 70, "unit": "index", "quarter": "2025-Q4", "source":
"CompassCalc"},
    {"code": "BankStress_index", "name_en": "Core Banking Stress Index",
"value": 85, "unit": "index", "quarter": "2025-Q4", "source":
"CompassCalc"}
```

```
    ]
  }
```

Notes: Each item includes a data source or a note if it's a calculated index. The response also includes a `timestamp` indicating when the snapshot was generated. This endpoint is used to populate the home page cards [50] .

- **GET** `/dashboard/news` – Returns the latest 5–10 news headlines shown in the ticker [53] .
  Response: An array of news items, each with `title` , `source` , `date` , and `link` . For example:

```
{"news": [
    {"title": "CBY-Aden raises interest rate to stabilize rial", "source":
"Reuters", "date": "2025-11-20", "url": "https://..."},
    {"title": "UN appeals for $4bn for Yemen aid in 2025", "source": "UN
News", "date": "2025-11-15", "url": "..."}
]}
```

The content is pulled from the platform's internal news database (which aggregates feeds).

- **GET** `/dashboard/journeys` – Returns the structure of the 5 user journey pathways (Researchers, Donors, Government, Private, Media) and their key links [258] [259] . Essentially a static JSON listing each persona and recommended pages/tools for them. Useful if a front-end or external app wants to recreate the "Choose your journey" section.

Error handling: For these endpoints, possible errors are minimal since they are read-only. If a data source is missing, values might be `null` with an `"error": "No data"` field at that indicator entry. The API as a whole returns 500 if the summary could not be generated.

Data Explorer (Indicators) Module API

This module provides access to time-series data for economic indicators and allows filtering and aggregation.

- **GET** `/indicators` – List all available indicators (meta-data only).
  Query Params: `category` (optional, e.g. "macro", "finance", "humanitarian"), `search` (optional text search in name or code).
  Response: A list of indicators with their codes, names (EN/AR), units, frequency, and default source [169] . Example:

```
{"indicators": [
  {"code": "NY.GDP.MKTP.CD", "name_en": "GDP (current US$)", "name_ar":
"الناتج المحلي الإجمالي الاسمي", "unit": "USD", "frequency": "Annual",
"default_source": "World Bank WDI"},
  {"code": "CPI.IRG", "name_en": "Consumer Price Index (IRG areas)",
```

```
  "unit": "Index 2014=100", "frequency": "Monthly", "default_source": "CSO
  Aden"},
    {"code": "CPI.DFA", "name_en": "Consumer Price Index (DFA areas)",
  "unit": "Index 2014=100", "frequency": "Monthly", "default_source": "CAP
  Sana'a"},
    {"code": "EXR.ParallelGap", "name_en": "Exchange Rate Gap", "unit": "%",
  "frequency": "Weekly", "default_source": "Compass Calc"},
    ...
  ]}
```

Pagination: If >100 indicators, supports paging.
Error cases: none unless invalid filter (400 for bad category).

- **GET** `/indicators/{code}` – Retrieve full time-series data for a specific indicator.
Path Param: `code` – the indicator's code or ID (for example, `NY.GDP.MKTP.CD` for GDP, or a Compass code like `CPI.IRG`).
Query Params: `start_date` and/or `end_date` (optional) to filter the date range; if not provided, returns all available data. Can also filter by region if the indicator covers multiple (some indicators might have sub-keys for region, but typically separate codes are used for Aden vs Sana'a).
Response: JSON object with indicator metadata and an array of data points. Example (for GDP current USD):

```
  {
    "code": "NY.GDP.MKTP.CD",
    "name_en": "GDP (current US$)",
    "unit": "USD",
    "frequency": "Annual",
    "data": [
      {"year": 2014, "value": 43000000000, "source": "World Bank WDI",
  "confidence": "High"},
      {"year": 2015, "value": 37000000000, "source": "World Bank WDI",
  "confidence": "High"},
      ...
      {"year": 2022, "value": 30400000000, "source": "World Bank estimate",
  "confidence": "Medium"},
      {"year": 2023, "value": 29800000000, "source": "IMF projection",
  "confidence": "Low"}
    ]
  }
```

For monthly indicators, `date` might be full YYYY-MM or YYYY-MM-DD. If an indicator has multiple series (like CPI could have Aden vs Sana'a), those are usually split into separate codes; however if combined, the data might include sub-objects for regions. The **confidence** field reflects source trust as per Compass data quality scoring [180] (optional).
Error cases: 404 if code not found. 400 if date format wrong.

- **GET** `/indicators/{code}/chart` – (Optional convenience) Returns a ready format for charts, possibly aggregating multiple related series (e.g. exchange rate Aden & Sana'a in one response). This could merge multiple codes. But since clients can call individual series, this might not be needed. If implemented, likely to accept multiple codes via query and return a combined JSON for charting.

- **GET** `/data-catalog` – Returns the same content as the Data Catalogue page [130] [131] . Essentially similar to GET `/indicators` but with more detail and grouped by category. It might include the confidence level, last updated date, etc. For example:

```
{"catalog": [
   {"category": "Economic",
     "indicators": [
        {"code": "RGDP", "name": "Real GDP (index)", "unit": "2014=100",
"frequency": "Annual", "coverage": "National", "source": "WB/IMF",
"confidence": "High", "last_update": "2024-06-30"},
        {"code": "CPI.IRG", "name": "Consumer Price Index (IRG)", ...}
     ]
   },
   {"category": "Financial", ...},
   {"category": "Humanitarian", ...}
]}
```

This is mostly for completeness.

Error Handling & Performance: If a date range yields too many points (like daily data over 10 years), the API may enforce a limit or require filtering (though currently most series are monthly or annual, so manageable). The API responses include caching headers (e.g. ETag or Last-Modified) to allow client-side caching. If data is not yet available for the requested period, the `data` array might be empty, or truncated to last point.

Stakeholders (Partners) Module API

This provides access to stakeholder profiles – essentially the "partners" in Yemen's economic landscape (banks, organizations, etc.). The endpoints allow listing stakeholders and retrieving profile details.

- **GET** `/stakeholders` – List all stakeholder profiles available.
  Query Params: `type` (filter by type/category such as "bank", "microfinance", "gov_agency", "donor", "business", etc.), `search` (name search).
  Response: A list of stakeholders with basic info. Example:

```
{"stakeholders": [
   {"id": "cby_aden", "name_en": "Central Bank of Yemen (Aden)", "name_ar":
"البنك المركزي اليمني (عدن)", "type": "Central Bank"},
   {"id": "cby_sanaa", "name_en": "Central Bank of Yemen (Sana'a)", "type":
"Central Bank"},
```

```
    {"id": "cac_bank", "name_en": "CAC Bank", "name_ar": "بنك التسليف التعاوني
والزراعي", "type": "Commercial Bank"},
    {"id": "hsa_group", "name_en": "Hayel Saeed Anam Group", "type":
"Business Conglomerate"},
    {"id": "world_bank", "name_en": "World Bank", "type": "Donor/IFI"},
    ...
]}
```

This helps in building menus or searching entities.

- **GET** `/stakeholders/{id}` – Retrieve detailed profile of a specific stakeholder (by its ID or slug).
  Response: JSON with structured profile info. The exact schema varies by stakeholder type but generally includes: `name_en`, `name_ar`, `type`, `description` (overview text), and various fields for KPIs and flags. For example, for a bank:

```
{
  "id": "cac_bank",
  "name_en": "Cooperative & Agricultural Credit Bank",
  "name_ar": "البنك التعاوني الزراعي (كاك بنك)",
  "type": "Commercial Bank",
  "established_year": 1969,
  "ownership": "State-owned (100%)",
  "headquarters": ["Aden", "Sana'a"],
  "key_people": ["Chairman: [Name]", "Governor-appointed Manager: [Name]"],
  "financials": {
      "prewar_assets": 1200000000, "prewar_deposits": 900000000,
      "2023_est_deposits": 500000000, "capital_adequacy": "below
requirement",
      "branches": {"2014": 30, "2023": 30}
  },
  "status": "Operational (split management)",
  "sanctions": null,
  "notes": "Partner bank for UN projects; involved in e-Rial initiative.",
  "links": [
      {"text": "Audit Report 2019", "url": "https://.../CAC_audit2019.pdf"},
      {"text": "Official Website", "url": "http://cacbank.com.ye"}
  ]
}
```

For a microfinance bank, similar fields but maybe `focus`: microfinance, and number of clients. For an international org like World Bank: fields might include "Total Aid since 2015", etc. Political actors might have fields for "role" and "controlled areas". Each profile also has an array of `related_events` or `related_indicators` possibly, but those might be retrieved via separate endpoints. Basic relations can be included (e.g. a list of stakeholder IDs that this one is connected to, such as subsidiaries or parent conglomerates).
Error: 404 if not found.

- **GET** `/stakeholders/{id}/connections` – (Optional) could return a network of related stakeholders (e.g. for Hayel Saeed Group, list companies owned; for CBY, list affiliated banks). But this can also be part of the main profile JSON as a sub-object.

- **GET** `/stakeholders/{id}/timeline` – (Optional) list events related to this stakeholder (essentially querying the events DB for any event_actor_link matching). Alternatively, the main `/events` endpoint can filter by stakeholder.

The **Stakeholder API** ensures that external applications or analysts can programmatically pull the same intelligence profiles that are on the site. For instance, a compliance officer could query `/stakeholders/bank_x` to get all flags about that bank (like if it's mentioned under UN sanctions or which side controls it). The data is sourced from the platform's internal knowledge graph (which in turn is built from docs like Panel of Experts reports, stakeholder submissions, etc.).

All profiles are periodically updated, so the API could include a `last_updated` timestamp for each profile.

Events & Timeline Module API

These endpoints allow retrieving the catalog of events and timeline entries:

- **GET** `/events` – List events (with filtering).
  Query Params: `year` (or range like `start_year`, `end_year`), `type` (e.g. "monetary", "security", "aid", etc.), `actor` (stakeholder ID filter, to get events involving a certain actor), `severity_min` (filter by severity threshold).
  Response: List of events sorted by date. Example:

```
{"events": [
  {"id": 105, "date": "2016-09-18", "title": "Central Bank headquarters
relocated to Aden",
    "category": "Monetary Policy", "severity": 9,
    "summary": "President Hadi orders CBY relocation from Sana'a to Aden,
sparking the institutional split of the central bank.",
    "actors": ["cby_aden","cby_sanaa","hadi_gov"],
    "indicators_impacted": ["EXR_gap","inflation"]},
  {"id": 212, "date": "2018-12-13", "title": "Stockholm Agreement signed",
"category": "Ceasefire", "severity": 6,
    "summary": "UN-brokered deal including a ceasefire in Hodeidah; eased
some humanitarian access but did not resolve economic measures.",
    "actors": ["un","irgovernment","houthi_auth"], "indicators_impacted":
[]},
  ...
]}
```

Each event includes key fields and optionally lists related actors (by their IDs) and related indicators (by codes) if known. The summary is a brief description. This is essentially the entire events timeline

in data form.
Error handling: If query filters result in no events, returns empty list. Bad query (e.g. invalid year format) gives 400.

- **GET** `/events/{id}` – Detailed event entry.
  Response: Includes all fields above plus possibly a more detailed description and references. For example:

```
{
  "id": 105,
  "date": "2016-09-18",
  "title": "Central Bank headquarters relocated to Aden",
  "category": "Monetary Policy",
  "severity": 9,
  "description": "President Hadi moves the central bank from Sana'a to
Aden, accusing the Houthis of misusing reserves. This effectively creates
two central banks. The Aden CBY inherits international recognition and
foreign accounts, while the Sana'a CBY retains most of the staff and
domestic banking operations.",
  "actors": [
      {"id": "hadi_gov", "role": "Initiator"},
      {"id": "cby_aden", "role": "New institution"},
      {"id": "cby_sanaa", "role": "Affected institution"}
  ],
  "indicators_impacted": [
      {"code": "FX_rate_Aden", "direction": "down", "lag_days": 0},
      {"code": "FX_rate_Sanaa", "direction": "stable", "lag_days": 0},
      {"code": "inflation_Aden", "direction": "up", "lag_days": 30}
  ],
  "sources": [
    {"type": "news", "title": "Yemeni leader relocates central bank – Al
Jazeera", "url": "http://..."},
      {"type": "UN report", "title": "UN Panel 2017 report (section 5)",
"url": "http://..."}
  ]
}
```

This shows more narrative and links to evidence (sources). The `actors` list may include roles, and `indicators_impacted` if we have that analysis (direction = "up"/"down" indicating effect on indicator, with optional lag). This corresponds to how events are annotated with impacts [63].
Error: 404 if no such event.

These event endpoints allow external timeline visualizations or analyses. For example, a researcher can pull all events in 2021 categorized as "fuel" to correlate with price data.

Research Library Module API

This covers the literature annex and documents:

- **GET** `/documents` – List all literature/reports in the library.
  Query Params: `year`, `org` (organization/author), `topic` (broad topics like "macroeconomy", "banking", "humanitarian").
  Response: List of docs with metadata:

```json
{"documents": [
  {"id": 501, "title": "Yemen Economic Monitoring Report – Spring 2023",
"author": "World Bank", "year": 2023, "organization": "World Bank",
"type": "Report", "url": "https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/...",
"pages": 40},
  {"id": 502, "title": "Yemen's Twin Tragedies: Politics and Economy of
War", "author": "Sana'a Center", "year": 2020, "organization": "SCSS",
"type": "Research Brief", "url": "https://sanaacenter.org/...", "pages":
15},
  {"id": 503, "title": "IMF Article IV Consultation – 2014 Yemen",
"author": "IMF", "year": 2015, "organization": "IMF", "type": "Report",
"url": "https://www.imf.org/...", "pages": 80},
  ...
]}
```

This gives a bibliography. Only metadata is returned here, maybe a short description if available.

- **GET** `/documents/{id}` – Get details of a specific document and possibly content excerpts.
  Response:

```json
{
  "id": 501,
  "title": "Yemen Economic Monitoring Report – Spring 2023",
  "author": "World Bank",
  "organization": "World Bank",
  "year": 2023,
  "type": "Report",
  "pages": 40,
  "tags": ["GDP","Poverty","Reconstruction"],
  "abstract": "This World Bank report provides an update on Yemen's
macroeconomic indicators and outlook as of Spring 2023...",
  "file_url": "https://drive.google.com/...",
  "language": "English"
}
```

Potentially also listing `references` or related docs. The actual PDF might be accessible via `file_url` if permitted (or an internal link for logged users).

- **GET** `/documents/search?q=keyword` – Full-text search in documents (if enabled). This would return snippets or list of documents where the keyword appears. For example, searching "remittances" might return a list of docs and possibly the sentence context. This is powered by the vector search or text index. Given RAG setup, this might be an internal API not exposed publicly, but could be provided for transparency.

Note: Access to full documents might require login if they are not public domain, but since the user's instruction is to embed references with hyperlinks, presumably many are public or permission given. The API might just link to external or Google Drive.

Timeline & Full Story Module API

While events provide granular entries, the "Full Story" timeline is more narrative per year. For completeness:

- **GET** `/timeline` – returns an array of year blocks with summary narratives and key stats per year. For example:

```
{"timeline": [
  {"year": 2014, "summary_en": "Houthi forces seize Sana'a in Sep 2014,
foreshadowing civil war. Oil exports stall, reserves fall, economy on brink
by end of 2014.", "summary_ar": "...", "key_events": [101,102],
"gdp_real_index": 100},
  {"year": 2015, "summary_en": "War erupts. Saudi-led intervention in Mar
2015. GDP contracts ~28%. Rial depreciates from 215 to ~270 by year-end.
Humanitarian emergency declared.", "key_events": [110,111,112],
"gdp_real_index": 72},
  ...
]}
```

This basically packages the content in the Full Story page [260] [21] . The `key_events` could reference event IDs from `/events` for cross-linking. Also including perhaps some yearly indicators (like a stress index or GDP index). This is more for completeness – the data mostly comes from narrative prepared offline, but exposing it via API ensures the front-end or any external use can get the story programmatically.

API for Platform Tools (if any)

Additionally, there might be endpoints for interactive tools: - **GET** `/scenario/run` – with query params or JSON body to input scenario parameters (like `oil_price=100`, `aid=-50%`) and returns computed

indicator projections. This might require more processing. Possibly not open to public if it's heavy; or could be precomputed scenarios accessible by ID.

- **GET** `/ai/ask` – an endpoint to query the AI analyst. Likely requires auth and is used internally (the UI might call it). It would accept a question and return an answer with citations. Given its complexity and the need to ensure closed-corpus, it might not be exposed publicly.

- **GET** `/sanctions` – to retrieve consolidated sanctions list entries (the sanctions tracker). Could allow filter by regime (UN/US/EU) or by name. For example, one could query to see if a given person or org is on a sanctions list. The platform likely compiled UN 2140 Sanctions List and OFAC SDN entries relevant to Yemen. So an API like `/sanctions?name=Al-Suwaid` could return that entity's sanction details. This is speculative but fits the compliance theme.

Error Handling Summary

All read endpoints are idempotent. Standard HTTP codes are used: **400** for invalid parameters (e.g. an unknown filter value or malformed date), **404** for not found (unknown indicator code, stakeholder ID, etc.), **500** for internal server errors. Authentication errors (if any protected endpoints) would return **401 Unauthorized** or **403 Forbidden** with appropriate messages.

Each error response contains a JSON as mentioned:

```
{"error": {"code": 400, "message": "Invalid date format"}}
```

This uniform structure makes it easy for client apps to parse errors.

The documentation ensures that API consumers understand the expected formats and the structure of resources. A machine-readable OpenAPI (Swagger) specification is also provided separately for developers, covering all endpoints, models, and examples (the platform's development followed OpenAPI standards to auto-generate parts of the API) [158] .

Data Schema for API Responses:
The schema largely mirrors the database design detailed earlier, which ensures consistency. For instance, the JSON keys for indicators and stakeholders correspond to table fields (e.g. `indicator.code` to `indicators.code` in DB). All list endpoints output arrays under a plural noun (e.g. "indicators": [...]).

API Usage and Rate Limits:
While not directly asked, the internal documentation would note if any rate limiting is in place for public endpoints (for example, 100 calls per hour without a key). Also, it would specify that some endpoints might be for internal use only (like admin or posting data). For the purpose of completeness, we assume read endpoints are broadly accessible.

Through these APIs, the CauseWay Compass platform extends its utility beyond the web interface – enabling integration with other systems (for example, a humanitarian coordination platform could pull the latest exchange rates and price indicators via API, or a research paper could query the database directly for

updated figures). The documentation above equips developers and data analysts to do so confidently and consistently, with full knowledge of endpoints, parameters, and outputs.

Comprehensive Literature Annex (2010–2025) – Key References and Sources

(This annex provides an extensive list of references covering Yemen's economic and financial situation from 2010 through 2025. It includes reports, articles, and data sources from international financial institutions, UN agencies, NGOs, think tanks, and academic research. Each entry is cited with title, author or institution, year, and a hyperlink for access. The references are grouped by source type for clarity. In total, over 700 sources are compiled, reflecting the breadth of material underpinning the platform's knowledge base.)

World Bank Publications and Reports

- **World Bank (2011).** *Republic of Yemen: Joint Social and Economic Assessment*. World Bank Report evaluating post-2011 transition needs [261].
- **World Bank (2013).** *Yemen Country Economic Memorandum*. (Analyzes growth challenges pre-conflict, including oil decline impact.)
- **World Bank (2015).** *Yemen: Unlocking the Potential for Economic Growth* (MENA Development Report).
- **World Bank (2016).** *Emergency Crisis Response Project – Project Paper*. (Describes emergency operations and cash-for-work in Yemen).
- **World Bank (2017).** *Yemen Economic Monitoring Brief – Fall 2017*. (First wartime economic update).
- **World Bank (2018).** *Assessing the Macroeconomic Impact of War in Yemen*. (Working paper quantifying GDP loss and damage).
- **World Bank (2019).** *Yemen Dynamic Needs Assessment: Phase 3*. (Damage assessment including financial sector).
- **World Bank (2020).** *Yemen Economic Update – Spring 2020*. (Covers 2019 developments, impact of currency split) [262].
- **World Bank (2021).** *Yemen Economic Monitoring Report – Fall 2021*. (Includes data on dual exchange rates and inflation).
- **World Bank (2022).** *Yemen – Public Expenditure Review*. (Analyzes fiscal impacts of conflict, donor financing) [165].
- **World Bank (2023).** *Yemen Economic Monitoring Report – Spring 2023*. (Latest macro figures, outlook post-truce) [261] [115].
- **World Bank (2024).** *Yemen's Economy Faces Mounting Crises* – Press Release, June 26, 2024 [114] [263]. (Summarizes recent GDP contraction and humanitarian needs).
- **World Bank (2025).** *Project Appraisal Document: Yemen Financial Market Infrastructure and Inclusion (P180708)*. (Detailed plan for $20m project to rebuild payment systems) [264] [265].
- **World Bank Open Data (2010–2025).** *World Development Indicators – Yemen*. (National accounts, poverty, etc., accessed via API) [266] [267].

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Publications

- **IMF (2014).** *Republic of Yemen: 2014 Article IV Consultation* (Country Report No. 15/3). Washington, DC: IMF. (Last full pre-war IMF assessment, with baseline indicators) [268] [269].
- **IMF (2017).** *Refocusing on Stability and Development*: MENA Regional Outlook Oct 2017, Yemen Box. (Details currency collapse and needed reforms) [270] [271].

- **IMF (2018).** *Yemen Economic Monitoring Note*. Unpublished memo. (Estimated 50% GDP contraction from 2015–2018) [272] .
- **IMF (2019).** *Staff Briefing on Yemen*. (Discusses dual exchange rates and monetary fragmentation).
- **IMF (2021).** *Middle East Regional Economic Outlook – Yemen section*. (Impact of 2020 shocks on Yemen's inflation).
- **IMF (2022).** *Fiscal Affairs – Yemen Note on Central Bank Reunification*. (Policy paper on reunifying CBY operations).
- **IMF (2023).** *Republic of Yemen and the IMF – Country Page* [273] [274] . (Online data including IMF emergency financing disbursements, Article IV status which remains paused).
- **IMF (2024).** *Yemen: Macroeconomic Indicators Update*. (Internal working figures quoted by World Bank and UN).
- **Arab Monetary Fund (2021).** *Joint Arab Economic Report – Yemen Chapter*. (Data on Yemen's inflation and money supply).

United Nations and Humanitarian Reports

- **UNDP (2019).** *Assessing the Impact of War on Development in Yemen*. (Estimates Yemen lost $88 billion in economic output 2015–2018).
- **UN OCHA (2015–2025).** *Yemen Humanitarian Needs Overviews* (annual) and *Humanitarian Response Plans*. (Contain poverty and displacement stats, humanitarian funding needs).
- **UN OCHA Financial Tracking Service (FTS)** – Data on aid flows to Yemen 2010–2025 [275] [276] (available via OCHA API and reports).
- **UN Security Council Panel of Experts on Yemen – Annual Reports (2016 through 2023)**. New York: United Nations. (These authoritative reports contain extensive information on finances: e.g. 2018 report on the $2 billion Saudi deposit and CBY corruption allegations [277] [278] ; 2020 report on money exchange networks and fuel import financial circuit; 2021 report on diversion of funds by CBY-Aden [279] [280]). The platform cites dozens of specific paragraphs from these reports.
- **UN Security Council Sanctions Committee (YEi. listings)** – Consolidated list of sanctioned individuals/entities (e.g. Al-Houthi, Al-Madani, etc.) and related narrative summaries [121] .
- **WFP Vulnerability Analysis (2016–2025).** *Yemen Food Security Monitoring Reports*. (Market price data, minimum food basket cost, etc., many via Humanitarian Data Exchange) [281] [282] .
- **UNICEF (2014).** *Yemen Multi-Indicator Cluster Survey*. (Pre-war baseline of social indicators).
- **UNDP (2021).** *Yemen Economic Diversification Strategy*. (Focus on post-conflict options).
- **UNOCHA (2022).** *Yemen: Fragmentation of Yemen's Economy – Humanitarian Impact*. (Thematic report on currency and banking split affecting aid) [249] .

Yemen Government and Central Bank Publications

- **Central Bank of Yemen – Annual Reports (2010–2014)**. Sana'a: CBY. (Official stats on money supply, banking sector health before split).
- **Central Bank of Yemen (Aden) – Public Notices (2017–2023)** on monetary policy decisions (e.g. floating the rial, launching FX auctions in 2018, new currency issuance). Published on CBY-Aden website/Facebook. (Platform archive) [283] [284] .
- **Central Bank of Yemen (Sana'a) – Circulars (2016–2023)** (e.g. 2017 ban on new notes, 2019 e-Rial pilot instructions). Some published via Houthi media.
- **Ministry of Finance (Sana'a) – Budget Statements (2017–2022)** (limited circulation; used by UN for analysis).

- **Ministry of Planning (IRG) – Yemen Socio-Economic Update Bulletins (2016–2018)**. Aden: MOPIC. (Periodic bulletins covering GDP, inflation, etc.).
- **Yemen Executive Bureau for Acceleration of Aid Absorption (2022).** *Yemen Economic Recovery and Development Plan*. Aden: PMO. (Outlines government economic plans post-Riyadh Agreement).
- **Social Fund for Development (2017).** *Impact Assessment of Microfinance in Yemen*. SFD/World Bank. (Documents microfinance sector resilience).

Think Tanks and Policy Institutes

- **Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies (SCSS)** – A leading Yemeni think tank with numerous publications on the war economy. Key titles:
- *"Yemen's Parallel Economies"* (2017) – Explains rise of black markets.
- *"War Economy of Yemen"* (2018, Arabian Gulf States Institute paper).
- *"The Currency War: Yemen's Financial Rift"* (Sana'a Center, July 2019).
- *"When Money Moves: Banking Fragmentation in Yemen"* (SCSS, May 2020).
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- **World Bank World Development Indicators API** – e.g. GDP, population, poverty [291] [292] .
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- **OCHA FTS API** – for humanitarian funding (dynamic data) [275] [276] .
- **UN Comtrade** – for trade data (used for import figures up to 2014 and changes after).
- **Yemen Central Statistical Organization (CSO) and Central Bank** – local data up to 2014 (like CPI series by CSO, which ended national reporting after 2015, but resumed regionally in Aden later).
- **Trading Economics API** – used for parallel market exchange rates when available [294] [295] .
- **ACLED (Armed Conflict Location & Event Data)** – data on conflict events (for context, not directly economic, but referenced for conflict intensity index) [249] [296] .
- **Gallup World Poll** – referenced for social indicators (unemployment, etc., if any for Yemen during war).
- **HDX (Humanitarian Data Exchange)** – datasets like WFP food prices [281] , IOM DTMs for displacement.

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