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### Qurban.. a magnificent practice and a great opportunity

Quraban Project, which has been implemented annually since 1993, is HUMAN ACCESS's most significant project that comes every year on Eid Al-Adha connoting love, fraternity, and solidarity towards a large group of people who are eagerly waiting for support during Eid day.

Driven by its keenness to bring happiness and joy to several hundred thousand people in need throughout the year, HUMAN ACCESS every year implements the Qurban Project, intending to reduce further exacerbation of need and deprivation amongst the vulnerable people in Yemen. As Eid Al-Adha is on the way, HUMAN ACCESS is currently working tirelessly to implement the 2022 Qurban Project, which targets 200,000 households of those most in need across all Yemeni governorates, under the slogan "Your Qurban is their Joy".

This project is more important today than ever, especially since Yemen has been immersed in prolonged conflict lasted for eight years now, with 23.4 million people in Yemen now are in need of assistance i.e. nearly three out of four people are in need according to the United Nations, which is an appalling number.

If millions of Yemeni people are now unable to afford food, they are undoubtedly unable to provide meat for their families, even during Eids.

It is not an exaggeration to assert that the meat

distributed by HUMAN ACCESS through the Qurban Project, is made available in some households for the first time over a whole year. This explains the great efforts made by HUMAN ACCESS to maintain the activities under this project to revive a great yearly practice based on its well-established experience and competence. This is realized through an effective mechanism and a network of workers and volunteers, thanks to the support from several CSOs, supporting personas, and philanthropists.

Once again, we open charity doors for donors and philanthropists to assist us to provide meat during Eid to those who are needy, poor, orphans, widows, and IDPs, through the 2022 Qurban Project, so we can together put a smile on the faces of vulnerable people, who have been overwhelmingly affected by war.

Only with your support, we can maximize the number of this Project beneficiaries, reaching tens of thousands of neediest households so they can get meat during Eid, especially in the light of the current trying times, and difficult economic and humanitarian situation.

With your funding and support, your Qurbani can reach those who deserve it most, following health and Sharia guidelines, in this important season. Be alongside HUMAN ACCESS in bringing joy and hope to the needy people and their children.

> Yahya Hassan Al-Dabba Head of HUMAN ACCESS



Aiming to target 200,000 households... HUMAN ACCESS is launching the Qurban campaign for the current year

Supported by some organizations, entities, and personas, HUMAN ACCESS has launched Qurban campaign for this year 2022, both at in and out of the country, un-der the slogan "Your Qurban is their Joy".

"This year's Qurban campaign aims to target 200,000 affected, vulnerable, and needy households across all Yemeni governorates," said Mr. Yahya Al-Dabba, Head of HUMAN ACCESS in a special statement.

He pointed out that the campaign includes the distribution of Qurban meat, in con-junction with the Eid Children's Clothing Project, which will target 200,000 orphans and children of needy households, to bring joy to them amidst the existent humani-tarian crisis in Yemen.

The Head of HUMAN ACCESS called upon all humanitarian organizations, business owners, donors, and philanthropists to contribute to support the Qurban and Cloth-ing projects, given the growing humanitarian needs across the country. HUMAN ACCESS has been implementing the Qurban project since 1993 as a season-al project, and this year it aspires to scale it up to reach as many poor and needy people as possible, especially amid the current economic and living crises that the country is undergoing





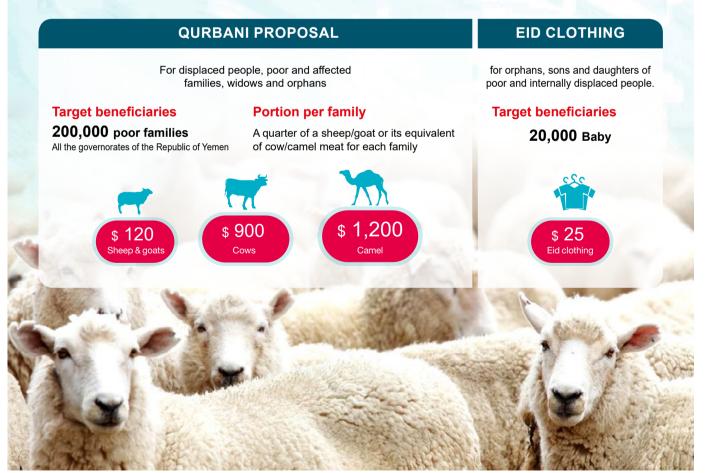
# Qurbani and Eid Clothing 2022

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HUMAN ACCESS has adopted and implemented the Qurbani Meat Distribution Project since 1993 targeting 200,000 poor families, needy people, orphans, people with chronic diseases, internal displaced people, and refugees in various governorates of the Republic of Yemen.

HUMAN ACCESS will also implement a project for distribution of Eid Al-Adha clothes for poor people targeting (20,000) male and female children.

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### HUMAN ACCESS Participates in a Seminar about Qurban in Turkey





In partnership with the Humanitarian Relief Foundation (iHH), HUMAN ACCESS, represented by its Head, Mr. Yahya Hassan Al-Dabba'a, participated in a Seminar regarding Qurban (Udhiyah), which was organized by the Faculty of Law, Kocaeli University, at Kocaeli Province in Turkey. The seminar was held during the period from (3 to 5) June and attended by 100 participants from various countries including Arab, African, and European countries. "Kocaeli University organizes this event on annu-

al basis with a view to develop and enhance the implementation of the Qurban project in Turkey in particular as well as the world", explained Mr. Yahya Hassan Al-Dabba'a, Head of HUMAN ACCESS. During the seminar, discussions were held on some presented working papers centered on research and studies on the importance of Qurban project. HU-MAN ACCESS presented a paper entitled "Middle East experience in implementing Qurban project", which illustrated the successful pilots in the implementation of such a project.

The seminar concluded with an overview of the efforts of participating States in carrying out Qurban project, highlighting the main successes and challenges.

On the sideline of the seminar, Mr. Al-Dabba'a met with some partner organizations of HUMAN AC-CESS and discussed with them several issues related to voluntary work and ways of joint cooperation during the coming phase.





### Head of HUMAN ACCESS: More than 490,000 beneficiaries of Ramadan charity projects for the year 1443 AH







HUMAN ACCESS implemented Ramadan charity projects for the year 1443 AH in most governorates of Yemen with the intention of improving people's access to food and meeting their most urgent basic needs in light of the difficult conditions that Yemen is experiencing.

In a press statement, Yahya Hasan Al-Daba, Head of HUMAN ACCESS, explained that about (491,204) individuals benefited from the services of these projects, which included the distribution of food baskets, breakfast for fasting people, the distribution of dates, meat, in-kind alms, clothing and Eid gifts for poor, displaced and conflict-affected families, orphans and needy individuals in most Yemen's governorates, in partnership with nu-merous donor organizations, supporting bodies and personalities at home and abroad.

Al-Daba indicated that food baskets were distributed to benefit (217,706) individuals in most governorates

of Yemen, and individual breakfast meals were provided, from which (141,693) fasting people benefited. Dates, meat, and in-kind alms were delivered to about (108,114) people, pointing out that the project also included the distribution of clothing and Eid gifts for (23,691) male and female children of poor families, orphans and the displaced.

Al-Daba extended his thanks and appreciation to the ACCESS partners, including organizations, associations, supporting personalities, donors and philanthropists at home and abroad for their continuous support to the vari-ous relief and development projects implemented by ACCESS in various regions of Yemen.

He also thanked the workers and volunteers who contribute to the imple-mentation of projects, programs and services, and do their best to make others comfortable.



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Benefit from the Kiswa and Gift Project Eid 23,691 thousand boys and girls From orphans, displaced people and children of the poor

## Eid clothing brings joy to more than 23,000 boys and girls in most governorates of Yemen

HUMAN ACCESS has invested the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr to bring happiness to about (23,691) children from poor families, orphans and IDP persons in 14 Yemeni governorates. It contributed to sowing joy and drawing a smile on the faces of the beneficiary

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children, during the days of Eid Al-Fitr, by providing Eid clothes and gifts, which were implemented in partnership with many donor organizations.

The clothing included new clothes for boys, con-







sisting of a shirt, trousers, and shoes, while girls received new clothes consisting of a dress, trousers, and shoes.

A smile painted on children's lips The smile was drawn on the faces of children from

poor families, orphans and the IDPs, and they were

overwhelmed with joy, full of joy and happiness with the Eid clothes that they received. That smile was painted on the lips of the children; it gives supporters a desire to give them more, and their joy is not complete until they witness the joy of children in the Eid clothes that were given to them.





## (BQSR) grants HUMAN ACCESS the international quality certificate ISO 9001:2015



HUMAN ACCESS obtained the international quality certificate according to the international standard ISO 9001:2015, which was granted by the American Company (BQSR) after fulfilling all quality requirements.

Mr. Yahya Al-Daba, Head of HUMAN ACCESS, explained that the certificate is the culmination of the continuous and continuous efforts for humanitarian access in providing programs and projects in accordance with the requirements and standards of the quality management system, and had the honor of being the first to obtain a quality certificate since 2009 as the first non-governmental organization in Yemen.

The renewal of the quality certificate according to the international standard ISO 9001:2015 for HUMAN ACCESS represents a great incentive to develop and improve its performance and enhance the values of institutionalization, transparency and development.



# Diversified emergency assistance to alleviate the suffering of IDP and conflict-affected people in Marib

As part of HUMAN ACCESS relief projects that target conflict-affected and internally displaced people (IDPs) in Yemen, HUMAN ACCESS, in partnership with many donor organizations, have provided emergency humanitarian assistance and relief services to displaced and vulnerable households in Marib governorate, primarily in the food, shelter, and education fields. The following report outlines the delivered assistance in the below areas:

### Food

Partnering with Muslim Aid Organization, Deniz Feneri Association, MyFundAction, and Global Peace Organization, a total of 3,806 food baskets- containing wheat flour, rice, sugar, veg. oil, pulses, dates, and tomato saucewere distributed to vulnerable and IDP households, with nearly 22,836 people benefiting from such assistance. In addition, 14,600 ready-to-use meals and around 425,178 bags of bread were distributed to the target people.

### Shelter

In partnership with the Balad Al-Khair Society- Kuwait, a total of 42 tents, were supplied and distributed to 42 IDP families. Also, 100 shelter units, containing mattresses, blankets, and pillows were delivered to 100 displaced and affected households in partnership with Global Peace- Malaysia. In addition, 450 cooking utensils were distributed to IDP households in cooperation with Muslim Aid Organization (MA).

### Distribution of potable water and hygiene kits In association with the Muslim

Aid Society, more than 16 million liters of potable water were supplied to IDP camps, which alleviated the suffering of 161,680 of the IDP and most vulnerable households that face critical challenges in terms of accessing clean drinkable water.

### School kit and uniforms

Together with the Global Peace Foundation-Malaysia, the school kit and uniforms were distributed to 100 male and female students, which encouraged the children of IDP families to pursue their education, as well as lessened the financial burden on their families.





### In partnership with Sadaqa Association .. we help them continue their life's journey

In terms of emergency relief provided to the displaced and conflict-affected people, a number of projects and services were implemented in the governorates of Marib and Hadhramaut, in partnership with Sadaqa Charity Association.

This aid included carrying out cataract operations, distributing wheelchairs for the disabled, implementing a water irrigation project, and distributing sewing machines. In the following report, a summary of what was presented in this field during last February.



**Surgical operations to remove cataract** A medical team specialized in the field of ophthalmology performed 10 surgeries for 10 patients, while providing free treatments to patients. The project had a great impact in combating blindness among the poorest groups of people with cataract disease in Wadi Hadramout.



### Distribution of sewing machines with operating supplies

Within the Economic Empowerment Program, HUMAN ACCESS distributed sewing machines with operating supplies to 3 displaced families in Wadi Hadhramaut. This support helped the beneficiary families move from the circle of need to the circle of production and provide a regular income for the beneficiary families.



### Wheelchairs for the disabled

Wheelchairs are a major concern for hundreds of wounded and disabled people. Their provision by HUMAN ACCESS helped ease the burden on their families, as HUMAN ACCESS distributed wheelchairs to a number of disabled and people with special needs, benefiting 20 disabled people in Marib Governorate.



# Supplying affected families with safe drinking water

120 thousand liters of safe water for drinking and domestic use have been delivered to the displaced and affected people in Marib governorate. This support eased the suffering of affected families who encounter great difficulties in obtaining water due to its high costs.

# Orphans' Sector provides food, education, and economic empowerment services to orphans and their families

HUMAN ACCESS, through the Orphans' Patronage Sector, provides integrated services to patronized-orphan children in several humanitarian areas, including social and health care, educational, and mental support, protection, and shelter services, as well as economic empowerment. During the past months, the following has been achieved:

## In-kind food distributions to orphans' families:

Partnering with Muslim Aid support, the Orphans' Patronage Sector carried out food rations distributions in two stages where 2,450 sponsored-orphan families have been reached with food assistance in four governorates. including flour, sugar, veg.oil, pulses, and tomato sauce. This in-kind support ensured meeting of the basic needs of the orphans' families that suffer augmented difficult economic conditions that the country currently is undergoing. In turn, the beneficiary orphans' families expressed their gratitude and appreciation to both HUMAN ACCESS and Muslim Aid organizations, for their generous support in providing the basic critical needs.

### Education-support programmes:

Working in partnership with Muslim Aid Organization, Education-support programmes were implemented targeting orphan students. These programmes varied between educational grants and the distribution of uniforms and school kits to 1,225 patronized orphan students. This ensured stimuli to orphans so to continue their education and lessen the financial burden on their families.

### **Economic empowerment:**

As part of the Economic Empowerment Project, and aiming to enhance Orphans' livelihoods, the Patronage Sector, in partnership with Yetimler Vakfi Turkish Organization, implemented a livestock breeding project in three governorates, through which 7 sheep were distributed to each of the 15 orphan families. This project contributed to the self-reliance of orphan families.





HUMAN ACCESS ensured maintaining hope for 21,267 people in Al Misrakh district, Taiz Governorate

Accessing emergency health care is a very difficult job for people in remote areas in Yemen, especially as many public health facilities are not operative due to the ongoing conflict, which has brutally affected the existing health system.

The story of 2-year-old "Janat Mohammed" clearly depicts the current difficult situation. Janat was severely malnourished when her five-member family (father, mother, and three children) were suffering from very difficult economic and living conditions. As the father was striving to survive and provide for the family against the backdrop of soaring food prices, the health center closest to their area of residence in Al-Misrakh district, Taiz governorate lacked the simplest health services and supplies. Further, the father couldn't afford traveling costs, not to mention seeking better medical services in different areas.

In such a moment of despair, hope was brought to Janat's father and the family through a humanitarian project that ensured the delivery of critical services to this family and fortunately thousands of the district's children, who had received the needed medical support and food. This project consists of



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two Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) launched under the project "Access to Conflict-affected Communities in Yemen with Effective and Sustainable Support". This project, funded by Penny Appeal Australia, was implemented by HUMAN ACCESS within five months (from December 2021 to May 2022, where it benefited 21,267 people in this target district. The project mainly aimed at providing life-saving support to vulnerable groups- namely children below the age of five, and pregnant and lactating mothers (PLWs)- and providing integrated nutrition services, maternal and child health support to underprivileged and conflict-affected communities.

The services provided under this project included delivery of health education and sensitization materials; providing reproductive health services, and conducting home-to-home visits to educate parents, take MUAC for children and women, identify malnourished cases, and refer them to mobile medical units for treatment. This is besides other services that ensured the provision of life-saving emergency nutrition interventions for the most vulnerable groups, enhanced maternal and child health services aimed at saving the lives of newborns and women of reproductive age, as well as promoted needy women's equal access to life-saving maternal and child health services and education, in addition to developed and activated an effective referral mechanism to save the lives of women and newborns. All beneficiaries are now all hopes that this project would be maintained and scaled up to cover more areas in order to prevent diseases and malnutrition, which affect women and children in particular, in a country still facing the worst humanitarian crisis, and half of its health facilities are not operational, accord-

ing to UN repor.

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It is extremely difficult to find yourself homeless aimlessly wandering the streets when you are still only a child, after having lived a normal life around loving and protective parents under the same roof. Sadly, this is the reality that hundreds of thousands of orphans are encountering in Yemen, a country that is home to alarmingly high numbers of orphans, owing to the ongoing conflict that has been raging unabatedly for eight long years now. Having lost their breadwinners; broad swathes of orphans have been living in extreme poverty,

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, which was furtherly compounded by the concurrent sharp decline of the economic situation, limited access to basic services, and rising rates of unemployment and poverty in the war-torn country. Orphan children who, by an unfortunate stroke of luck, happen to find themselves locked in two bitter realities, bereavement for losing a parent or both of them, whereas some children lost their whole families with only themselves were spared, and another suffering due to the deterioration of the humanitarian situation.

These orphan children are in desperate need of a helping hand to get them out of their hardly bearable situation that is overwhelmingly engulfing them wherever they head. Needless to say, their needs are much more than those of other ordinary children, and their needs which ran the gamut of nutritional, health, psychological, educational, and social needs should be satisfactorily met and fulfilled.

These poor children live a miserable life full of relentless pain and panic, day in and day out, not realizing the sin they might have committed and for which their fate was sealed to languish in such an unhappy life fraught with fear and restlessness.

Against this backdrop, Human Access has sought- through well-informed projects that fit in the realities on the ground- to contribute to protecting orphan children, being amongst the most vulnerable groups, always bear the brunt of wars and conflicts, and they are entitled to lead a decent life.



### Orphans pay the price twice and need a broader aegis

New children, who are added to the orphans' list every day because of war, are increasing in number. This is a very serious indication that Yemen will become a hotbed of orphans, along with more than half of the population (i.e. 16.2 million people) are facing severe hunger, according to the United Nations. These orphans bear the brunt of war twice; once when they lose their parents, and again when official or civil organizations are unable to address them; a situation that furthers and prolongs the orphans' suffering throughout their lives. Accurate statistics on the number of orphans that exist in Yemen are not currently available, owing to the various forces controlling the land, as well as displacement and refuge issues. However, unofficial estimates indicate that there are more than 1 million orphans, which is deemed a massive number in a country with a 30-million population. According to unofficial reports,

nearly 60% of Yemeni orphans are unable to complete their education, 4% have mental issues, namely depression, while 70% of orphans' households lack basic health services and cannot afford medicine. As such, orphans become vulnerable to exploitation, forcing some to work in difficult conditions and to be abused by employers. Some others were forced to become street vendors, selling gum and paper napkins at crossroads and markets, an activity similar to begging.

"The Yemeni people are now



more vulnerable than ever," said Corinne Fleischer, WFP Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), at times the country is in the worst conditions ever. In such a case, the role of humanitarian organizations is essential in enhancing the lives of orphans, particularly the "Humanitarian Access" as a leading and successful organization, to intervene and protect this group from all forms of abuse, through meaningful projects.

As a matter of fact, this is not an easy task as it requires action at several levels and reflection on future generations. Orphans are a vital part of the future, and they need a more comprehensive human fostering umbrella, shared by all. Otherwise, they would become like a human upheaval.

# Manifold suffering and great challenges in a war-torn country

In addition to being deprived of paternity love, orphans in Yemen find themselves battling alone great challenges in a war-plagued country, with the existence of few orphanages located in some major cities, which are under-resourced and underfunded.

Orphans are therefore one of the most vulnerable community groups affected by the ongoing conflict. Their suffering varies between life hardship, poverty, diseases, to the lack of safety, education, and opportunities, and the need for human protection.

Like any other child, an orphan child has the right to receive full care of love, tenderness, and attention so that he/she grows up normally and does not



engage in any suspicious acts or be exploited by organized gangs, especially those trafficking in persons.

The hardest thing for a child is to strip him/her of the right to live a normal life and to obtain the basic life requirements. This is a real tragedy to which human conscience is unsettled. This is why all orphans must be addressed fairly, especially since they make up a great portion of the Yemeni community, while their numbers are increasing day by day. Therefore, it is imperative for all to find solutions that will justly consider this group, accord attention to it so it may live with dignity, similar to non-orphaned children, and avoid an irreversible disaster in the future.

Being recognizant of orphans suffering, we should not suffice to highlight their adversity only on occasions, such as celebrating the World Day of War Orphans on January 6, or the Arab Orphan Day on 5th of April each year, despite the importance of holding such events that mark international recognition of the plight of the vulnerable groups. According to specialists, the child's loss of parents is the greatest mental shock, and it calls for concerted efforts to find solutions, starting with the establishment of a database for orphans and the launch of specialized studies on orphans, especially when there are limited studies that examine orphan issues around the world. There should be also a focus on collective guidance when orphans are assisted or supported to accept their social reality and cultivate their confidence. The community should be sensitized on the orphans' rights and also encouraged to adopt orphans' foster care and



charitable endowments for this vulnerable group.

Since humanitarian assistance cannot meet all orphans' needs, jobs are to be created for adult orphans, and training programs should be implemented and culminated with recruitment. This is necessary so orphan children can be positive, interactive, and productive individuals in their communities.

Without prejudice to the above, strategic plans are to be drawn up to ensure the required assistance, protection, and support for orphans, and the provision of community, family, and selfcare centers.

### Human Access Projects during 2021; a lifeline for (61,662) orphans in Yemen

Amid a fierce war that has wreaked havoc on the economy, thousands of innocent children have been turned into miserable orphans lacking care. At times of despair and losing hope, the Human Access Organization has been a lifeline for many of these vulnerable people.

Human Access, through its Orphan Sponsorship and Care Sector, has worked to give hope and prevent despair amongst thousands of orphans in Yemen through various projects, despite all challenges. This is evident in the 2021 Annual Report of the Orphans Sector. During the period from January to December 2021, this Sector carried out several planned projects in several targeted governorates, benefiting 61,662 orphans across all Yemeni governorates. In the shelter and protection field, 13 major projects were carried out in



22 targeted Yemeni governorates, with the aim of assisting orphans and their families to overcome their difficult living conditions.

The implemented projects focused on protection, shelter, provision of all livelihood and social care services, such as the cash assistance project, the overall sponsorship project, the Eid and Winter garments project, livelihood assistance, as well as cultural and recreational activities project, which benefited 53,202 orphans.

### Economic empowerment projects...... secured future for orphans

Economic empowerment projects are deemed a strong foundation for supporting the infrastructure of poor communities and are increasingly important in Yemeni society, which has been tackling economic crises for years and lacks major economic development projects due to the continued conflict. In order to contribute to alleviating the suffering of orphans' households in Yemen, providing them with employment opportunities, improving their standard of living, and achieving self-dependence and protection from destitution and poverty, the Orphans Sector at the "Human Access Organization carried out over 195 projects during 2021. These projects varied in their support from granting ownership of tailoring and embroidery machines with their accessories, supporting raising cattle of sheep and dairy cows, provision of tools and materials for the manufacture of incense and perfume, supporting phones'



maintenance stores, provision of accessories and handicrafts making tools, and beehives rearing. These projects, which were based on needs, ensured that the assisted households become productive families instead of being needy.

### Urgent Relief for orphans... the Sector's biggest concern

In a country ravaged by a humanitarian crisis considered the world's worst crisis according to UN reports, with more than 80% of its population requiring some sort of assistance, saving lives was and still a top priority for the Human Access Organization.

Given the current prevailing conditions events in the country and their various implications on the Yemeni people, the biggest concern for the Orphanage Sector during 2021 was to alleviate the suffering of the orphans, being the most vulnerable group that needs support. Emergency food assistance is of great importance in alleviating the suffering of orphans and their families, as a result of the deteriorating economic situation caused by the ongoing war in Yemen and the depreciation of the local currency, which has led to price hiking of basic commodities beyond the purchasing power of millions of Yemeni people.

As such, Orphans Care and Sponsorship Sector has given special attention to food security, which has implemented 11 major programs and projects, through which various food baskets are periodically distributed in seven Yemeni governorates, of which 2850 HHs have benefited.

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### Orphans' Education and Rehabilitation ... Basis of Progression in Yemen

Education is the basis for the comprehensive development and advancement of any society. Needless to say, without education, training, and rehabilitation, no society can achieve or make any development or progress. Driven by this vital principle, Orphans Sector at Human Access has implemented various educational projects that help orphans in their formal education at various stages and contribute to offering distinctive and successful examples in the scientific field. Intending to encourage orphans to continue their education and to prevent the orphans' dropping out of school, Human Access implemented the projects of school bag project, school uniforms project, projects to pay tuition fees for orphans in private schools, and the educational assistance and school expenses project.

The Orphans Sector has also provided university grants to orphans who are enrolled in Yemeni universities in various disciplines so to qualify them to become capable of serving society.

Considering the importance of the technical and vocational training for orphans in terms of equipping them with many professions that qualify them to compete in the Yemeni labor market, the Sector has implemented a range of training projects for orphans and their mothers in many areas required by the labor market in Yemen. Through 14 major training programs, 4277 orphans benefited from all education, reha-



bilitation, and training projects carried out in 8 targeted Yemeni governorates.

# Health care and mental support for orphans

Undoubtedly, the impact of the current events and the armed conflict taking place in Yemen has played a negative role in all walks of life, most notably the worsening of health services and the mental effect the armed conflict leave on orphans as they watch terrifying scenes or hear the sounds of explosions. The Orphan Sector has therefore worked to achieve a high-impact response by providing health services to orphans in need, as the most essential and basic services.

In 2021, 1,138 orphans benefited from the health care projects, which included medical screening, treatment and medical assistance, surgical assistance, distribution of personal hygiene and detergents kits, and psychological support projects for the affected orphans. It is only the lack of resources that hamper the Human Access Organization from continuing to

provide support to orphans so to help them to recover and to enhance their capacity to return to normal. As Human Access is the source of hope for vulnerable groups, it acts on its big dream of saving all orphan children in Yemen, which is only hindered by a lack of funds. In a statement, Dr. Abdul Wase'a Al-Was'ei, Human Access Secretary-General, said "orphans remain in the wind, and dangerous paths await them if they do not receive proper attention, at all levels". He also added that: "Caring for orphans is a priority for Human



Access, as orphans constitute a basic building block in society, and are currently in very critical condition. This requires further work to provide all forms of support to this group". In turn, Mr. Riyad Mohammad, General Manager of Human Access, stresses that the orphan group in Yemen faces different issues, suffers from numerous shocks, and needs psychological, educational, physical, and other needs that should be addressed. If not met, society may bear the consequences of neglecting orphans in the future.

### Successful Orphan managed to overcome orphanhood; Rana is an example

Despite the bitterness of orphanhood, there is always a life success story for individuals who were not captive to their sounding orphan bitter circumstances. This is a success story of a beautiful smart girl "Rana Muhammad," from Taiz city. One day, Rana's biggest dream was to become a doctor, wearing a white jacket, where she can put a smile on a patients' lips. However, she felt her dream fade away the day a treacherous shelling killed her father in August 2015. Rana, 14 years old, and her six brothers and sisters crossed into a new phase of tragedy and bitterness when the head of the family; their father died. At that time, she believed that her hopes had become a thing of the past, an unknown future is awaiting her, and that she had to fight in an unequal battle for her oneself realization.

At a moment, Rana was desperate and felt that all roads in



front of her were closed as she lost her backbone and found herself faced with her family's very difficult living conditions. The higher education also put forward several requirements that she couldn't meet minimum as she was not able to afford transportation costs to go to university, not to mention else. Nevertheless, she defied the odds to complete her education, graduated from high school in 2018. Despite her dream of studying medicine was getting her mind, she couldn't join this college as her family was living in very difficult circumstances.

So, she had to study chemistry, instead.

Let's say that the worst thing ever is to endure studying in a major that you do not like. Therefore, Rana was unable to complete her first year of study in this discipline, mostly due to financial obstacles, as she couldn't afford the curriculum and other costs. She had to stop brokenheartedly feeling that the compelling circumstances defeated her. However, she did not give up and decided the following year to go through a new experience, amid a frightening feeling that it overcame her every time she thinks of the expenses and requirements of her study. A glimmer of hope came to her when she heard about a humanitarian organization that offers education grants to those in need, which invited her to visit and apply for a grant hoping to get one.

It is only a few days when Rana's phone received a call from "Human Access Organization" and was informed that she has been accepted in the students' sponsorship grant funded by the Islamic Charitable Organization, so she can join pharma-

cy college at a private university.

This moment was described by Rana as "A moment full of hope" and said that "I was delighted and felt as if I was born again". With the grant, she could study one of the medical sciences, away from the concerns of study expenditure, a dream she dreamed of since her childhood.

Rana's dream ever had become bigger after Human Access support. She no longer dreams to obtain a bachelor's degree in her major, but a MA and Ph.D. degrees, and to open her pharmacy in the future to help the poor and needy by offering them medicine at cheap prices. Her dream extends to opening a pharmaceutical company or factory.

### Wafa'a... A woman reached out to "Human Access" thereby had access to safety

The war brought additional burdens to most Yemeni families, making them struggle bitterly to meet living basic needs. This includes the family of Wafa'a Abdallah, in Taiz Governorate, one of Yemen's most affected governorates.

Wafa Abdullah's husband was striving to meet the family's essential needs, hoping that the war would come to an end soon, and life can be restored once again with less anguish. However, after two years of war, in 2016, the suffering did not subside, but rather Wafa'a was shocked by the death of her husband who is her only breadwinner, leaving her two children: Rahaf (5) and Aishah (4). Unexpectedly, "Wafa'a" became face to face with the hellish reality. She described that saying, "the world has completely blackened in my eyes".



She found herself responsible for providing for her two daughters in addition to the burden of house rent, with no source of income, let alone her desire to get her daughters into schools. Wafa'a says, "unfortunately I found myself locked in bitter realities. I worked hard to cover our expenses, in the light of a continued war". She was also hopeful that may fate holds something better yet to come for her and her family. This is actually what happened when she heard one of her friends was talking about an organization called "Human Access", which educate and

rehabilitate orphans' mothers in many areas required in the labor market, equipping them with skills and crafts through which they can have a source of income and face the difficult burdens of life.

Accordingly, "Wafa'a" reached out to Human Access and was offered training in the sewing field. Wafa'a learned and mastered this skill in 2021, then she applied for a grant to finance her sewing project and obtained a sewing machine with its accessories.

Wafa'a was able to shift from poverty and destitution state that she had been living in before this project, and today she can meet all her needs, cover house rent, and educate her daughters from this project, which was funded by the International Islamic Charitable Organization and implemented by Human Access.

During the next phase, Wafa'a seeks to have a sewing lab and wishes that the charitable organizations working in the field of rehabilitation of orphan mothers would support her to turn this dream into reality. Her story of success continues as she still strives to make her dream come true.

### **Health Services and Activities**

In partnership with UNFPA, WHO, and other donor organizations, HUMAN ACCESS and its Offices in governorates have implemented some projects, programmes, services, and activities in the health field, which assisted some patients and beneficiaries, as follows:

### Providing medical support to Al-Masrakh Hospital in Taiz governorate:

Under the Reproductive Health Support Project, Al-Masrakh Hospital in Taiz governorate has been supplied with reproductive health kits, consisting of medical equipment and solutions, dedicated to Blood Transfusions, Caesarean, and Natural Births Ward, which have led to the continuation of the healthcare services rendered in the Women and Childbirth Section and to alleviating the suffering of the beneficiary patients.

## Providing Medical support to Sayoon and Tareem Hospitals in Hadramout Al-Wadi:

The Obstetric Emergency Wards in both Sayoon and Tareem Hospitals were provided with medical supplies, medications, sterilization tools, hygiene kits, and COVID personal protective equipment (PPE). This assisted in meeting beneficiary needs, maintaining health services in the two hospitals, and strengthening their capacity to provide the necessary medical services to patients.

On its part, the Authority of Sayoon Public Hospital paid tribute to the team of the "reproductive health project" and the representatives of UNFPA (project funder) in recognition of their efforts in supporting the hospitals' health care, providing medical services to patients, and raising awareness of reproductive health issues. During the recognition ceremony, Dr. Anees Aideed Taha, Chairman of the Hospital Authority, awarded appreciation plaques for HUMAN ACCESS and UNFPA representatives, and granted certificates of thanks and appreciation to the project, praising all efforts exerted in the project meant to support the health services at the hospitals.



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Providing Al-Ghaydah Central Hospital with medicines and medical supplies:

The Obstetric Emergency Ward in Al-Ghaydah Hospital was provided with some medical supplies, medications, sterilization tools, hygiene kits, and COVID personal protective equipment (PPE). In addition, 400 medical kits were distributed to given-birth and lactating mothers, each containing hygiene birth supplies and equipment. These provided supplies contributed to covering the hospital's needs, continuing its health services, and strengthening its role in providing the necessary medical services to patients. The hospital administration highly valued the efforts made by HUMAN ACCESS in the health field in Al-Mahra governorate, and its continued support to the obstetric emergency ward at Al-Ghayda Central Hospital.

### Providing reproductive health services at the Maternity and Children's Centers in Mayfa'a and the Health Centre in Al-Shaher:

The services delivered included obstetric emergency services, family planning, and pregnant mothers' care, benefiting around 472 women. This led to



meeting part centers' needs, maintaining health services, and strengthening the Centers' role in providing the necessary medical services to beneficiary patients.

# Establishing Tarahum Health Unit in Marib governorate, Al-Wadi district:

The HUMAN ACCESS Area Office, in Marib governorate, in partnership with WHO, Kuwait Tarahum Foundation, has established and inaugurated The Tramahum Health Unit in the Al-Kolah area, Al-Wadi district. At the inaugural ceremony, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Shadadi, Director General of the Public Health and Population Office in Marib governorate, commended the humanitarian efforts that are being made by HUMAN ACCESS, through the WHO-funded Emergency Health Response. He also expressed his thanks and appreciation to the donors and implementers for supporting the government's efforts in implementing projects within the governorate. On his part, Sheikh. Abdul Razzaq Al-Bagma, the representative of the Tramahum Foundation, emphasized that the foundation is ready to provide and scale up the support extended in the field of health to the population of the Marib governorate.







Dr. Ahmed Mudhesh, Coordinator of the Emergency Health Response Project, stressed that the project continued to provide minimum and primary health care to internally displaced people (IDPs) as well as to the host community. He also highlighted the importance of the integrated role of community and local authorities in enhancing and expanding the scope of health services provided to the people in the Marib governorate.

## Carry-out of the Mobile Medical Unit in Lahj governorate:

In partnership with the World Assembly of Muslim Youth-Yemen Office, the project "Mobile Medical Unit" has been implemented in Lahj governorate, where primary health care services were delivered to IDPs living in the camps of Al-Shawkani, Al-Meshqafah, Al-Baytrah, Al-Jarad, Oterah, and Al-Anad. The specialized medical team made up of a consultant doctor, two female doctors, and technicians, performed diagnosis, lab analyses, treatment of pediatric cases, treatment of internal diseases, treating women and childbirth illnesses. They also distributed free medicine and provided free medical counseling and health education services which benefited nearly 1,851 cases.



# Honoring some offices and national centers participating in the health project for refugees in Aden:

The HUMAN ACCESS Area Office in Aden governorate paid tribute to and honored the Office of Epidemiological Surveillance, the Physiotherapy Centre, the Prosthetics Centre, the Vaccination Centre, and the Maternity and Children's Centre. The honoring ceremony that took place at Al-Sadagah Hospital aimed to recognize the efforts made by those centers and their joint cooperation in supporting the Area Office projects and activities provided to refugees. During the ceremony, plaques and certificates were distributed. In a statement, the Head of HUMAN ACCESS Area Office in Aden, Mr. Jamal Al-Atefi, praised the efforts exerted by the national offices and programs, and their continued support for the success of the health project for refugees. On their part, the Centers' representatives applauded the health efforts, assistance, programmes, and different humanitarian projects that the HUMAN ACCESS Office is undertaking in Aden. Further, they expressed their thanks and appreciation for such a commendable event.





**Economic Empowerment** 

In the area of Economic Empowerment, HUMAN ACCESS, in partnership with UNFPA, UN-HCR, and other local and international partners, provides support and promotes national development across various governorates of the Republic of Yemen, through adopting and implementing income-generating projects, providing grants, delivery of economic empowerment programmes, and the carrying out related activities and events.

## Economic empowerment support for women and girls in Shabwa governorate:

This support included providing beauty and hairdressing equipment for 15 women and girls targeted by the protection and livelihood support project. This kind of support has equipped the beneficiaries with the necessary tools and skills, encouraged them to own their private businesses, and have new sources of income, so to improve their social, economic, and living conditions.

## Providing economic empowerment support to women and girls in Marib:

In Marib governorate, 120 women were targeted with economic empowerment support including delivery of sewing and embroidery tools, varied fabrics, confectionery, pastry supplies, beauty and hairdressing equipment, and cosmetics. During the hand-over ceremony, the Deputy Governor of Marib Governorate, Dr. Abdu Rabbo Miftah, stressed the importance of supporting women and girls with livelihood projects. He also praised HUMAN ACCESS's efforts in supporting women and girls, in the areas of economic empowerment, training and rehabilitation programs, and capacity building. Further, Mr. Miftah congratulated the supported women for having a source of income using the delivered support.

For his part, Mr. Salem Ali Saeed, Executive Director of the HUMAN ACCESS Area Office in Marib, explained that the beneficiaries have been trained in and equipped with the skills of cooking, production of confectionery, and pastry, making Juices, sewing and embroidery, beauty, and hairdressing.

### Convening the coordination meeting between beneficiaries of economic empowerment programs and traders in Marib:

Under the theme "Empowering woman; Secures her future", coordination meetings between beneficiaries of economic empowerment programs and traders have been held in Marib, which targeted beneficiaries of economic empowerment programs, and representatives of trading centers specialized in selling clothes, representatives of confectionery and pastry shops, and representatives of vocational training and rehabilitation centers. The meeting participants had seen various samples of women's products, like different dresses, sweets, pastries, accessories, and other products needed by the local market in the governorate. The products were admired by the meeting participants, who confirmed their willingness to collaborate with beneficiaries through marketing their local products and providing all necessary support so they can practice their economic activities.

Implementation of a management-related training program in economic empowerment in Marib: Women's and Children's Sector, in collaboration with the Yamaniyat Development Society, carried out a training program on small projects management skills.





it targeted 29 girl and woman trainees, who were enabled to have income-generating projects. This training contributed to providing participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage projects like incense, perfume, pastry, and confectionary making; management of hairdressing and cosmetics salons; and running clothing small shops. Such training paved the way for their economic empowerment and promoted their income-generating small projects.

### Organizing the second annual bazaar for the beneficiaries of the enhanced livelihoods project, in Al-Rawdah area:

In this second annual bazaar, products made by 120 women were displayed. Those women were beneficiaries of the "Protection and Livelihoods Support Project" implemented in Marib city, particularly in (Alrawdha area – Al-Mayl Camps). The bazaar included products of handicrafts, sewing and tailoring, incense, perfumes, pastries and desserts, accessories, paintings, and fine arts. The bazaar also included a corner for children's entertainment. This event contributed to motivating the beneficiaries to continue their income-generating projects and strengthen their role in society. The sample products in this exhibition had won the admiration of the visitors.

### Holding the second promotional bazaar to exhibit the products of the Economic Empowerment Program in Mukalla:

In the second promotional bazaar, products made by 60 women and girls were displayed. Those women were enabled by the economic empowerment programme through the "Protection, Livelihood Support and Safe Space for Women and Girls Projects" implemented by HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Muhkalla. The exhibition included: sewing and tailoring products, incense, perfumes, hairdressing, pastries and desserts, accessories, handicrafts, resin art, and a children's recreation corner. This bazaar has contributed to motivating beneficiaries to continue implementing their own income-generating projects.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Ahmed Sharaf, UNFPA Protection Specialist, has commended the humanitarian efforts rendered by HUMAN ACCESS in supporting women and girls in the areas of economic empowerment, training programmes, and capacity building. He confirmed UNFPA's continued support for small projects established by women and girls, expressing his admiration for the programme's outputs, which were presented at the bazaar. The bazaar also met the satisfaction of the visitors who approved the presented products.





#### **Protection Services and Activities**



In the protection field, HUMAN ACCESS, in partnership with UNFPA and UNHCR, and under both projects of "Protection and Livelihood Support" and the "Safe Space for Women and Girls", has implemented many programmes, services, activities, and various events, which supported internally displaced persons, as well as training of projects' teams, coordinators and field supervisors.

#### 1- Sensitization Sessions Legal education and awareness sessions on the rights of women and girls in Shabwah:

Legal education and awareness sessions were held in the Ataq district, as part of the Safe Space for Women and Girls Project. These sessions promoted awareness about women's rights with regard to divorce and alimony, addressed divorce as an issue and its consequent legal actions, also the difference between divorce and Khula (divorce at the wife's instance), and children expenditure after divorce. Awareness and education sessions were also carried out for female students at the Goban High School in the Ataq district, which focused on gender-based violence mainly its causes and patterns, its effects on women and girls, its impact on both family and society, how to prevent and reduce violence, and how to raise awareness on the risks of early marriage, its mental and health impact, and the implications of girls' denial of education. In addition, students at the Higher Institute for Health Sciences were sensitized about the concept of gender, gender-based violence particularly its causes, types, and manifestations, and the role of the protection projects in alleviating and reducing violence by





providing multisectoral services that assist in creating mental, health, social and economic well-being.

#### Legal awareness sessions, human rights, and mental support sessions in Marib governorate:

The first session targeted 13 displaced women in Al-Khair gathering camp in Marib city where beneficiaries were sensitized on the importance of identity documents, in terms of facilitating dealings and freedom of movement, granting women recognition of their rights, as well as proving their national identity. In this session, the personal identification card and family car documents were addressed.

The second session targeted 24 displaced women in Al-Rawdah neighborhood in Marib city, addressing issues like women's critical rights in accordance with the law, such as their right to work, education, health, inheritance, protection, and freedom of expression. Beneficiaries of this session were sensitized to the various rights and importance of identity documents.

The third session targeted 26 students from Al-Nahdah High School, Al-Jabul area, in Marib city, and concentrated on the most important children's rights in accordance with the law, such as their right to life,



education, health, protection, and family.

The fourth session also targeted 10 women in Marib city and touched on issues of alimony and its conditions, cases when a wife's right to alimony is forfeited, briefing on project activities, and the services provided to women and girls. The participants were educated on the mental and social aspects, how to act in times of crisis, and how to face a crisis's negative impact and consequences.

The fifth session focused on awareness and mental support for women and girls in Al-Jafina camp and addressed the risks of early marriage, its negative implications for the health of women and children, including depriving girls of their right to education and growth, health risks, diseases, mental and social damage, and the negative effects left on immature girl, family and society altogether.

#### 2- Holding regular meetings Holding the regular meeting of Al-Aqran Network members in Al-Mahrah:

The meeting discussed the previous phase assessment in terms of implementation scale for the protection project, the project plan of action for the current year, as well as the implementation of community







awareness sessions to raise community awareness of women's rights, the importance of their role in the development of society. The meeting included a number of complementary proposals and contributed to sharing experiences among members of the Network.

#### Holding various meetings in Marib:

The first quarterly meeting of Al-Aqran Network members was held in Marib. During this meeting, several issues were discussed including the Networks' role in monitoring community needs, the Network's critical work in raising community awareness of the risks of gender-based violence, and the services provided by the "Safe Spaces Project for Women and Girls".

The fourth coordination meeting was held for IDPs' protection services providers with the engagement of several humanitarian organizations. In this meeting, some issues were discussed including IDPs' essential needs in the protection field, map defining of the



protection services providers in the governorate, and initiation of the referral mechanism among the services providers. In addition, humanitarian-related matters were addressed, notably: the need for coordination of efforts and ongoing cooperation between organizations, services of the Community Center for IDPs, the challenges and difficulties facing work, and how to be surmounted. In the meeting, some corresponding proposals and suggestions were presented with a view to developing and enhancing performance.

Additionally, the regular meeting of the protection project team was held in the district of Marib city, Al-Jufinah area, where it discussed the assessment of project activities' implementation during the past phase, project plan of action for the coming period which was drawn from the overall plan, the mechanism of providing services, the referral system, internal referral of HUMAN ACCESS team, and how to carry out awareness-raising activities on issues of violence, anti-violence, and reproductive health concepts.



#### Holding the regular meeting of a protection project team in the district of Ataq:

The regular meeting of the protection project team was held in Ataq district and addressed the assessment of programmes and activities implemented during the past year 2021. It was also discussed the challenges and obstacles faced, and how to be tackled in the future. Some recommendations and proposals were presented in the meeting; mainly with regard to carrying out field visits to identify cases in need, undertaking monitoring and referral of cases, conducting awareness and advocacy sessions on gender-based violence, coordination and communication with community committees and peers, providing the available collective and individual services by the response team, and the management of project data and information.

### Carrying out many different events and activities in Sayoon City:

The "Anti-FGM Project", which contributed to raising awareness and reducing malpractice against females, was implemented. This project included workshops, training sessions for (health workers, local authority leadership, businessmen, traders, and mosque preachers), as well as awareness audio broadcasts on local radios.

At the concluding ceremony, the Director-General of Sayoon District highlighted the importance of engaging everyone to stand against FGM, working to completely eliminate harmful practices, and embodying protection against gender-based violence. In the same context, he praised the humanitarian efforts undertaken by HUMAN ACCESS in this area. During the ceremony, Sayoon local authority was honored along with the offices of the competent ministries, members of the Shamkhaat Networks, and Child Goodwill Ambassadors, in recognition of their efforts and role led to the success of the project activities. In addition, a radio programme on "mental abuse against women" was recorded and broadcast on Sayoon Radio, which addressed the activities of the Safe Space for Women and Girls during the 16-day campaign against violence against women, the concept of mental abuse, and its causes and effects, the most important psychological disorders resulting from violence and how to be addressed and prevented.



### **Joint Coordination Meetings and Visits**

Considering the importance of coordination and joint cooperation in: advancing the levels of humanitarian action in Yemen, supporting the process of sustainable development, planning, and approving projects and joint programmes, implementing activities and integrated humanitarian services, HUMAN ACCESS alongside its internal and external partners convene coordination meetings and discussions that lead to joint operational mechanisms and strengthened bilateral relations. Also, field inspection visits are conducted with the aim of reviewing the work progress and performance.

#### HUMAN ACCESS delegated team visits "World Assembly of Muslim Youth" and discusses ways of joint cooperation:

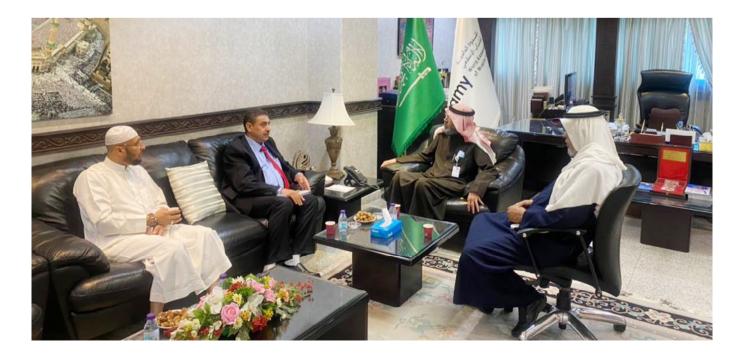
A team consisting of Mr. Yahya Hassan Al-Daba'a, Head of HUMAN ACCESS, Mr. Adel Ali Ba Makhrma, Assistant Secretary-General, and Mr. Munir Saleh, Director of Area Offices, visited the Office of the World Assembly of Muslim Youth in KSA, Jeddah. During the visit, some issues were discussed including humanitarian-action-related issues, means of joint cooperation, and frameworks for implementing joint humanitarian programs and projects in Yemen. The team was welcomed by Dr. Saleh bin Suleiman Al-Wahebi, WAMY Secretary-General.

#### The Head of HUMAN AC-CESS visits the "Organization of Islamic Cooperation" and discusses joint cooperation:

Mr. Yahya Hassan Al-Daba'a, Head of HUMAN ACCESS, and Mr. Adel Ali Ba Makhrma, Assistant Secretary-General, paid a visit to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in KSA, Jeddah. During the visit, some humanitarian-related issues, namely the humanitarian situation in Yemen, the process of coordinating joint efforts, so to further provide relief and humanitarian projects in Yemen.

#### Two delegations of two Malaysian organizations visit HUMAN ACCESS Office in Marib:

Two delegations from "Global Pace Foundation" and "Fund Action Organization", Malaysia, paid an official visit to HUMAN ACCESS Office in the Marib governorate. During the visit, the joint cooperation between the organizations was explored. Also, the delegation members were briefed on the difficult humanitarian condition faced by the IDPs in camps. Besides, they were introduced to the prominent





humanitarian interventions being carried out by HUMAN ACCESS to IDPs.

In turn, the delegation expressed their admiration for the services provided to IDPs in the displacement camps and their positive impact on IDPs' living conditions. On the other hand, the two delegations conducted a visit to the office of the Ministry of Public Health and Population, the Kura Public Hospital, and the Executive Unit for IDPs in the governorate. They had closely examined the wards and facilities of the hospital and followingly approved a water purification plant for the hospital. On the margins of the visit, food baskets, shelter kits, and ready-to-use meals were distributed to IDPs in the camps, as well as school kits were given to orphan students of Safyah Girl

School in the Jufinah camp.

#### UNFPA delegation team discusses with the HU-MAN ACCESS Office ways of joint cooperation:

The UNFPA delegation team discussed with the directors of the HUMAN ACCESS Office in Marib governorate means of cooperation between UNFPA and HA Office. Over the visit, made to the HA Office, the delegation members were briefed on the progress of the "protection project and livelihood support for women and girls"- Safe Space in its various sections, the most important services, programs, and activities provided to women and girls. The delegation also reviewed the mechanism of work of the Safe Space and its outcomes in supporting women and girls.

On that, the delegation members expressed their admiration for the services provided to women and girls in economic empowerment, rehabilitation, and training programmes.

#### The United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator (OCHA) visits HUMAN ACCESS and praises its cumulative expertise:

Mr. David Gresley, United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen, visited HUMAN ACCESS in Marib governorate, where he was briefed on the work progress of the Community Center for IDPs, its projects, activities, and most prominent services. Mr. Gresley was introduced to the most important areas of humanitarian interventions implemented by the Com-





munity Center in Marib and the positive results and indicators it has achieved during the past period. He also discussed with the Center's directors the difficulties it faces, especially in light of the increasing waves of displacement. The Humanitarian Coordinator appreciated the humanitarian efforts carried out by HUMAN ACCESS across Yemen, including assistance delivered to IDPs, and the positive impact it has on their lives. He also commended HUMAN ACCESS's long and accumulated experience in the field of humanitarian action, and its outstanding technical skills and mechanisms.

#### The Leadership of the Local Authority in Hadramout praises the services provided by the Reproductive Health Project at Al-Shahar Centre:

Major. General. Faraj Al-Hassani, Governor of Hadramout, applauded the medical services provided by the Reproductive Health Services Support Project, implemented by HUMAN ACCESS, in partnership with UNFPA, at Al-Shahar Health Center in the district of Gayl Ba Wazir. During the governor's visit to the Center, accompanied by Dr. Abdullah Dahan, Deputy Minister of Public Health and Population; Dr. Ahlam Ben Brik, UNFPA Coordinator in Hadramout governorate; and Dr. Mohammed Al-Jamhi, Director of the Public Health and Population Office.

M.G. Al-Hassani praised HUMAN ACCESS's efforts in supporting the Center and strengthening health efforts in the governorate, stressing the importance of continued work by international organizations and their local partners to backing health services in Yemen, under the current difficult circumstances the country is undergoing.

For his part, Dr. Abdullah Dahan, Deputy Minister of Public Health and Population, admired the role of UNFPA and its local partners in supporting reproductive health





services. Dr. Ahlam Ben Brik, UN-FPA Coordinator, confirmed that the Fund pays great attention to reproductive health services through the established health facilities, so to enhance the health status in the country, in partnership with the local organizations, led by HUMAN ACCESS. It is worth mentioning that the project to support reproductive health services, contributed to the reduction of complications rate for births and newborns. in Hadramout governorate, where the number of cases benefiting from the project services in Al-Shahar Health Center during 2021, reached (9371) cases.

#### YHF representative inspects HUMAN ACCESS health projects, in the districts of Al-Medarabah and Ra'as Al-Arah in Lahj governorate:

Dr. Samah Mahmoud. Representative of the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), conducted an inspection visit to check on the progress of the "promoted sustainable health services project", which is implemented by HUMAN ACCESS at Ra'as al-Arah rural hospital and the Soqya Health center in Lahj governorate. Building on the visit, she expressed her admiration for the services provided in both health facilities, which contributed to enhanced health status, strengthened life-saving interventions, and a minimum health package

rendered to the most vulnerable populations in the target areas.

#### Participating in the consultative meeting between OCHA and local and international organizations operating in Yemen:

With the engagement of Mr. Tarek Talha, Deputy Director of the OCHA MENA Office, and the representatives of local and international organizations, HU-MAN ACCESS participated in the consultative meeting, organized by OCHA Area Office in Marib. In this meeting, discussions were held on work progression for Marib Humanitarian Centre, workshops on the humanitarian response plan related to the most vulnerable IDPs were prepared by the participating organizations,





and membership acquisition was opened before the new local organizations were authorized by the local authorities. The meeting participants also discussed the need to establish permanent housing for IDPs in the Marib governorate, the importance of supporting the protection, children and education projects, economic empowerment programmes, and women protection interventions. They also address the need to establish free emergency health centers in IDP communities, build a specialized psychiatric health center to treat mentally ill persons who have been tortured, and address anomalies in the rapid response mechanism for IDPs, training, and rehabilitation of staff working in organizations. The OCHA representative has expressed his readiness to provide the necessary facilitations for the working organizations and to address all the difficulties that face the process of delivering assistance to IDPs.

#### Holding a consultative meeting for the organizations operating in child protection in Marib:

The Child Protection Programme, implemented by HUMAN ACCESS, in partnership with UNICEF, held a consultative meeting in Marib where 18 local and international organizations operating in the protection field have participated. This meeting was also attended by representatives of health authorities and child service providers. The meeting explored the condition experienced by more than half a million IDP children living in displacement camps and gatherings in the Marib governorate. The participants also discussed the risks those children are encountering and the low level of humanitarian interventions they require. The meeting contributed to strengthening the mechanisms of coordination and cooperation between organizations and attaining a unified vision of protecting children protection from the risks they experience, most notably: the continued campaigns of forced displacement, and the repeated shelling of IDP camps. This meeting also stressed the importance of providing more health, education, protection, and empowerment programmes dedicated to displaced children in displacement camps.

#### Regular meeting for WASH Cluster in Marib:

The regular meeting for WASH Cluster, attended by WASH Cluster representative, OCHA respective Officer, local authorities, and CSOs representatives, discussed the current condition faced by the IDP camps in Marib and Al-Jawf governorates, particularly WASH requirements in schools and health facilities, along with the proposed training programs needed for the Cluster's partners. During this meeting, Dr. Yasser Al-Ameri, WASH Cluster Coordinator in the Marib governorate, stressed that more efforts are needed to develop the early warning mechanism to protect IDPs. He also thanked HUMAN ACCESS Office for inviting him to this meeting.



## Distribution of shelter items and tents for IDPs in Taiz and Al-Mahra governorates

HUMAN ACCESS Office in Taiz governorate has distributed 40 tents for IDP families, in Al-Munij camp in Al-Ma'afar district, which is a new camp housing IDP families from Maqbanah district. HA Office also distributed modern wood stoves that supported those displaced families in facing cold weather and harsh winter. The assisted families were very happy with such assistance that came at the time of critical need.

In Al-Mahra governorate, HA Office distributed blankets and clothing to 122 vulnerable and orphan families in Al-Ghayda district, which assisted in covering the basic needs of those families and brought joy to their suffering children.





## Carrying out the literacy programme for women and girls in Sayoon

A literacy program in Sayoon governorate was implemented targeting 17 IDP women and girls as well as the host community. It aimed at enabling them with literacy skills so as to be active community members. At the program-end ceremony, participation certificates were distributed to the target women and girls who expressed their thanks and appreciation to the programme's executors.

## Establishment and opening of a primary school for IDP children in Al-Jufinah IDP camp

The Primary School has been established in partnership with Kaf Humanitarian Organization-Bahrain, with the view to creating an educational environment that enables IDP children to attain their education. The school was made up of 6 classrooms, a management room, a warehouse, a yard, and toilets. At the inauguration ceremony, Dr. Ali Al-Abab, Deputy Minister of Education, said that the school represents a major contribution to the educational process as it would assist in meeting the IDP education needs. He, in turn, commended the humanitarian efforts of HUMAN ACCESS in supporting education and backing up the competent government agencies in the implementation of development projects.



## Launching the solar-powered water project in the Sababer area, in Al-Dule'ah district



HUMAN ACCESS Office in Hadramout Al-Sahel launched the solar-powered Water Project in the Sababer area, in Al-Dule'ah district, funded by Kuwait's Zakat House. During the ceremony, Mr. Thabet Ba Masdos, the District Director-General, praised the tangible humanitarian efforts exerted by HUMAN ACCESS, including the operation of water wells using solar power energy, which paid much in alleviating the suffering of people and providing drinkable clean water. On his part, Eng. Mohammed Al-Haidari, Executive Director of HUMAN ACCESS in Mukalla, pointed out that the project is part of the WASH program, stressing its importance in providing clean and sustainable water to the beneficiary population. Paying tribute and credit to the staff and community committees at the "Psychosocial and Community Support Center" at Al-Shaher Hospital



In recognition of their efforts and role in serving the community and the sick people, HUMAN ACCESS Office in Al-Mukalla has honored and paid tribute to working staff and community committees at the "Psychological and Community Support Center" at Al-Shaher Public Hospital. The honoring ceremony included a number of art parts. In his speech at



the ceremony, the Executive Director of the Office, Eng. Mohamed Al-Hadri commended all the efforts exercised by the Center's staff and community committees at the Al-Shaher Hospital, expressing his admiration for the past achievements in the service of the community.

## Organizing the "Open day event" for children in Al-Mahrah

In an atmosphere of joy, happiness, and innocence of children, the HUMAN ACCESS Office in Al-Mahrah governorate organized an open day for children, where 38 children and orphans participated. This event, which contributed to promoting and building children's intellectual and creative capacities, included various activities mainly interactive competitions and questions, puppet theatre, distribution of gifts and toys for children, awareness-raising, and family guidance activities for orphans' mothers. This also helped in creating a joyful and creational environment for orphan children.



### Celebrating the "International Volunteer Day", December 5th, in Al-Mukalla and Marib governorates

In the context of the "International Volunteer Day, on December 5th each year, HUMAN ACCESS, through the Protection and Livelihood Support Project in Marib and Hadramout Al-Sahel governorates, organized activities, and events to honor and pay credit to volunteers, who dedicate time and effort to support humanitarian action and server their communities. This event was aimed at highlighting the outstanding role played by volunteers in the development of humanitarian work.

In Al-Mukalla: Around 100 entities and persons, contributing to charity and voluntary work, have been honored in a ceremony attended by a number of representatives and directors of civil society organizations. The ceremony included statements on: the importance of volunteering in creating resilient communities capable of meeting humanitarian challenges, women's rights, and the need to enhance their role in the community. The activities of the "Safe Space for Women and Girls", such as awareness sessions, rehabilitation and training programmes, and capacity building, have also been reviewed. In Marib governorate: many male and female volunteers, who have contributed significantly to voluntary work and serving their communities and IDP camps, have been honored. The event aimed at shedding light on volunteers' contributions and efforts made in carrying out educational and awareness activities for IDPs.



### Celebrating the "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" on December 3rd, in Sayoon and Al-Mahrah



Persons, and Al-Dhya'a for Blind.

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Coinciding with International Day for Persons with Disabilities, falling on December 3rd each year, the HUMAN ACCESS Offices in Sayoon and Al-Mahrah governorates have carried out various events and activities, celebrating the occasion, and in support of disabled target people. In Sayoon governorate, a psychological and recreational event was executed with the participation of 230 male and female students from the schools of Al-Amal Al-Manshood for the Deaf and

educational, and competitive activities, in addition to distributing gifts, and providing awareness and educational sessions in the zone of psychological support. The event helped in improving the level of mental status, comforting students with disabilities, and giving them moments of happiness and joy. In Al-Mahrah, an open day for Dumb. Al-Hemah for the Disabled

disabled children was organized

at the premises of the "Society for Deaf, Dumb and Hearing-impaired People" in Al-Ghaydah city. The event included recreational activities, awareness spots, theatre shows which elaborate on the ordeal suffered by persons with disabilities, competitions, distribution of gifts and toys for the disabled, and songs performed in sign language. This event with all these activities has contributed to alleviating the suffering of such group with disabilities.

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