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The ongoing conflict in Yemen is having dire consequences for health, nutrition, water, sanitation services, and other life-saving services. These services are becoming more difficult to access for many, as this conflict has added more risks to vulnerable and most vulnerable groups in society.

Millions of Yemenis face the risk of increasing malnutrition and struggle to make ends meet. All this is taking place amidst a continuous rise in food prices and the global hunger crisis, along with the absence of coordinated humanitarian action within the context of an urgent response plan to limit the expansion and spread of malnutrition among women and children in particular, as this may have frightening and continuous consequences for future generations.

Water, sanitation and hygiene needs are still very high and constantly increasing, especially in displacement camps and rural areas, as these services are among the biggest challenges faced by the population in these most vulnerable communities.

HUMAN ACCESS and its partners are making great efforts to avert the threat of malnutrition and reach more needy mothers and their children, especially in IDP camps. The goal is to provide them with the necessary food and nutrition assistance, facilitate their access to primary health care services to protect vulnerable groups, including women and children, offer water and environmental sanitation services, and improve hygiene practices at the family and community levels.

With a focus on remote areas, HUMAN ACCESS and its partners are also expanding sustainable development projects in their various sectors. The ACCESS' projects implemented in a number of vital sectors are a lively and fruitful model, in view of the positive change they have brought about and are taking place in people's lives and in strengthening and building their capacity to face future challenges.

**Yahya Hasan Al-Dabaa**  
**Head of HUMAN ACCESS**



with Kuwaiti funding

## University of Sheba Region college building constructed



HUMAN ACCESS in Marib, with funding from the Kuwaiti International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO), inaugurated the construction of the Ali Saleh Al-Luhaib College for Rehabilitation and Vocational & Technical Training of the University of Sheba Region in its new yard in Al-Mil, in the presence of Dr. Ali Al-Rammal, University Vice President for Student Affairs, and Abdrabbo Miftah, Governorate Undersecretary.

On an area of 20,000 square meters, this pioneering and important project is being implemented according to its plans and designs.

It consists of two buildings that include lecture halls,

various applied lab halls, administrative office rooms, corridors and elevators, as well as annexes to hangars, workshops, a fence with guards, bathrooms, stairs, and green spaces.

In his meeting with Muhammad Ramadan, the Kuwaiti organization's head of development projects programs, Undersecretary Miftah praised the Kuwaiti humanitarian efforts in Yemen and Marib in particular, as well as the interventions of the IICO through its local partner, HUMAN ACCESS, in filling part of the humanitarian needs in various sectors, as well as the emergency and developmental aspects.







**HUMAN ACCESS distributes  
3,440 school bags and uniforms**



The new school year has begun in Yemen, and many families are facing difficulties in meeting the basic educational needs of their children due to the devastating conflict in the country, which has entered its ninth year and has caused very poor economic conditions.

Providing the necessary school supplies for the poorest groups represents a real opportunity for children to continue their education and not be left behind, as it is a matter of dignity and human rights. Therefore, HUMAN ACCESS plays a leading role annually in supporting students who suffer from difficult living conditions. It also strives to mitigate the financial burden placed on needy families through bag and school uniform projects.

Coinciding with the start of the new academic year,

the association delivered 2,420 school bags with their necessary supplies and 1,020 school uniforms in the governorates of Hadhramaut, Shabwa, and Ma'rib to enable children to pursue their education and achieve their ambitions and dreams.

With the help of HUMAN ACCESS interventions, the beneficiary families were able to secure basic school necessities, encourage the most vulnerable male and female students to continue their education, eradicate illiteracy, and reduce student dropout rates.

In addition, the new academic year turned into a time of hope and joy for the beneficiaries, who expressed gratitude for this important humanitarian intervention to assist them in their educational pursuits.





## Over 484 thousand beneficiaries of this year's sacrifice project

In collaboration with several donor organizations, supporters and philanthropists, 484,464 people benefited from the sacrifice project for this year 1444 AH - 2023, which was implemented by HUMAN ACCESS during the blessed days of Eid Al-Adha in most of Yemen's governorates.

The project helped deliver meat to the most affected groups in Yemen, including the displaced, the needy and orphans. The project included the slaughter and distribution of 10,148 sacrifices of sheep and goats, and 1,434 sacrifices of cows, benefiting 484,464 people, as well as the delivery of clothing and Eid gifts for 1,678 male and female children.

In a special statement, Yahya Al-Daba, Head of HUMAN ACCESS, noted that the sacrificial animal project benefits needy and poor families amid an increase in hunger, poverty, malnutrition, and unemployment. The project's success is one of the fruits of the association's long experience, efficiency and reliability in charitable work.

HUMAN ACCESS' Head confirmed that the project contributed towards establishing the values of solidarity and compassion, as well as embodying the bonds of brotherhood that are emphasized in our religion. He explained that the targets were carefully selected, with an emphasis on areas with high levels of need for assistance and support.

Al-Daba extended his thanks and appreciation to the philanthropists and the various donors who shared HUMAN ACCESS with their charitable work and humanitarian initiative and funded the sacrifice project this year to bring joy and pleasure to the most vulnerable and needy groups during the Eid days. For the ninth year in a row, Yemen suffers from the repercussions of the armed conflict. By supporting HUMAN ACCESS' humanitarian projects throughout the country, philanthropists and donors can make a tangible difference in the lives of the poor and people in need.





## Training program for emergency health and nutrition response project



With funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz Governorate implemented a training program for the emergency health and nutrition response project targeting conflict-affected communities in Al-Wazieyyah and Mawzaa districts.

A minimum package of health services and therapeutic nutrition was provided to the affected communities in the two districts as part of the project to improve the health situation and save lives.

The program included conduction of two training courses in the field of therapeutic nutrition (CMAM) for service providers in health facilities and community health volunteers.

A total of 40 health workers were deployed in five health facilities and 40 volunteers were deployed in

the population centers of the targeted locations by two mobile teams to ensure that the most vulnerable and needy groups in society receive important services.

In collaboration with the offices of the Ministry of Public Health & Population in the governorates and districts, HUMAN ACCESS strengthens the Yemeni health system by enhancing the capacities of working health personnel and promoting health awareness among the community.

Taiz is one of the Yemeni governorates most affected by the war. Health services and therapeutic nutrition are among the most basic human needs in this densely populated governorate, thus contributing to saving lives and protecting vulnerable people from increasing shocks.







## Over 13,800 IDP beneficiaries of relief unit interventions in Marib



Yemen is experiencing an increase in hunger due to a combination of factors, most notably the continuation of war and conflict. As a result, a large number of the most vulnerable groups have adopted harsh strategies, including reducing food consumption and relying mainly on relief aid, leading to a growing gap between poverty and unemployment. Supporting the Yemeni people has therefore become a top priority and is of utmost importance.

As part of its mission to strengthen the resilience

and coping capacity of the most vulnerable groups in the displaced and conflict-affected communities, the HUMAN ACCESS Relief Unit in Marib governorate also works with many local and international donors to meet many of their most pressing food needs.

The unit carried out multiple humanitarian activities to fulfill this mission, which greatly reduced the impact of successive crises on the displaced, and distributed food baskets containing flour, sugar, rice, oil, legumes, dates, pasta to over 13,800 displaced







and conflict-affected people in the governorate, funded by WIFA.

The unit also delivered 500 hot meals consisting of rice and poultry meat, to 500 displaced and affected people, funded by the Turkish Fatih Organization. The Relief Unit's interventions in HUMAN ACCESS were not limited to food aid, but extended to other areas, supplying hygiene kits for 170 families. As part of an urgent response to meet the needs of water services, the Unit also supplied 300 water trucks - each with a capacity of 6,000 liters - to

18,000 displaced and affected families with the aid of WIFA organization.

It is of critical importance to carry out these humanitarian interventions in light of the lack of income sources, the sharp rise in prices for services and basic commodities, and the inability of many vulnerable families, particularly those displaced, to meet their most basic needs, such as access to food, water, and hygiene supplies that help prevent epidemics and diseases.







## 567 displaced families survive on water and sanitation services

According to the United Nations, more than 4.5 million Yemeni displaced people face very difficult humanitarian conditions as a result of displacement. It is a situation that is further aggravated in camps due to the lack of clean drinking water, toilets, and healthcare services, while a country that is experiencing one of the worst humanitarian crises is experiencing an exacerbation of water problems.

Marib governorate represents the most accommodating governorate in Yemen for the displaced, as a large part of them live in worn-out camps in a harsh desert environment.

The lack of safe water, sanitation and hygiene services in these camps has become one of the most pressing crises threatening the lives of the displaced, mostly women and children.

As a result, HUMAN ACCESS has been involved in resolving these crises, and with the support of the Yemen Humanitarian Fund

(YHF), has made a positive difference in the lives of displaced families in two camps for the displaced, “Al Muthanna” and “Bir al Walidain”, by providing life-saving water assistance to the most vulnerable IDPs and host communities in Marib under an emergency water project.

### Multiple achievements and beneficiaries.

The project is one of the qualitative and sustainable projects that response to the urgent needs of the most vulnerable displaced people in the two targeted camps and the host communities in the region that lack the most basic public services and infrastructure. Considering the poor health conditions in the camps for the displaced, which negatively affect people’s lives and health, the project plays a key role in reducing the spread of diseases and epidemics. Through the YHF-funded project, HUMAN ACCESS has improved access of the most

vulnerable IDP families and host communities in Al-Muthanna and Bir Al-Walidain camps to improved water and sanitation facilities, basic hygiene supplies and raised communities’ awareness to promote healthy practices related to WASH. 567 families in the two targeted camps benefited from the services of this project during the period (October 2022 - July 2023). The services included an installation of 27 public water tanks (water distribution points) with a capacity of 2,000 liters, a supply of 5,005,800 liters of potable water for 3,275 displaced persons, a rehabilitation of Al Muthanna water project, and the execution of 12 general hygiene campaigns. In addition, 179 latrines were constructed, including 6 latrines for people with special needs, 1,482 basic and consumable hygiene kits were distributed, and 20 volunteers were trained on hygiene promotion, mobilization and advocacy. Moreover, 3,629 sessions and



home visits were carried out to increase the public awareness about the basic messages of water and environmental sanitation. Furthermore, the hygiene fund supported the collection and transport of about 450 cubic meters of garbage from the two camps using 50 300-liter plastic garbage barrels.

**Maintaining IDPs health and dignity.**

The project to provide emergency and life-saving water and sanitation assistance to the most vulnerable IDPs and host communities in Marib has helped improve access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene practices, and living in a sustainable environment. Keeping the residents of Al-Muthanna and Bir Al-Waidain camps away from the brink of abyss is another tangible success of the project.

In his statement, Dr. Amin Ali Omar, the project manager, said that the project helped bridge the gap in basic water and environmental sanitation services suffered by the displaced in the targeted areas.

The project has also worked to provide life necessities that many displaced people could not afford, as the process of fetching water has no longer become an arduous, exhausting and dangerous task as it was in the past, besides the toilets worked to preserve the health, dignity and privacy of the displaced.

According to Dr. Amin, the deterioration of the infrastructure of the water and sanitation sector and the high costs of water in the country exacerbate the suffering of the displaced who have lost their homes and income sources. In this regard, the project has been instrumental in bringing

about an actual and valuable change in the lives of the beneficiaries, especially women and children, as it has helped eliminate diseases and epidemics that spread due to a lack of clean water. A number of the displaced and the host community in the targeted locations expressed their gratitude to HUMAN ACCESS and YHF for this great intervention and these essential services for their lives, which became within their reach after they were finding it very difficult to obtain them, allowing them to focus on other aspects of life in a country that has been mired in conflict for years. International reports describe this country as having the sixth largest displacement crisis in the world, with three-quarters of its population without access to clean water and sanitation.





## International Women's Day celebration activities



With the intention of drawing attention to women's issues and rights and warning of the danger of denying women and girls their rights, HUMAN ACCESS joined the international community in celebrating International Women's Day, which falls on March 8th of each year. On this occasion, several activities were carried out in the governorates of Hadhramaut, Shabwa and Marib, as part of the activities of the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls", funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

In Hadhramaut Governorate, the safe space in the city of Mukalla carried out an awareness lecture about women and their important role in the family and society, in the presence of 25 beneficiaries. In the city of Seiyun, the safe space carried out an awareness session entitled "The importance of women's work", in the presence of over 18 female beneficiaries working in the "My profession is in my hands" center for widows and divorced women. The

session addressed the benefits of work for women and society.

In the city of Ataq, Shabwa Governorate, the safe space held an open day for women and girls, in which three beneficiaries of rehabilitation and economic empowerment services were invited to share their experiences, stories, and victories in the labor market and obtaining a source of income. Meanwhile, a number of visitors to the safe space participated in awareness sessions under the slogan "Honoring her is an honor for your family", which focused on protecting women's rights and dignity. In Marib Governorate, the safe space in Al-Jufaina region honored a number of female workers within its team, in recognition of their pioneering and dedicated role in serving women. The space also honored pioneering female educators for their significant role in advocating for women's and girls' issues. Moreover, the safe space organized a human rights symposium on women's rights as an integral part of







human rights, in addition to the space's participation in a speech ceremony to honor working women organized by the local authorities.

In Al-Mujamma area, the safe space honored a number of female humanitarian workers for their efforts in community service, and organized a radio interview via Radio Marib FM to introduce International Women's Day and the importance of this global occasion. Furthermore, during an awareness session, success stories of women who overcame difficulties and demonstrated shining examples were discussed, whereby the importance of women's role in society was highlighted.

In Al-Wadi district, the space office organized a

workshop for its female staff on improving the work mechanism, a discussion session on International Women's Day, and an entertainment day for children. The space also organized a two-day women's mini-bazaar to display the products of beneficiaries of economic empowerment in the fields of sewing and sweets/pastry making.

Besides the distribution of symbolic gifts and prizes, other activities were also implemented to underscore the importance of protecting and supporting the rights of women and girls, demonstrating the importance of investing in women's energies, and highlighting the risks of destabilizing society as a whole if women are denied their rights.



## “Leave her as she was created”

### Community awareness to abandon female genital mutilation

In an effort to raise awareness among the community regarding the risks and negative effects of female genital mutilation (FGM), violence against women, and the importance of standing up to any violation of women’s rights, HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut governorate organized an awareness session on gender-based violence in the city of Mukalla under the slogan “Leave her as she was created”.

The session included the health, psychological and social risks resulting from female circumcision, as part of the FGM project funded

by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

39 girls participated in the awareness session, and the consequences of genital mutilation of girls were revealed, as it involves the removal of healthy and normal tissue and its damage.

The session also emphasized the urgent need to redouble efforts to eradicate this phenomenon, which is rooted in some social norms, as it forms a violation of the basic rights of girls and women.

In Seiyun, a training program was held for the peers’ network and

the network of community-based committees, addressing the important role of community networks to raise awareness about the FGM phenomenon as a crime and a violation of human rights that everyone must confront.

An awareness session was also conducted in the presence of 22 women about gender-based violence.

Two workshops were also held, one in Seiyun and the other in Mukalla, to produce awareness-raising media materials against FGM in the presence of media professionals, religious







scholars, educators and social workers, in preparation for launching public awareness-raising activities in the coming days to protect females from these wrong practices.

In Al-Mahra Governorate, an awareness session and a training

program were carried out to combat FGM and mobilize against this practice, which constitutes a violation of basic human rights. The awareness session addressed the phenomenon of gender-based violence, including female genital mutilation (FGM).

Furthermore, the training targeted community networks to educate them and activate their role in combating genital mutilation of girls, which leads to long-term negative physical and psychological consequences.





## Empowering women and girls economically and vocationally



HUMAN ACCESS in Marib governorate has implemented a number of economic empowerment and vocational training programs targeting dozens of female trainees in a number of areas of economic and vocational empowerment.

The organization was able to achieve this by maintaining a close and active partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), as well as through the protection and livelihood support project, "Safe Space for Women and Girls," which is intended to improve women's economic empowerment and support services to cope with difficult living situations. In this regard, the safe space in Al-Jufaina carried out an assessment of the impact of economic empowerment projects to measure the program's success in enhancing the resilience of beneficiaries, to ensure that the projects are on track, and to identify obstacles that prevent achieving the desired profitability.

A vocational training and empowerment program was completed by the safe space for 13 trainees in Al-Matar area during the first quarter of this year. Its purpose is to provide the beneficiaries with the skills necessary in this field to obtain an income and become self-sufficient. Moreover, the safe space in Al-Rawda and Al-Mil camps concluded its vocational training and economic empowerment program for the first quarter of this year in the field of sewing and tailoring. As a result of the hard-living conditions, 13 beneficiaries, including those with special needs, were equipped with sewing skills that would enable them to earn a living and support their families. Additionally, the first quarter of this year's vocational training and economic empowerment program was completed, which targeted 13 sweets and pastries trainees, with the goal of promoting economic empowerment and reducing poverty and unemployment resulting from the ongoing conflict in the country by



providing them with skills in this field. The safe space in Al-Rawda and Al-Mil camps also organized a charity bazaar in Al-Suweida camp to display the products of the beneficiaries of the rehabilitation and economic empowerment programs, which included sweets/pastries and clothing corners. In light of the wave of high prices hitting local markets, the bazaar made it possible for the most needy and low-income families to afford Eid clothing for their children.

The safe space organized community awareness outreach in Al-Jufaina area, where ten women visited the space and were informed and given an overview of the services available as well as building the capacity of women and girls to overcome the harsh conditions resulting from the ongoing conflict and to achieve their human rights, since the advancement of women is a vital part of society's development. In the same area, the safe space, in the presence of Ghamdan Al-Qadi, the coordinator of the Gender-Based Violence Sub-Cluster of UNFPA in Marib, concluded two training courses. The first training was in the field of sewing and tailoring for 14 women, while the second training also targeted 14 women in the field of sweets and pastry making. Ghamdan Al-Qadi also inaugurated an exhibition of women's clothing products, organized by the safe space, to display the products of the beneficiaries of vocational training in the field of sewing. In conjunction with the approaching of Eid al-Fitr and families'

need for clothes at affordable prices, the exhibition included clothes for women, girls, and children. Moreover, the space in the same area conducted an awareness session on educational counseling and academic excellence for female students, targeting 60 female students in Safiyah School. As part of the approach to encourage excellence and entrepreneurship, it also organized a discussion session with 32 participants related to market analysis and identifying professional tendencies. A women's bazaar was held in Al-Wadi district in the first quarter of the year to display and market the products in sewing and tailoring of those who have completed vocational training and economic empowerment programs. In Shabwa Governorate, the safe space in Ataq city completed the first professional courses in hairdressing and cosmetic arts for the current year. Through this program, vulnerable individuals were provided with skills in this professional field, which can lead to a better quality of life, support their families, and prevent poverty. Programs that promote vocational rehabilitation and economic empowerment reduce poverty and enable women and girls to get funding, build their capabilities, and gain the necessary experience to launch their own businesses. By participating in bazaars, it helps them promote their work, introduce their creativity, enhance their abilities and talents, promote their products, and increase their competitiveness.







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After more than eight years of devastating conflict in Yemen, malnutrition has become a major concern in many parts of the country. The deterioration of health services, the economic crisis, the decline in purchasing power, and the difficulty of obtaining safe drinking water have increased malnutrition rates. As a result, access to health, nutrition, and other life-saving services has become more difficult.

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In its recent report, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported that 2.2 million Yemeni children suffer from acute malnutrition, of whom more than 540,000 suffer from severe acute malnutrition, which is a life-threatening condition if not treated urgently. Meanwhile, the rate of malnutrition among mothers has increased by 25%, putting women and newborns at risk.

Children and women are among the most vulnerable groups amidst conflicts. The ongoing conflict in the country has severely affected people's resilience, as it has weakened the ability of many families to have access to nutritious, safe and affordable food, such as fresh

fruits, vegetables, legumes, meat and milk, and has had dire effects on those families and the health of their members. HUMAN ACCESS has always been present in Yemen for the past eight years and beyond. It continues to actively work to provide much-needed food assistance, ensuring the availability of specialized nutritious foods for women and children who need it most. Through its specific and sensitive nutrition interventions, it can address malnutrition and prevent further deterioration.

### **What does malnutrition mean?**

The appearance of malnutrition in a person indicates that there is a deficiency, excess, or imbalance in that person's intake of energy or nutrients. The term malnutrition covers three broad groups of health conditions. The first is undernutrition, which includes wasting (low weight-for-height), stunting (short stature-for-age), and underweight (low weight-for-age). The second is micronutrient malnutrition, which includes micronutrient deficiencies (lack of important vitamins and miner-



als) or micronutrient overabundance. The third group is overweight, obesity and diet-related noncommunicable diseases (such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some cancers). A number of factors are causing an increase in malnutrition among children under five, pregnant and lactating women, including armed conflicts, extreme climatic phenomena, the COVID-19 pandemic, economic and living crises, high levels of poverty, unemployment, and many others.

The war in Ukraine has affected imports and food shortages amid soaring prices of basic commodities, including wheat, edible oils, and fuel. This led to catastrophic levels of malnutri-

tion in countries experiencing conflicts, such as Yemen, which is considered one of the centers of global hunger, according to previous UN assessments. Proper nutrition changes the game, as well-nourished people are more likely to be healthy, productive, and able to learn. Iodine, iron and vitamin A are among the most important substances of global public health, and their deficiency represents a major threat to health. Investing in the prevention and treatment of malnutrition saves lives and prevents more vulnerable children and women of childbearing age from being at risk. Studies show that improving nutrition is not only a life saver, but it is also a smart

investment, as every US dollar invested in nutrition saves the country \$10 in return.

### Figures paint a bleak picture

Data distributed by the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) at the beginning of this year showed that 3.5 million people in Yemen, including 1.3 million pregnant or breastfeeding women and girls, suffer from acute malnutrition. And that nearly half of Yemeni households (49% nationally) suffer from inadequate food consumption, with very high rates in 15 out of 22 governorates.





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Statistics indicate that one out of every five children under the age of five in various parts of Yemen suffers from acute malnutrition, and that 45% of children suffer from stunting, and over 86% suffer from anemia. The numbers are expected to rise due to the ongoing crisis in the country.

In a recent analysis of the Integrated Phase Classification of Food Security for Yemen, issued last May, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Food Program (WFP), and UNICEF confirmed that some Yemeni regions are still suffering from critical levels of acute malnutrition.

In a report on the humanitarian situation in Yemen during the first half of this year, issued last June, the United Nations Office for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) described malnutrition in the country as complex.

According to the report, it was a complex mix of factors involved, including food insecurity, poor food quality, measles outbreaks, low coverage of vaccination campaigns, limited access to clean water and sanitation, and a high proportion of infectious diseases.

As a result of high levels of disease and poor access to health care, the UN office stated that stunting has been reported at very high levels, leading to an overall loss due to reduced

cognitive and physical development, decreased productivity capacity, poor health, and increased disease risks.

On how to address this situation, the Humanitarian Affairs Office stated that urgent action is needed to address the underlying drivers of food insecurity, including conflict, economic decline, and lack of humanitarian assistance. It further warned that inaction could lead to a more severe humanitarian crisis, disease outbreaks, suboptimal nutritional practices, and the decline of the already poor nutritional status.





## Endless cycle of poverty and ill health

Undernutrition leads to vulnerability to disease and death, especially for children. According to UN reports, approximately 45% of deaths of children under the age of five are related to undernutrition, and most of these deaths occur in low-and middle-income countries.

Malnutrition increases health-care costs, takes terrible toll on the most vulnerable children, and has devastating consequences for the lives and well-being of women. Poverty

exacerbates the risks of malnutrition, as people living in poverty are more vulnerable to various forms of malnutrition. They are forced into desperate measures to feed themselves and their families, which has major repercussions on physical and mental health.

An unhealthy diet and malnutrition are also major risk factors for cardiovascular disease, as inadequate nutrition leads to poor cognitive development and weakens the immune system. According to UN reports, weakened immune systems increase the risk of death among these children under the age of five by up to 11 times compared to well-nourished children.

In previous statements pub-

lished by the United Nations News, UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell said: “Malnutrition is a major threat to the survival, growth and development of children.” She added that the scale of the nutrition crisis requires a stronger response focused on children, stressing that the global hunger crisis is pushing millions of mothers and their children towards hunger and severe undernutrition, and “without urgent action from the international community, the consequences of this may continue for many generations to come.”

FAO Director-General QU Dongyu said the situation is likely to deteriorate further in 2023. He stressed the need to





ensure availability, affordability and access to healthy diets for young children, girls, and pregnant and lactating women, adding: “We need urgent action to save lives now, address the root causes of acute malnutrition, and work together across all sectors”.

For his part, the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said: “People need access to affordable and nutritious food as well as support during these difficult times.” “Lack of food and nutrition weakens people’s immune system and increases their risk of disease,” he continued. Dr. Tedros added that malnourished children are more likely to

die from pneumonia, diarrheal diseases and measles.

### The 18 districts served by HUMAN ACCESS

HUMAN ACCESS is responding to the massive malnutrition crisis in Yemen. As a result, it strives to prevent all forms of malnutrition by improving children’s and women’s access to nutritious and safe diets and promoting optimal nutrition, hygiene and care practices for children and women for the health and well-being of all. During six months, specifically from January to June 2023,

HUMAN ACCESS succeeded in reaching 79,422 children and pregnant and lactating mothers, through the emergency support project for the most vulnerable groups - children under five years and pregnant and breast-feeding mothers - with curative and preventive feeding services, with funding from WFP. The project targeted 18 districts in three governorates severely affected by the conflict. Those districts are Al-Qahirah, Mashra’a & Hadnan, Al-Misrakh, Jabal Habashi, Al-Mawasit, and Al-Waze’iya in Taiz Governorate, and the districts of Al-Malah, Al-Musaymir, Al-Madharibah & Al-Arah, Al-Maqatirah, Radfan, Al-Hadd, Habel Jabr, and Tur Al-Baha in Lahj Governorate, as well as





the districts of Marib City, Marib Al-Wadi, Harib, and Raghwan in Marib Governorate.

The project helped save the lives of severely malnourished children under the age of five and improved the nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women.

With the involvement of 603 volunteers, the project also helped prevent acute malnutrition by promoting preventive food and micronutrient support, in addition to health awareness and education, through 121 fixed health facilities, 216 food distribution points, and 14 mobile clinics.

The child Samad Jamil, 10 months, Rahaf Saif, 24 months, Muhammad Badri, 7 months, and Zainab Samer, 25 months,

are just simple examples of children who were suffering from malnutrition with sunken eyes and slender bodies. Thanks to this project, they were able to recover, and the smile did not leave their lips after their relatives had given up on their survival. These people are now deeply grateful that this project has helped their children survive, recover, and lead healthy lives.

In a special statement, Dr. Abdulwase Alwasei, Secretary-General of HUMAN ACCESS, said that the emergency support project with curative and preventive nutrition services for the most vulnerable groups - children under five years of age and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers - in three

governorates has a fundamental role in saving lives.

Additionally, the project provided the necessary assistance to enable beneficiaries to stand on solid ground, and it came at a time when this type of assistance is increasingly needed.

Dr. Alwasei explained that addressing malnutrition is one of the main priorities for HUMAN ACCESS, and it simply cannot stop now, since a generation is at risk in light of the deteriorating food situation in Yemen and the decline in access to healthy diets for vulnerable groups.

The Secretary General stressed that there is a need to invest in basic nutrition programs and avoid terrible consequences for children and women due to catastrophic levels of malnutrition.



## 138 orphans receive semi-comprehensive sponsorship



The Orphans Care and Sponsorship Sector of HUMAN ACCESS, funded by the International Islamic Charity Organization, conducted a semi-comprehensive sponsorship program for orphans, targeting 138 boys and girls orphans in Taiz, Hadhramaut and Marib governorates to ensure they have the basic necessities they need.

Among the activities provided by the project were cash sponsorships, food baskets, winter clothing, tuition fees, healthcare, and the set-up of educational and recreational activities to help protection of or-

phans, one of the most vulnerable groups in society. The armed conflict in Yemen has expanded the segment of orphans, who live in extreme poverty after losing the breadwinner, in conjunction with the decline of the economic situation and the lack of access to basic services.

It is of great importance to work to alleviate the severity of their misery and to find serious solutions to contain more of them, before many of them slip into the cycle of homelessness and loss.





## Multiple summer programs and activities for orphans launched in Mukalla



In Mukalla city, Hadhramaut Governorate, HUMAN ACCESS organized the second summer camp for orphans funded by the International Islamic Charity Organization, with 50 male and female orphans participating, as part of the ongoing effort to care for and meet the needs of orphans in such a way as to ensure they are raised in a healthy environment that contributes to their future preparation.

Programs, activities, educational, and recreational courses were offered at the camp for the purpose of enhancing the cognitive, cultural, and moral development of orphans and instilling the values and morals of this group, as well as exploring the talented and

refining their abilities and creativity in a variety of fields and qualifying them to become active citizens. Waddah Baqtayan, Director of the Associations Department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor office in the coast of Hadhramaut, praised the support of the International Islamic Charity Organization, and also the pioneering role of HUMAN ACCESS in caring for and rehabilitating orphans and developing their skills. He also urged the participating orphans to make the most of these specific programs and activities, and to use their outputs in their practical lives.





## 100 disabled men and women receive wheelchairs

HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz and Marib governorates supplied wheelchairs to 100 disabled men and women, with fifty chairs in each governorate, funded by the Turkish Sadaqa Organization. The goal of the project is to mitigate the suffering of the disabled affected by the conflict, facilitate their mobility and

movement, and improve their health condition. The ongoing conflict in Yemen has left thousands of people with disabilities, which has increased their vulnerabilities and restricted their access to services, including health services.



## HUMAN ACCESS reopens roads damaged by rain and floods



HUMAN ACCESS in Shabwa governorate reopened and rehabilitated roads damaged by rain and torrential rains in Jala'a area of Rudhum district, as part of the

urgent relief project to rehabilitate the road network in the governorate.

HUMAN ACCESS constantly assist in opening blocked roads

in times of tropical conditions, torrential rains and floods, as part of its vital interventions to alleviate the suffering of the population in the affected areas.



## Health activities and services

In order to improve public health services and enhance reproductive health services in a number of governorates, and in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), HUMAN ACCESS has carried out a wide range of health programs, projects and services.

### A number of health facilities receive medicines and medical supplies

As part of the services offered to refugees in Kharaz and Al-Basateen areas in Aden and Lahj governorates, HUMAN ACCESS donated medicines and medical supplies to a number of government hospitals and medical centers in Aden governorate, which are: Al-Sadaqa, Al-Jumhuriya, 22 May Al-Jarahi, Al-Salam Mental Hospital, Al-Shaab obstetric hospital, and Basuhaib hospital. The support rendered also included health centers in Dar Saad district and the National Center for Drug Supply. This vital support comes within the framework of

prior understandings with hospitals and targeted centers to provide health care services to refugees who find it difficult to access them due to the refugee trauma, and to protect everyone's life and health from the risks of disease outbreaks, resulting from a health system that is witnessing further deterioration and shortcomings.

In Hadhramaut governorate, health items and supplies were delivered to Tarim General Hospital, Tarim district, as a significant part of the humanitarian response efforts donated to the hospital.





## Al-Misrakh Hospital obstetric emergency department receives medical supplies



HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz governorate delivered medical and in-kind materials to the obstetric emergency department at Al-Misrakh Hospital as part of the support offered by the project to support reproductive health services to the hospital, aimed at providing reproductive health services and improving health care services in Yemen. At the delivery ceremony, the Director General of Al-Misrakh Hospital confirmed that these medical and in-kind materials, which are delivered every three months to the Obstetric Emergency Department, cover a significant part of the department's needs, thanking HUMAN ACCESS, UNFPA, and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center for their important efforts in supporting medical services and the health sector.

## Al-Ghaydha hospital's obstetric emergency department receives medical supplies

As part of the continuous support provided by the Reproductive Health Services Support Project in the governorate, HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahra governorate delivered medical supplies, medicines and hygiene items to the obstetric emergency department in Al-Ghaydha Central Hospital for the first quarter of 2023.

The Director General of Al-Ghaydha Hospital expressed his thanks and appreciation for HUMAN ACCESS, the UNFPA, and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center for this health support to improve reproductive health in the governorate,

emphasizing that these medical items and supplies that are delivered every three months to the obstetric emergency department cover a significant part of the department's needs.

The project to support reproductive health services is being executed in Al-Mahra Governorate for the fourth year in a row, benefiting about 12,000 cases annually. It is also one of the qualitative projects to improve access to reproductive health services, as necessary services in light of the urgent need for them.



Within the project to support reproductive health services, HUMAN ACCESS supplied medical support to Ras Al-Arah Hospital in Lahj Governorate, where medical and in-kind materials included 42 items of obstetric and neonatal emergency medicines, hygiene and sterilization materials, and pregnancy test strips for the obstetric emergency department. The hospital administration appreciated HUMAN ACCESS' efforts in the governorate and its continuous support to offer the necessary health services to patients.

## Ras Al-Arah Hospital receives medicines and hygiene materials



## Training program for midwives and nurses on ECG

With the goal to train health personnel to improve the quality of health services offered to patients, HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahra governorate organized a training program targeting 37 health midwives and nurses at Al-Ghaydah Central Hospital, focusing on electrocardiogram (ECG).

The training took place under the umbrella of the project to support reproductive health services,

which is being run by HUMAN ACCESS in the hospital for the fourth year in a row.

In the program's opening, the Director General of Al Ghaydah Central Hospital, Mohsen Balhaf, thanked UNFPA and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center for executing such important training to upgrade the performance level of the health staff.







## Introductory workshop on project plan for malnutrition treatment 2023

With funding from the World Food Program (WFP), HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz held an introductory workshop on the malnutrition treatment project plan for the current year 2023, in the presence of the Public Health and Population Office leadership in the governorate, directors of health offices in the project-targeted districts, district coordinators, and mobile medical clinics' staff.

At the workshop opening, Dr. Abdulrahman al-Sabri, Director General of the Public Health Office in Taiz, praised the efforts of HUMAN ACCESS and WFP as active partners in implementing health and relief projects in all the governorate's districts in order to save lives of the most vulnerable groups in light of the dwindling access to health care and food. It is worth noting that malnutrition

rates in women and children in Yemen are among the highest in the world.

HUMAN ACCESS endeavors with its partners to mitigate the prevalence of malnutrition in children, and to detect and treat its cases, by working on the fronts of food, health and protection, focusing on children under the age of five, pregnant and breastfeeding mothers.





## Protection activities and services

With the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), HUMAN ACCESS performed multiple activities in a number of governorates as part of the protection and livelihood support project “Safe Space for Women and Girls.” These activities contributed to the empowerment, development, and support of women in the context of working to ensure that their rights are achieved and protected. Furthermore, the activities and events highlighted the many roles that peer and community networks play in promoting and embodying positive aspects of women, families, and society in general.

### Awareness sessions and peer network meeting in Seiyun and Marib

The safe space in Seiyun city, Wadi Hadhramaut, conducted a legal awareness session for the trainees in the sewing course about the general rights of women in public law. The space also organized a meeting of peer networks and community committees to find out about the activities implemented during the previous period and discuss the map of new activities to advocate for women’s issues. Several community awareness sessions were conducted by the safe space in Al-Matar area of Marib Governorate, including a session addressing safe space services and the importance of educating girls in the presence of more than 20 displaced women from Al-Najah camp.

The sessions also introduced the safe space services

offered for the advancement of women.

An awareness session was conducted on women’s rights to work and build society as partners with men in the midst of life, while another session targeted several visitors to the space by emphasizing the importance of women obtaining identification documents as a right guaranteed by law.

In Al-Mujamma area, the safe space carried out two community awareness sessions. The first session introduced the services of the safe space in protecting and empowering women and the targeting criteria, whereas the second session focused on educating the community committee members in Al Faw and Al Muhaimed camps about early marriage and its psychological and social consequences.





## Community support and vocational rehabilitation to develop women and girls' skills



The safe space in Ataq city, Shabwa, organized its vocational training programs for the second quarter of this year, with a training course in the field of sewing and tailoring for 12 trainees. As part of the training, trainees gained life skills and learned how to manage private projects to enhance the livelihoods of vulnerable groups and prevent them from slipping into poverty and unemployment. Moreover, the space conducted a course on protection and humanitarian standards and requirements, and also one for peer net-

work volunteers to increase their capabilities and equip them with some knowledge and skills about protection aspects and services. On the other hand, a regular meeting was held for the second quarter of this year for members of the protection network. In Marib Governorate, the safe space in Al-Matar area held a group psychological support session on self-confidence and self-building, and concluded two courses in handicrafts and making incense and perfumes. In addition, a bazaar was also held to display the products of 30

women trainees, which reflected their great benefit from the 10 days of training. Al-Mujamma area safe space organized the second quarterly meeting of community committees, which focused on improving performance over the next period. In order to strengthen women's role in society, support their legitimate rights, and reduce gender-based violence, it is imperative to consolidate the concept of protection, respect for women, and appreciation for their giving.



## Mobilization meetings to advocate for women's rights-related issues



The safe space in Al-Ghaydah city of Al-Mahra held a periodic meeting of the Peer Network, where the meeting discussed the importance of the network's role in advocating for women's issues. The space also carried out a mobilization and advocacy session, during which it discussed the problem of male and female students' reluctance to enroll in university education in the governorate, with the participation of 14 male and female students from the displaced and the host community. 26 beneficiaries of this year's economic empowerment projects received a life, marketing and financial skills course in sewing and pastry making so that they could engage in the labor market and provide a sustainable source of income for needy families facing worsening living conditions due to the deteriorating economic situation. The safe space in Al-Matar area of Marib Governorate visited the places and camps of female applicants for qualifying courses in sewing and hairdressing, in order to verify the accuracy of their

data and their eligibility for economic empowerment grants, and to compare them in order to arrange and prepare for the establishment of these courses. The safe space also carried out community outreach sessions on the importance of education. For the peer network and community protection committees, two separate meetings were held, where the first meeting discussed organizing mobilization and advocacy sessions for women's issues within men's gatherings, using mosque sermons to promote women's rights, raise awareness of the dangers of gender-based violence, and protect women and girls from this social scourge. The second meeting covered a variety of important topics, including follow-up and detection of violence against women cases, monitoring and referral processes for safe space services, and community awareness issues to be addressed in the near future, with a particular emphasis on manifestations of violence due to its prevalence and risks to society.





## Vocational training and awareness to enhance women and girls' role

The Safe space in Seiyun, Wadi Hadhramaut, offered sewing training to 13 women from the displaced and host communities to equip them with the skills to be economically viable to deal with living crises. The space also carried out an awareness session in Madouda camp for the displaced, targeting displaced women about the mother's role in raising children. In Marib Governorate, the safe space carried out awareness sessions in Al-Faw Al-Sharqi and Al-Muhaimid camps, which addressed several important

issues, including the importance of mental health and the dangers of early marriage for girls and society. The space also carried out a training course in the field of sewing and tailoring, targeting 15 women from the displaced and the host community. The Safe Space in Al-Wadi district offered a sewing training course as part of its rehabilitation and training program for the second quarter this year, to provide beneficiaries with employment opportunities and income sources. In Al-Jufaina, the space

conducted a community awareness session on the dangers of gender-based violence and how it can be addressed. In Al-Matar area, a field trip to Al Quoz camp was conducted as well as awareness activities dealing with a variety of issues, including women's rights and their positive role models in promoting positive behavior in girls. The space also carried out a vocational course in the field of making incense and perfumes for 15 trainees to equip them with the skills necessary to compete in the labor market.





## Protection and livelihood support project continues to build women and girls' capacities

The safe space in Seiyun city of Wadi Hadhramaut held a diverse entertainment and cultural program for about 151 children, coinciding with the celebrations of International Women's Day and Mother's Day. The space also carried out two training courses in the fields of making sweets and the art of hairdressing for 25 beneficiaries from the displaced women and the host community. As part of its training programs, the Safe Space has implemented a training course in sewing and embroidery in Ataq city, Shabwa Governorate. The objective of the program is to provide job opportunities and income sources for the beneficiaries to support their families and to alleviate the effects of poverty in a country mired in conflict for years.

The safe space in Al-Matar area of Marib Governorate conducted three awareness sessions. The first was a community-based session on precautions needed to avoid torrential damage during the rainy season. The second was a psychological session on rain phobia and torrential rain, whereas the third was a legal session on the importance of identity documents.

The space also organized a refresher workshop to build the capacity of community committees and a network of volunteer peers.

It also carried out two group awareness and psychological support sessions for a number of visitors to the space about anxiety, ways to prevent it, the importance of obtaining identification papers, family







dialogue, steps to build trust between spouses, and others that would support women’s rights in facing many crises. In Al-Wadi District, the Safe Space received the Director of the Executive Unit for the Displaced (ExU) in the District, Dhafer Talib, who was briefed on the progress of the performance and the various services the Space provides to assist women and girls, emphasizing the pioneering role that the Space plays in the advancement of women under harsh conditions resulting from the ongoing war. The safe space in Al-Jufaina area carried out a field visit to monitor and evaluate the benefits of the second phase of the Livelihood Improvement Program in preparation for empowering a number of women and girls in professional fields and providing them with the necessary experience to launch their own projects.

A community awareness session was also organized under the title “Optimism and its Impact on Humans”, with the participation of 28 women. Moreover, 16 males and females of the safe space participated in an introductory course designed to build the capacity of community protection committees and peers to reduce violence against women. Al-Mujamma area’s space organized a legal awareness session to discuss the importance of identification documents as well as how to extract and preserve them. The safe space in Marib city district hosted a refresher course to build the capacities of community protection committees and peers, which addressed a number of topics, including the concept of protection, the verification of cases of gender-based violence, and the value of volunteer work.



## Awareness sessions and focus discussion in preparation to launch special economic projects

To accomplish its mission of empowering women and improving their economic status, the safe space held a panel discussion in Al-Rawda and Al-Mil camps of Marib governorate in order to analyze the market and identify the professional preparations and

tendencies of female applicants for vocational training in the safe space in the second quarter of the year, to ensure that they can lead their own projects effectively. Women and girls visiting Al-Matar safe space were given information sessions about the types of

mines and the need to be cautious of alien objects. Awareness also included introducing the services and activities of the space in order to support and empower women and push them forward.



## Open day for children and education sessions for women and girls



In order to make the hearts of the most vulnerable children happy, enable them to exercise some of their rights, and to increase women's awareness of the problems facing their lives, the safe space in Ataq city of Shabwa Governorate organized an open day for children, which included a set of entertainment and awareness programs in the presence of a number of children and their mothers. The event helped increase awareness about wrong behaviors, develop the abilities of children and their

mothers, and support their positive interaction with their peers and the surrounding community. To address issues related to women's rights, the safe space in Ataq held a legal awareness session targeting a number of women and girls who are candidates for vocational training. Marib city's protection network volunteers also performed community awareness sessions in the public park, dealing with a number of important issues, such as the importance of women's education.



## Multiple activities to help women and girls develop their abilities

The safe space in Al-Jufaina area of Marib governorate organized three vocational training courses to inform women of their rights, empower them economically, and enable them to be self-sufficient.

In the first course, 16 women participated in sewing, and in the second, 13 trainees participated in hairdressing and cosmetic art. As for the third course, 29 trainees gained vocational skills in sewing and hairdressing while learning life, financial and marketing skills.

By taking these three courses, trainees gained the skills necessary to succeed on the job market.

In addition, the space in the same region held a series of community awareness sessions, which high-

lighted the space's role in combating gender-based violence, supporting and empowering women and girls, pushing them forward, and helping them develop their abilities and talents as a top priority.

Additionally, the sessions discussed Sharia and law's perspective on women and women's rights as an integral part of human rights, and the importance of obtaining an identity document.

It also targeted 25 women who visited the space with psychological support, the importance of mental health as a basis for physical and mental health, and methods of managing psychological stress.

Furthermore, awareness sessions were conducted on issues relating to self-realization for 30 women



and girls, and gender-based violence for 26 women, underlining the need for women to be protected from it as well as the importance of increasing knowledge about its detrimental effects.

The Peer Network Committee in the same region also carried out an awareness session targeting 29 displaced young men about the phenomenon of early marriage and its negative repercussions on societies.

In Al-Matar area, the safe space organized legal education sessions and group psychological support for a number of visitors to the space, addressing important issues related to women's rights, including the need to obtain identification papers as one of women's rights guaranteed by law and the importance of family harmony.

The sessions also discussed psychological stress,

obsessive-compulsive disorder and its effects, information about breast cancer, and the importance of personal hygiene and its role in avoiding disease. The awareness sessions also discussed the importance of women's education, positive thinking, and its positive repercussions on the health of individuals, the dangers of early marriage and illiteracy, and the correct methods of caring for children.

The space also carried out two training courses in the same area, the first in the field of life, marketing and financial skills, targeting 30 beneficiaries of vocational rehabilitation in handicrafts and the manufacture of incense and perfumes.

The training helped women to enter the labor market and provide a sustainable source of income, while the second course targeted 15 trainees in the field of handicrafts.





## Education and psychological support sessions to help women cope with life pressures

To support women healthily and protect them from mental illness, which has become one of the most prevalent diseases in Yemen, the safe space in Seiyun city, Wadi Hadhramaut, carried out awareness-raising for community committees about psychological pressures and their impact on women. The goal is to raise beneficiaries' awareness about the dangers of psychological stress and the importance of overcoming the pressures of daily life to maintain human health and psychological, family and societal stability. In Marib Governorate, a workshop was concluded designed to develop the capabilities of the Protection and Livelihood Support Project staff in the field of writing human success stories, given their importance in presenting humanitarian cases and displaying project interventions. For its part, the safe space in Al-Jufaina held community awareness sessions, the first of which covered the meanings of Ramadan according to the virtuous ethics of Islam, and the second was under the title "Fasting and Psychological Peace". As a result of the war and poor living and economic

conditions, the awareness contributed to supporting family stability in light of the increase in mental disorders in Yemen. As for the third session, it targeted 7 visitors to the space to introduce the services offered to build women's capacities and help them cope with the challenges they face.

Recreational and cognitive activities were also organized for a number of children, which helped to enhance their positive interaction with their peers and to exercise their social and recreational rights. These multiple activities and events carried out by HUMAN ACCESS in a number of governorates within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), help support women and girls in Yemen, increase their knowledge about their rights, needs, and various issues, and empower them economically, especially the displaced families affected by the conflict in light of the ongoing economic and humanitarian crises in the country.



## Meeting for protection network members and various awareness sessions

To support women and increase their awareness about their issues and their legitimate rights, the first periodic meeting of the protection network members was held in Al-Ghaydah district of Al-Mahra governorate for the first quarter of this year. During the meeting, they discussed the activities and services offered by the Safe Space and the mechanism of the network's work to serve women's and girl's issues and the advancement of society as a whole according to specific criteria.



## HUMAN ACCESS and Education Office discuss support for education sector in Mukalla



HUMAN ACCESS in Mukalla city, Hadhramaut Governorate, and the Education Office in the governorate discussed aspects of cooperation and a joint action mechanism to implement interventions supporting the education sector, which is most affected by the ongoing conflict in the country. HUMAN ACCESS in the city of Mukalla, Hadhramaut Governorate, and the governorate's education office discussed aspects of cooperation and a mechanism for joint action to implement interventions supporting the education sector most affected by the ongoing conflict in the country. This came during a meeting of HUMAN ACCESS'



delegation with Amin Abdullah Ba Abbad, Director General of the Education Office in Hadhramaut Coast, along with a number of educational officials in the office. During the meeting, educational needs were discussed in the areas of infrastructure and educational environment, with more attention to be given to the teacher. Ba Abbad stressed the importance of uniting official authorities' efforts and civil society organizations to advance education as the main key to development, praising HUMAN ACCESS' interventions to support the education sector.

## HUMAN ACCESS in Djibouti and CIAUD agree on partnership proposal

HUMAN ACCESS office in the State of Djibouti and CIAUD agreed to prepare and implement a strategic partnership proposal between the two sides and to adopt joint humanitarian projects, including a project for clothing and entertainment for children during Eid days.

This came during a joint meeting held by the HUMAN ACCESS office in Djibouti with the organization's delegation, headed by Jamea Ahmed Hasan, director of the office. In the meeting, HUMAN AC-



CESS' contributions and interventions in boosting the existing strategic partnership between organizations operating in Djibouti under the supervision of the official authorities were reviewed.

A key point discussed at the meeting was the role of these interventions in promoting voluntary and humanitarian work and providing

assistance to vulnerable groups. Jamea expressed his thanks and pride in this meeting, and at the same time appreciated the level of partnership between the two organizations in a number of important humanitarian programs, stressing the desire to enhance and develop it.



## WFP delegation visits the therapeutic feeding project

A UN delegation from the World Food Program (WFP), headed by Corinne Fleischer, WFP Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, visited the implementation sites of the preventive and curative nutrition project in Marib governorate.

The delegation included Richard Ragan, program director in Yemen, Masoud Khan, program director in Marib, and Manal Al-Areeqi and Rami Al-Mikhlafla, nutrition and program officers of WFP office in the governorate.

Accompanied by the Director General of the Public

Health and Population Office in Marib, Dr. Ahmed Al-Abbadi, and a number of HUMAN ACCESS staff in Marib branch, the delegation was briefed on the project services managed by HUMAN ACCESS with funding from WFP to save the lives of vulnerable groups and sustain therapeutic nutrition services, in light of the lack of access to basic healthcare and food as a result of the ongoing conflict in the country along with the high rates of malnutrition among women and children.





## UN delegation visits Al-Basateen Medical Center in Aden Governorate



A delegation from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Sana'a, headed by Ms. Vitran, External Relations Officer in the office, visited Al Basateen Medical Center that is supervised by HUMAN ACCESS in Aden Governorate.

The delegation was received

by Dr. Abeer Muhammad Qaid, the health officer at the UNHCR office in Aden, and a number of those in charge of the center. During the visit, the delegation toured the center's departments and listened to an explanation about its services offered to the most vulnerable refugees and host community, as part of the

health project for refugees in Kharaz and Al-Basateen regions of Aden and Lahj governorates, funded by UNHCR.

The visiting delegation praised the efforts made to facilitate health care services to refugees in the areas of Kharaz and Al-Basateen.





## Two UNFPA delegations inspect projects progress in Mukalla



A delegation from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), headed by Dr. Jean-Paul, UNFPA Director in Aden office, along with Dr. Ahlam Bin Buraik, Coordinator of Reproductive Health Projects in Hadhramaut, and Ahmed Sharaf Ibrahim, Coordinator of GBV Programs, visited the safe space for women and girls in the city of Mukalla of Hadhramaut Governorate.

The visiting team toured the safe space offices and was briefed on the services offered for the advancement of women and girls and support for their legitimate rights. The team also heard from specialists about the work progress and the difficulties they encounter. Dr. Jean-Paul thanked the space staff



and the HUMAN ACCESS team for their efforts to promote and protect women's rights. On the other hand, HUMAN ACCESS' branch in Mukalla received Dr. Ahlam bin Buraik, the reproductive health coordinator at UNFPA in Hadhramaut, who was briefed on the project's work progress to support reproductive health services in two health centers in the regions of Shahir and Mayfaa. During the visit, Dr. Ahlam commended HUMAN ACCESS' role and efficiency in implementing humanitarian projects funded by UNFPA and the quality of reproductive health services offered by this vital project to the most vulnerable and needy groups through subsidized health facilities.

## Ministry of Health official inspects reproductive health services at Ras Al-Arah Hospital



As an important part of the humanitarian response efforts, Dr. Ishraq Al-Sibaei, Assistant Undersecretary for the Population Sector at the Ministry of Public Health and Population, was briefed on the progress of reproductive health services offered

by HUMAN ACCESS in Ras Al-Arah Rural Hospital in Al-Madaribah and Ras Al-Arah District in Lahj Governorate, as part of the project to support reproductive health services with UNFPA's support. Dr. Al-Sibaei praised the health



services facilitated in the hospital, which had a positive impact in reducing the deaths of mothers and newborns during or after childbirth, as they meet an important part of the medical needs in the region.

## UNHCR team visits the Community Center and child friendly space

A delegation from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), headed by Mrs. Julia Naboni, External Relations Officer in Aden office, along with Peter Fitz, Director of the UNHCR office in Marib, and Abdulrahim Al-Amiri, Protection Assistant in the Marib office, visited the HUMAN ACCESS Community Center for IDPs in Marib Governorate. To identify and review success stories that will be presented at the donors' conference, the delegation met a number of women who participated in training and rehabilitation activities under the economic empowerment programs operated by the Community Center with UNHCR's support. In addition to praising the exerted and fruitful efforts, Mrs. Julia stressed that the beneficiaries really represent real success stories to emulate in bringing Yemeni women out of their painful reality into a world of hope through the acquisition of skills, self-reliance, and improvement of their living con-

ditions, which is the primary goal of empowerment programs.

The delegation led by Mr. Lawand Talal, UNHCR's Protection Officer in Marib, also toured the child-friendly space in As-Suwayda camp for IDPs, managed by HUMAN ACCESS under the UNHCR-funded project, which is designed to create a child-centered environment and support the exercise of their rights. The delegation members met a number of beneficiaries and learned about the achievements and challenges.

Furthermore, they attended the conclusion of the chess game competition organized by the safe space for 10 children, where the first and second winners were honored, as well as the success stories that will be shared at the conference for donors. At the end of the visit, the delegation appreciated the efforts exerted to develop children's abilities and skills.





## HUMAN ACCESS participates in assessment workshop for voluntary return of refugees

A team from the Refugee Health Project, managed by HUMAN ACCESS in Kharaz and Al Basateen regions of Aden and Lahj governorates, funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), participated in a workshop to assess the voluntary return program, which represents one of the durable solutions for refugees wishing to return to their country of origin and usual place of residence. The workshop, organized by the UNHCR office in Aden, moderated by Jasper Vidal, who oversees the voluntary return program, focused on assessing the program's progress for the past year and determining directions for work in 2023 in order to avoid deficiencies, build on strengths, and discuss how to renew and develop performance in order to serve the vulnerable refugees who are cut off from their homeland.



## Refugee Health Project honors the Hygiene Fund management in Aden

The management of the Refugee Health Project honored the management of the Hygiene and City Improvement Fund in Aden Governorate for its efforts in supporting the daily cleaning campaigns in Al-Basateen area from mid-2017 until the end of 2022. Mr. Qaid Rashid, Director General of the Hygiene Fund, was presented with an honorary gear by a delegation from the project. The presentation also included a report on the project's successes over

the past year, as well as the model of an awareness booklet produced at the project's expense regarding environmental cleanliness.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Mr. Qaid expressed his excitement about this honor, expressing his gratitude to HUMAN ACCESS and the UNHCR for implementing the health project for refugees, and stressing the continuing partnership between the Hygiene Fund and the project.



## Success Story

## “Ishfaq”... triumphs over fear and pain



accompanied her to Ras al-Arah rural hospital. Fortunately for Ishfaq, the hospital is covered by the project to support reproductive health services, which is run by HUMAN ACCESS with funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and in which an experienced medical staff works. Through the project, the most vulnerable groups are able to receive high-quality health care.

### Journey of fear crowned with overwhelming happiness

Ishfaq arrived at the hospital, and the medical team noticed the state of fear that was controlling her, which caused her to fall sharply. The medical team provided

Ishfaq Thabet, 21, has faced bitter, scary and painful times. These times have taken turns and have become a source of deep concern for her and her husband, who struggles daily for survival as the war widens poverty and unemployment in Yemen. Ishfaq is a displaced woman in one of the villages of Al-Madharibah and Ras Al-Arah district of Lahj governorate. Displaced people are in a particularly vulnerable situation, and displaced women and girls are often more vulnerable to shocks, given the loss of livelihoods and depleted savings. Ishfaq was pregnant with her first child, which caused her anxiety and fear, due to the phobia of childbirth that occurs in women who have never given birth before. For some pregnant women, fear may develop into a state of panic and fright and harm their health and the health of their unborn child.

### She went into labor, and she was lucky

The state of displacement, the fear of childbirth, and the distance to the nearest hospital being about 40 miles away from Ishfaq's residence, all these combined factors doubled the degree of fear and anxiety of “Ishfaq”, whose situation calls for more mercy and pity, in a country suffering from high levels of maternal mortality rates. Every two hours a Yemeni woman dies during childbirth from preventable causes, according to UN reports.

The labor began at her home, and her husband

Ishfaq with all the necessary health and psychological care, reassured her, conducted prenatal check-ups and gave her the necessary medications. Two hours after her arrival at the hospital, “Ishfaq” gave birth to her first child in good health. She was overwhelmed with happiness and breathed a sigh of relief. This was thanks to God first, and then thanks to the project to support reproductive health services, which is managed by HUMAN ACCESS in Lahj, in partnership with UNFPA. Ishfaq and her husband expressed their deep thanks for this project, which prevented Ishfaq from health complications and provided her with safe delivery services at the right time after she was in dire need.







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# #حقيتي\_طريق\_مستقبلي The Project of School Bag

Cost of  
the school  
bag

\$18

Girl  
school  
uniform

\$14

Boy  
school  
uniform

\$12

Over **2**  
million  
school-age girls  
and boys are now  
out of school

To contribute to combat the phenomenon of dropping out of education and to encourage the orphans, poorest families, and Muhamasheen children to continue their education

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