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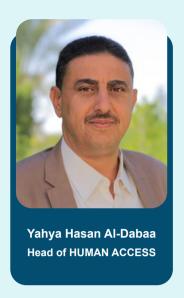


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## Livelihoods: a beacon of hope

Since years of conflict in Yemen have been ongoing, Yemenis are faced with hardships and a bitter struggle for survival, which has led to widespread poverty, unemployment, and a deteriorated labor market. Millions of people are unable to secure basic needs and are in greater need than ever of social welfare systems and durable solutions that allow them the opportunity to live in safety and dignity.

In order to ensure that the most vulnerable can rebuild their lives in a dignified and safe way, HUMAN ACCESS focuses on social protection systems and livelihood enhancement, as well as through a wide range of well-designed, effective, and well-executed projects. As a result, many beneficiaries have found employment opportunities, their resilience has been strengthened, and they have been able to access the necessary economic resources.

These are achievements we are proud of, and without the generous support and working closely with our partners, they would not have been

possible.

HUMAN ACCESS will continue to follow this path to relieve the huge hardships that Yemeni people face despite all the obstacles. Time has proven that empowering economically vulnerable groups is the cornerstone of recovery efforts and one of the sustainable solutions to address the root causes of the humanitarian crisis in Yemen.

We need a stronger focus on the most vulnerable groups in the Yemeni crisis, such as women, girls, children, displaced persons, and orphans, to build a more prosperous and just homeland for all.

For everyone to be safe, no one must be left behind. That is why we aspire for the donor community to raise the level of humanitarian funding to reach all those in need with livelihoods. With more work and investment in providing comprehensive social protection, the benefits will spread across generations.

## **Work in progress at Kuwait Center for Prosthetics and Physiotherapy in Taiz**





Work continues at a high pace to implement the project to build the Kuwait Center for Prosthetics and Physiotherapy, which is being constructed by HU-MAN ACCESS in Al-Nour city in Al-Mudhaffar district of Taiz Governorate, with the support and supervision of the International Charity Society for Development "Tanmeia" in the State of Kuwait.

This distinguished project is being implemented in three main phases, starting with building and construction, which is currently underway, then supply-



ing and installing medical devices and furnishing, and ending with the operation phase for treating medical conditions that require physiotherapy and prosthetics to replace missing limbs.

Through this qualitative, sustainable project, it is planned to serve a large segment of the population in Taiz and neighboring governorates who have been affected by the conflict, as well as support those who need limb replacements or physiotherapy.



## **Head of HUMAN ACCESS meets Turkish Diyanet Foundation delegation**

Yahya Al-Dabaa, Head of HUMAN AC-CESS, received a delegation from the Turkish Diyanet Foundation, headed by Muhammad Bahaa El-Din, and in the presence of representatives of HUMAN ACCESS partners: Al-Muntada, Al-Badia, and Al-Burhan, as well as several officials in the association.

During the meeting, Al-Dabaa welcomed the Turkish delegation, wishing them a pleasant stay in their second country, Yemen. Many issues were discussed in the meeting, including arranging the delegation's visit to HUMAN ACCESS projects and reviewing the services provided in a number of fields.







## HUMAN ACCESS participates in international conference to eliminate neglected tropical diseases



HUMAN ACCESS has participated with a delegation consisting of Dr. Zakir Al-Yousifi and Dr. Esameldin Awad in the 14th annual Neglected Tropical Diseases NGO Network (NNN) Conference, which was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 19 – 21 September 2023.

Since 2009, HUMAN ACCESS has regularly participated in the conference as a founding member. As part of the conference, HUMAN ACCESS delegation at the meeting of the Oncho (NGDO) Group made a presentation about the program to eradicate onchocerciasis from Yemen, the program's accomplishments during the past phase, current challenges resulting from the conflict in Yemen, and recommendations that the program deems appropriate to address and overcome these challenges.

As HUMAN ACCESS' presentation was commented on by both the group leader, Dr. Francesca, and Ms. Lindsay Rikers, the Carter Center's representative, it was recommended that Yemen be supported in eliminating onchocerciasis.

A group of donors will be contacted to help fund the





preparation of an epidemiological mapping of the disease and the conduct of epidemiological and entomological surveys.

On the sidelines of the conference, the association's delegation held meetings with a number of conference members, including representatives of international organizations, NGOs, the presidency of the conference, as well as the presidency of the Oncho group. The association's delegation also participated in the regional meeting for Africa.

It is noteworthy that HUMAN ACCESS has been invited to participate in the next NGDO meeting in Senegal on 1 and 2 November 2023.



### HUMAN ACCESS relief unit's interventions reach half a million IDPs



More than 21.6 million people, or 75% of Yemen's population, exhausted by eight years of conflict, are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. 17 million people currently suffer from food insecurity, which particularly affects women and children, with the risk of death due to hunger, according to UN agencies and international organizations.

In a recent World Bank report, internally displaced people (IDPs) in Yemen face an additional layer of hardship and struggle to secure basic necessities for survival, with their livelihoods eroding and the specter of rising costs of living. This is particularly acute in Marib Governorate, which represents a governorate that accommodates the most displaced people. To address the needs of displaced families, HU-MAN ACCESS remains committed to providing food assistance. During August and September 2023, the relief unit distributed food baskets, hot meals, and shelter items, with support from donors, and was able to alleviate the suffering of 415,830 displaced

people in Marib. 1,440 displaced people benefited from food baskets, consisting of flour, rice, sugar, cooking oil, milk, cheese, tahini, tuna, and sauce, along with shelter items that included mattresses, blankets, and plastic water tanks.

5,000 displaced people also benefited from hot meals consisting of chicken, rice, sauce, and bread,

funded by Nas Society for Community Support. Moreover, the HUMAN ACCESS relief unit distributed 238 food baskets consisting of flour, rice, sugar, cooking oil, and dates, as well as 27 food baskets consisting of flour, rice, sugar, cooking oil, and legumes, with funding from the Humanitarian Relief, Human Rights and Freedoms Organization (IHH). With funding from Muslim Aid, food baskets consisting of rice, sugar, cooking oil, salt, and meat were delivered to 2,000 displaced families. Furthermore, 395,800 displaced people received food baskets, kitchen utensils, hygiene kits, hot meals, and potable water via water trucks. This necessary aid has a significant impact in reality, confirming that HUMAN ACCESS is present on the ground to help the most vulnerable people with the support of partners. Efforts are still ongoing to obtain more humanitarian funding and reach the greatest possible amount of assistance and support for IDPs, who are waging a bitter struggle to survive.







## In Marib: YHF reviews progress of water and environmental sanitation project



As part of the follow-up and evaluation process, Hani Al-Qadasi, OCHA Humanitarian Affairs Coordinator in Marib, and Yaser Al-Amiri, OCHA Coordinator for Water and Environmental Sanitation, met with some beneficiaries of the water and environmental sanitation project in Bir Al-Walidain camp to learn about their satisfaction with the services provided, the quality of work, and how the project was progressing.

HUMAN ACCESS in Marib implements the water and environmental sanitation project in partnership with the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), benefiting 1,098 displaced persons (IDPs) in Bir al-Walidain camp, and 2,177 IDPs in Al- Muthanna camp. It is one of the specific projects to enable IDPs, as a vulnerable group, to access water and sanitation services and promote health practices due to the camps' lack of essential life-saving services.







## Al-Muthanna Water Project rehabilitation completed in Marib

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HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate has completed the rehabilitation of Al-Muthanna Water Project. During the project's launch, the director of the Executive Unit for IDPs in the Governorate, Saif Muthanna, and the director of the General Authority for Rural Water Projects, Dr. Ali Hathal, highlighted its importance in supporting about 500 displaced and host families.

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IDPs in the Governorate, Saif Muthanna, and the director of the General Authority for Rural Water Projects, Dr. Ali Hathal, highlighted its importance in supporting about 500 displaced and host families. The rehabilitation process took place within the project to provide emergency life-saving water and sanitation assistance to the most vulnerable displaced people and host communities in the governorate, which is managed by HUMAN ACCESS with

funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF). The primary challenge facing displaced families is access to safe water, a challenge that HUMAN ACCESS is working towards solving together with its partners. These qualitative and sustainable projects will contribute significantly to improving the standards of living of the targeted people, allowing them to focus on other areas of life, given the great challenges created by the conflict in Yemen.



### Humanitarian situation in Yemen:

#### increasing vulnerabilities and a restricted operating environment

Humanitarian crises remain widespread in Yemen as a result of the conflict. The lives of millions of vulnerable people are at risk due to the consequences of the conflict, which has entered its ninth year since it escalated in 2015. This conflict has caused severe damage that has exceeded people's resilience and disrupted social support systems, negatively affecting basic services. The critical humanitarian situation is reflected in the high indicators of suffering. According to the analysis of humanitarian needs in Yemen for 2023 issued by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), more than 80% of the country's population, estimated at 32.6 million, struggle to obtain food, safe drinking water, and primary health services in all 22 governorates. The report confirmed that about 21.6 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection services, and that about 17.3 million people are in need of food security. Women and children suffer from one of the highest rates of malnutrition in the world. There are 20.2 million people who need support to access vital health services in light of a fragile health system, as 46% of all health facilities are partially functioning or completely out of service, while maternal mortality in Yemen has become the highest in the Arab region.

About 15.3 million people need support to access

clean water and meet basic sanitation requirements. At the same time, Yemen is facing a severe educational crisis that will have dire consequences for children and generations in the long term. The number of students in need of educational aid is more than 8 million children, which is equivalent to 80% of children of early education age, and more than 2.7 million children have dropped out of education due to the conflict.

#### Severe shortage of humanitarian funding.

Some of the highest levels of vulnerability are in the displaced hosting sites due to the lack of services. An estimated 4.5 million people are currently displaced, most of whom are women and children, a large portion of them are accommodated in Marib Governorate, which keeps Yemen among the six largest regions of internal displacement globally. Most of these displaced people have been displaced several times over the years, and many of them live in areas prone to flooding or in inadequate shelters. This comes in a severely restricted humanitarian work environment. Coinciding with a severe shortage in humanitarian funding, the humanitarian response plan for Yemen received only \$1.34 billion out of the \$4.34 billion required, according to a statement by the Director of Operations and Advoca-









cy Department at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Edem Wusurno, during a Security Council session held in mid-August 2023. UN and international data indicate that humanitarian needs in Yemen will remain constant until the end of this year and that the ability of the vulnerable population to withstand will decrease due to the ongoing collapse of basic services, macroeconomic instability, and the decline in the value of the Yemeni riyal, among other complex factors.

As of February 2024, the Famine Early Warning System Network estimates that 50%-55% of Yemen's population will require emergency food aid, meaning over 17 million people. In its recent report issued, the network indicated that the acute food insecurity crisis in Yemen makes it top the list of 22 countries worldwide suffering from food crises.

### Expanding the scope of humanitarian intervention

In light of all of this, HUMAN ACCESS, with the support of donors and partners, is stepping up and extending its humanitarian response in the major vital areas, such as health, nutrition, education, protection, livelihoods, water, and environmental sanitation, with a particular focus on internally displaced persons, women, children, migrants, people with disabilities, and orphans. This humanitarian response, implemented by HUMAN ACCESS in accordance with international humanitarian standards,

has an essential role in saving lives and alleviating suffering in these difficult times and in light of a rapid and worrying economic decline along with the lack of job opportunities. Yemen's humanitarian crisis continues to be one of the most severe in the world, as evidenced by these interventions that have made it possible for Yemeni families to maintain their lives throughout the country. The displaced woman (A.L.), 35 years old, is a mother of two daughters. She tells part of her displacement story and describes her benefit from one of the safe spaces for women and girls, run by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate, in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), as part of the Protection and Livelihoods Support Project. (A.L.) says: "I felt dignity. My situation is different now than before. I regained my self-confidence, and I was able to continue my life." In a press statement, Yahya Hasan Al-Daba, Head of HUMAN ACCESS, confirmed that the deteriorating humanitarian context in Yemen is increasingly pushing people to the necessity of negative confrontation. He said that the association has always been present to provide whatever required assistance possible throughout the past eight years and before, and will continue to work constantly to address the ongoing humanitarian crisis and provide life-saving aid to the most vulnerable people. He added: "It is important to give those affected by the conflict some hope for a bright future."





## Over 5,000 orphans benefit from interventions of orphan sponsorship & care sector





There is a large segment of orphans in Yemen who live in extreme poverty after losing their breadwinner. These orphans are now in dire need of humanitarian support to alleviate the burden of their tragedy and bring joy and happiness to their hearts and their family members, especially in light of the difficult living and economic conditions resulting from the ongoing conflict for nearly a decade, which has posed additional threats to the vulnerable group of orphans. During the past period, the Orphan Sponsorship and Care Sector in HUMAN ACCESS carried out important humanitarian interventions that benefited 5,180 male and female orphans in the governorates of Hadhramaut, Taiz, Marib, and Lahj.

As part of the intervention, displaced orphan families received support from a variety of donors to cope with their acute and growing needs. These interventions involved the distribution of food baskets for four months, Eid clothing, and hygiene kits, funded by the International Islamic Charity organization, the Orphan Endowment, WIFA, and Muslim Aid, as part of

the comprehensive sponsorship project for orphans. Providing this aid put a smile on the faces of the recipient orphans, as it touched their hearts. The orphans expressed their thanks to HUMAN ACCESS and donor agencies for these humanitarian interventions that eased many burdens on them and secured their basic needs, in a country where millions of people are struggling to survive.







### Dozens of orphans benefit from "My vision first" project

40 orphans benefited from "My vision first" project for the current year 2023, which was organized by HUMAN ACCESS in Shabwa Governorate in coordination with Al-Shifa Consulting Hospital in Ataq city.

Specifically, the project aims to curb blindness and vision problems among children, as well as the spread of lazy eye disease, which is difficult to treat at a late stage. It included a delivery of medical

glasses to 18 male and female orphans and providing medicines to 16 others.

The project is considered one of the qualitative projects implemented by the health sector in the governorate. Ataq's orphans were targeted as the first priority, since they are the most vulnerable and in need, amidst escalating conflict in the country and limited healthcare.





## Humanitarian access to hard-to-reach areas: Mashraa Wa Hadnan as an example







Reaching hard-to-reach areas is one of the most prominent challenges of humanitarian work in the world. These challenges are especially true in countries experiencing armed conflicts, including Yemen, given the risks and difficulties of access for multiple reasons. However, HUMAN ACCESS was able to make progress on the path of delivering aid to hard-to-reach areas thanks to the efficiency and leader-ship of the association, in addition to the courage of the team working on the ground.

There is much evidence, including the continued provision of assistance to respond to malnutrition in Mashraa Wa Hadnan district in Taiz Governorate, as part of the malnutrition treatment project, funded by the World Food Program (WFP). Despite the district's rugged terrain, HUMAN ACCESS was able to deliver therapeutic and preventive nutrition services to the largest possible number of the most vulnerable groups, namely children and women in this targeted district.

HUMAN ACCESS seeks to find alternative ways and means to deliver the project's life-saving services, such as delivering humanitarian aid on the backs of donkeys, as well as on the backs of workers, providing mobile health clinics and walking long distances due to the lack of roads. All such efforts were made

against difficult terrain to help people whose lives have been turned upside down by war and who were living in conditions that were difficult to imagine without basic services.

Thanks to the exceptional HUMAN ACCESS' efforts, a difference has been made in the lives of the most disadvantaged children and women in the targeted district, as the ability of the most vulnerable groups to withstand shocks has increased.

The therapeutic and preventive nutrition services provided have an important role in expanding access to basic health care and food, which prevents children and mothers from becoming more vulnerable to preventable diseases in a country where malnutrition rates among women and children are of the highest in the world and which is suffering from collapse of its health system. Despite all the challenges, HU-MAN ACCESS remains committed to continuing its interventions through the Malnutrition Treatment Project, in partnership with the World Food Program. A major objective of the project is to meet urgent needs, reduce food insecurity, and provide children in hard-to-reach areas with the best possible start to a healthy life, as well as pregnant and breastfeeding mothers who are in need of such vital services.





## Awareness and psychological support to create societal real change in Marib

**HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate conduct**ed several awareness sessions within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by UNFPA, to increase women's knowledge in Yemen and educate them of their guaranteed rights in order to achieve a more just and prosperous future. In Al Jufaina area, the safe space carried out five varieties of awareness sessions, the first was a human rights awareness session targeting 20 female visitors to the space and focusing on women's issues and the importance of their advancement. Four community awareness sessions were also organized, the first one discussed the importance of women's education, and another session for 16 women entitled "Women between duties and rights." Moreover, 21 women attended a workshop entitled "Violence against women and its impact on denying them access to resources" to discuss more about gender-based violence, its causes and effects, and how to prevent it. In addition, community awareness and collective psychological support was organized for the HU-MAN ACCESS team dealing with the safe space and

referral services, as well as women's pivotal role in family cohesion and raising children.

In Al-Matar area, the safe space offered a psychological support program to address depression and its impact on women and girls, targeting a number of beneficiaries visiting the space.

Moreover, two awareness sessions were held for several female visitors to the space. The first one was legal which addressed the importance of identification documents, while the second was community-based and introduced the space's activities and services provided to support and empower women. The safe space in Al-Matar area also organized two community awareness sessions and group psychological support. The first session targeting the HU-MAN ACCESS's team was about enhancing the abilities of women and girls to solve problems, reduce tension and stress, and think positively. The second session focused on the dangers of psychological and emotional violence on family cohesion and community building. In Al-Mujamma area, the safe space conducted an awareness session entitled "Women's Right to Education as an Indispensable Right."





# Livelihoods and protection The key to safety and dignity



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Displacement also exacerbates these challenges. According to UN reports, Yemen, afflicted by poverty and chronic unemployment over the past years of the war, has witnessed the displacement of about four and a half million, most of whom are children and women. These forcibly displaced people suffer another layer of hardship, and struggle to provide the basic necessities to survive, according to a report issued by the World Bank in mid-September 2023.





The humanitarian community is responsible for finding durable solutions that will allow vulnerable groups to live with dignity, strengthen the protection capacity of groups with special needs, such as women and children, and increase opportunities of self-reliance for vulnerable groups, particularly those who are living in fragile areas or who are displaced, in addition to supporting the communities that have graciously hosted the displaced.

HUMAN ACCESS, as one of the major organizations active within the humanitarian communities in Yemen, has provided a reliable, safe and diverse environment that responds to the shocks of the most vulnerable groups it targets through the Protection and Livelihood Support Project, in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

This project had a very important impact in the governorates of Hadhramaut, Marib, Al-Mahra, Shabwa, and Hodeida, as you will find in the folds of this report.

## Over 17 million Yemenis in need of assistance and protection

According to a joint statement issued by major UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations in mid-September 2023, more

than 21.6 million people, or 75% of Yemen's population, are already suffering from exhaustion due to nine years of conflict, and are grappling with humanitarian needs.

At least 17.7 million people need protection assistance and services. Women and girls, in particular, face increased risks of violence and exploitation as they attempt to access basic services due to long and difficult journeys. More than 9 million children are at risk and need protection and basic services.

These shocking numbers come amid warnings from economic experts that more escalating crises may face millions of Yemeni



residents if the conflict continues in the country. The experts added that this matter requires conscious and effective projects to accommodate vulnerable groups in the economic and productive sector and support the rights of people who seek safety from war and violence, in line with human rights and dignity.

That's what HUMAN ACCESS realized early on, using extensive experience, flexibility, and high transparency. Through its tireless efforts, the association has built comprehensive social protection systems, expanded livelihoods, and demonstrated solidarity with communities hosting displaced people in order to empower Yemeni citi-

zens, who suffers from poverty and famine in the worst global disaster, according to UN reports.

## Income and protection programs address multiple crises

Yemenis are exposed to difficult economic conditions, especially women. The economic collapse resulting from the conflict has destroyed the structure of the labor market in Yemen, as well as the absence of economic opportunities available to earn a living for the working class of the population, leaving vulnerable people exposed to harsh conditions that threaten to have

catastrophic consequences for everyone.

The low living standard and high rates of poverty and unemployment among women also represent challenges to the progress of Yemeni women. As women lead many families in various regions, they have been deprived of the most rights and are more than ever in need of safety, protection, and assistance to overcome challenges.

Employment and livelihood opportunities are one of the most effective ways for people to rebuild their lives in a dignified and safe manner. Providing sustainable income and social protection programs address



multiple and interconnected problems, including poverty and unemployment, and enhance the resilience of the vulnerable to face difficult circumstances. This would help reduce dependence on humanitarian aid over time and play a crucial role in future recovery.

What HUMAN ACCESS is doing in Yemen represents a living example of this theory. With the support of partners and donors, vulnerable families are encouraged to acquire craft skills, learn handicrafts, and earn a living, in order to ensure that their basic needs and access to services are met, as well as to support their aspirations for the future and move away from aid

toward self-sufficiency.

In a special statement, Riyadh Mohammed, Executive Director of HUMAN ACCESS, said that providing sustainable income and social protection systems protect the most vulnerable groups from crises and pressures throughout their lives. He added that the association is keen to implement effective and well-designed programs in this field to ensure a positive impact in the long term.

Riyadh explained that women and girls are among the most vulnerable groups in the Yemeni crisis. This is because displacement and the disintegration of protection networks over the past years have greatly exacerbated their vulnerability and caused them to be exposed to violence and to the emergence of serious threats to their rights. There are also many women who have lost their husbands and are in desperate need of safe spaces as a basis from which to flourish and transform their lives.

## 59,776 beneficiaries of 11 safe spaces for women and girls

In a situation of despair and deprivation, HUMAN ACCESS represented a point of hope for the poorest and most needy, especially children and women, besides displaced people



and host communities. This is achieved through the protection and livelihood support project, "Safe Space for Women and Girls", funded by UNFPA, which is being implemented in the governorates of Hadhramaut, Marib, Al-Mahra, Shabwa, and Hodeida for the fourth year in a row.

The project endeavors to ensure that vulnerable people obtain their rights, find solutions to live in dignity and safety, and respond to issues of gender-based violence by providing specialized multi-sectoral services for women and girls.

The project helps increase community awareness to combat violence against women,

change many misconceptions among people, and connect the vulnerable to social safety nets and protection mechanisms, allowing vulnerable communities to build a safer future.

The 11 safe spaces for women and girls spread out and consistent with the environment succeeded in reaching 59,776 beneficiaries of the project's services during the period from January to August 2023. The project's interventions also assist in the advancement of many families and enable them to access the necessary economic resources.

There have been many women empowered in a variety of crafts, including sewing, perfume making, mobile phone maintenance, and others, which has enabled them to continue giving in spite of difficult circumstances. Empowering women economically supports them mentally and financially while reflecting positively on society as a whole.

A Yemeni woman has suffered many setbacks. Although she is always ambitious, she faces challenges in her desire to achieve herself. Thus, HUMAN ACCESS's project met the significant needs of women through its diverse services, which included legal and awareness services in order for women to understand their legitimate rights, psychological support



to cope with shocks, and other multi-sectoral services to ensure that protection systems and livelihood programs are at the core of the organization's work.

# Response to children's needs and support their right to interact and play

Children have ambitions and dreams, but wars, displacement, and economic conditions have disrupted these dreams. Children are less able to adapt due to their physiological weakness and bear the brunt of the harsh effects of conflict.

There are children who do not enjoy the most basic rights, such as protection, like the rest of the children in the world.

There are children who are being exploited, abused, and violated their rights in a serious and disturbing manner.

In a recent statement by Save the Children International organization, children in Yemen are at risk from a lack of community workers, safe spaces, and psychosocial support. No doubt, children living in displacement camps are more at risk, as they suffer from many obstacles, leading to psychological problems and destroying their futures.

As a result, HUMAN ACCESS

places a high priority on child-hood protection. To this end, it established 11 special spaces for children in the governorates of Hadhramaut, Marib, Hodeida, Al-Mahra, and Shabwa, under the umbrella of the Protection and Livelihoods Project, with UNFPA's support.

This project was designed to create an environment that encourages children's positive interactions with their peers and their communities while allowing them to exercise their rights. Nearly 14179 boys and girls benefited from these safe spaces from the beginning of this year until last August 2023. Children's spaces offer a wide range of services to children through qualified specialists,



including psychological support, recreational and educational opportunities, and skill development, based on the belief that all children, regardless of their circumstances, should have the right to live, learn, and play in a safe environment.

These spaces also helped prepare mothers who are survivors of violence to receive gender-based violence response services within safe spaces.

It is wonderful to see the happiness of children affected by conflict in these spaces. For them, it's one of the very few places where they can be children. It is a place where they learn, play and engage in outdoor activities. Protecting the rights of every child, whoever and everywhere, is the surest way to build a more peaceful, prosperous and just world for all. Deprivation and discrimination during child-hood cause damage that may last a lifetime.

### (A.Q): From orphanhood darkness to the economic empowerment's light

With UNFPA's support, HUMAN ACCESS' women and girls safe space path has many inspiring examples, like the 23-year-old girl (A.Q). Her name has been encoded to protect her identity.

Despite the serious repercussions of orphanhood, she ended up with a beacon of hope at the end of her harsh experience. The separation of her parents during her early childhood led to her being oppressed and deprived as a result of this family disintegration. It is a setback that only those who experience it can realize.

The tragedy increases when the victim is a girl confined between the walls of a narrow house, in a reality with no glimmer of hope, as all doors are closed to her and she faces various challenges.

She lived on the margins of life with her mother under the care



of one of her mother's relatives, waiting for what the relatives would provide to meet their basic needs, amidst noticeable discrimination. She was not spared gender-based violence because she was a girl and an orphan, in a society where women were already vulnerable and violence against women was widespread.

A.Q. was hurt, thirsty for self-fulfillment, and seeking an outlet to break the social restrictions imposed on her as a woman. After an arduous journey, she reached it through one of the child-friendly spaces in Hadhramaut Governorate, which represented a turning point in her life and a bright stage of self-reliance for her. She was given psychological support to escape the consequences of orphanhood and deprivation. The woman was then professionally qualified in the field of mobile phone maintenance and programming as well as economically empowered, providing her with the requirements for this specific, income-generating profession, thus enabling her to become financially independent and to maximize her strength and potential.

Within a short period of time, (A.Q) was able to open a shop to maintain and program smartphones, giving women's communities a valuable service to protect their privacy and data.

Through this project, she became financially independent, allowing her to meet her needs and enhance her position in her family and community.

Today, (A.Q) works passionately in managing her own project, follows everything new in the world of mobile phones, and even aspires to expand. She commented on this empowerment by saying: "I have found myself and saw the light. I forgot the pain of the past. The friendly space changed my life." There are many unique success stories similar to hers for women from various vulnerable groups, for whom the Protection and Livelihoods Project is a lifeline.



### Majeeda Ahmed, from birth amid dangers to a journey of safety

"An indescribable difference." With these words, Majeeda Ahmed, 32 years old, described the difference between two times in her remote area located in Mawza district in Taiz Governorate, where the needs for health care of the most vulnerable residents there, including women, are increasing.

There is a time before the "Emergency Health and Nutrition Response Project for Conflict-Affected Communities in Al-Wazieyyah and Mawza districts" and a time after with regard to this project that is being operated

by HUMAN ACCESS in partnership with the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF).

The project helps improve healthcare services in the targeted areas through various health and nutrition interventions, including mobile health teams, supporting health facilities, and providing free healthcare services to meet the needs of the vulnerable.

#### Two previous serious experiences

Majeeda had given birth to two children before, but during them she faced the risk of death, due to the lack of health services, particularly safe delivery services in her area. This forced her to embark on a long, risky journey and pay huge sums of money to seek the necessary health care.

Majeeda was pregnant in her last months, with difficult financial circumstances that made her unable to bear the high cost of going to distant health care centers. She had no choice but to give birth at home, amidst expected complications, as the majority of deaths among mothers and newborns occur during or immediately after unsafe childbirth.



#### A positive impact and a dose of hope

Labor began at her home, but luck was on her side this time. The nearby health unit in Al-Hajfa area began providing safe delivery services, after the Emergency Health and Nutrition Response Project for Communities Affected by the Conflict was newly rehabilitated and operated.

During a field mission, the project's mobile team referred and transferred her to the health unit in a timely manner, as the first case received by the health unit. There, the medical team began its duties and provided her with the necessary medical care she needed. It did not take long until Majeeda was able to sit in her bed and breastfeed her child, who was in good health.

Majeeda felt the positive impact of the services provided to relieve her pain and maintain the safety of her and her child. She was overwhelmed with joy, as she expressed this by saying: "This is what we dreamed of and hoped for." She thanked HUMAN ACCESS and YHF for this project, which gave women a large dose of hope and safety, and was of great importance for the sustainability of basic life-saving services.



#### **Protection and livelihoods**

## Efforts to improve women and girls' access to employment opportunities and services

HUMAN ACCESS in Shabwa and Marib governorates conducted a variety of activities within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to improve women's access in the country to job opportunities and services and raise awareness of their life issues.

In Ataq city of Shabwa, the safe space completed a verification process for 23 women nominated to receive economic empowerment grants in the professional fields in which they were trained during the first half of 2023, which are the fields of cooking, hairdressing, and sweets and pastry making. Through field visits and the verification process, beneficiaries were required to complete verification forms, which involved making sure that livelihood grants reached families that met the criteria and were able to enter the labor market and open

economic projects that would positively impact their lives and their families' lives.

During the third quarter of 2023, the safe space in Ataq held a regular peer network meeting to discuss the upcoming work plan designed to raise awareness of women and girls' issues, mobilize and advocate for them, and introduce the safe space and the services offered to them so that they can advance their lives.

In Marib city, the safe space organized community awareness sessions and group psychological support for the HUMAN ACCESS' team. The sessions, held in Al-Shaddadi camp for displaced persons, addressed various important issues, such as girls' education, risks of early marriage, self-confidence, how to get rid of psychological pressures, and the importance of identification documents.









### Safe space for women and girls participates in town's tourism festival in Mukalla



Under the patronage of Hadhramaut's Governor, Mabkhout Mubarak bin Madi, the safe space for women and girls in Mukalla participated in the marketing exhibition for productive families, which was held in the exhibition square. The event was facilitated by the Ministry of Social Affairs & Labor office in Sahel Hadhramaut as part of the activities of the town's tourism festival 2023.

Governor Bin Madi expressed his

happiness at what he has seen of good organization and quality of products displayed by the productive families.

On its part, the Social Affairs & Labor office expressed its appreciation to all the organizations participating in the exhibition, including HUMAN ACCESS, for facilitating a way for productive families to promote their products and take advantage of the economic recovery associated with the festival.

HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut is currently running the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" with UNFPA's aid, to promote women's right to employment and improve their ability to live independently and build a prosperous life in light of the expanding circle of poverty and unemployment in the country due to conflict.





## Ongoing response to impower women and build stable lives







HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut and Marib governorates carried out a wide range of activities as part of the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by UNFPA, to support women's right to employment and improve their ability to live independently and build a stable life. In Seiyun city, Wadi Hadhramaut, the safe space conducted a community awareness session for a number of women and girls about raising children in the age of technology. In a world where technology and technological advancement has increased risks, the session presented advice about how to raise children in an environment where they need to be preserved and raised correctly.

In Marib, the safe space in Al-Matar area organized a training program in life, marketing and financial skills for 24 beneficiaries of two vocational rehabilitation courses in tailoring and hairdressing. The goal is to upgrade their skills, motivate them to join the labor market, and improve their economic situation in a sustainable manner.

The safe space concluded a sewing and tailoring course in a charity bazaar for the benefit of orphans and the poorest families. The space received some clothes from the graduates of the vocational program, which brought joy and pleasure to the needy. The safe space in Al-Matar area also provided group psychological support on the importance of parents' role, the proper ways to raise children, and the importance of enhancing girls' confidence and giving them tenderness.

The safe space continues to provide services in the children's space by creating an environment that allows children to exercise their rights to play, entertainment, and more.

The safe space in Al-Mujamma area concluded handicrafts and embroidery courses for 14 beneficiaries. The safe space in Wadi Marib conducted a field visit to verify women's eligibility for economic empowerment grants to ensure they are going to be successful in their endeavors and can be productive and self-sufficient.







## Hadhramaut and Marib: Persistent efforts to develop and empower women and girls

With funds provided by UNFPA, HUMAN ACCESS carried out a number of activities in Hadhramaut and Marib governorates to support efforts related to women's advancement and the development of their capabilities through the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls." In Seiyun city of Wadi Hadhramaut, the safe space implemented a financial marketing course for 13 beneficiaries of the sewing and tailoring program, to equip them with basic marketing and financial skills and prepare them to join the labor market and open their own businesses. In Marib, as the disease spreads throughout the governorate and awareness is needed to reduce cases of dengue fever, the safe space in Al-Matar area organized a health

awareness session on dengue fever, its symptoms, and prevention. The session targeted a number of female visitors to the space. The space at Al-Matar also provided group psychological support for trainees in the field of sewing to motivate them to take advantage of this opportunity offered to them. The space continues vocational training in sewing and hairdressing to qualify trainees with income-generating crafts and protect them from poverty. In Al-Mujamma area, the safe space organized a life, marketing and financial skills training for beneficiaries of the sewing and sweets/pastries making programs. Its program for the second quarter of this year involved the rehabilitation of 43 beneficiaries in various crafts, particularly the poorest women and girls.





#### Handicrafts to enable women and girls to obtain employment



HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahra and Marib governorates conducted a wide range of activities as part of the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by UNFPA, to support and empower women in light of the expansion of the circle of poverty in the country due to conflict.

In Al-Ghaydah city of Al-Mahra, the safe space organized a life, financial and marketing skills course for 12 beneficiaries of economic empowerment programs in sewing and tailoring to equip them with the

necessary skills to pave the way for them to employment and launch their small enterprises.

In Wadi Marib, the safe space concluded two vocational training courses. The first one was in the field of sewing, which was the last course in the vocational training program for the second quarter of this year in this field. The second course was in the field of teaching the arts of engraving.

The two courses offered the beneficiaries more chances to collect financial income and support their families.













### In Marib: Craft skills and vocational training to raise women's awareness

HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate conducted a variety of activities in support of the UNFPA-funded project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" to ensure that Yemeni women are made aware of their rights and can obtain continuous incomes by participating in income-generating activities.

In Al-Mujamma area, the safe space concluded a training course in the field of sewing and tailoring for 16 beneficiaries. In Wadi Marib, the safe space provided a life and marketing skills course for a number of women who benefited from a vocational training in sewing and sweets/pastries making to help them engage in the labor market and improve their economic situation in a sustainable manner.

The safe space held a community awareness session for displaced women in Al-Jufaina area about

family dialogue and the importance of keeping a safe environment at home, along with a seminar on gender and gender-based violence for 17 women.

The space also provided a collective psychological support for the HUMAN ACCESS team, as well as a psychological support for 22 women on the importance of self-building. The safe space in Al-Matar area carried out two awareness sessions for a number of female visitors to the space. The first event was an awareness session addressing domestic violence, its causes, its impacts on society and children, and how to eliminate it.

The second session was a legal awareness session dealing with women's rights to inheritance according to Islamic law and the legal ways to obtain it as one of their rights.











### Activities in Shabwa and Marib to promote women's rights in difficult circumstances







Within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls," HUMAN AC-CESS in Shabwa and Marib governorates carried out a number of targeted activities, with funding from UNFPA, to support and empower women and develop their capabilities in light of the difficult living conditions in the country. The safe space in the city of Ataq, Shabwa, conducted field verification visits to women seeking economic empowerment grants, following precise and targeted procedures to ensure a better selection process so that the program's objectives of empowering families and transforming them into productive, self-reliant families could be achieved. In Marib, the space in Al-Mujamma and Al-Matar areas organized community awareness sessions and collective psychological support for the HUMAN ACCESS team, discussing raising children, the value of education for them, dangers of early

marriage, ways of dealing with family problems, and building trust by encouraging positive behavior. In Al-Rawda area and Al-Mil camps, the safe space held the second quarterly meeting of the community peer network. Meeting participants discussed topics pertaining to risks of gender-based violence, working for human rights, and promoting women's rights in difficult circumstances. In Wadi Marib, the safe space held the second quarterly meeting of the community-based committees to discuss several issues, including the previous and future work mechanism and the importance of maximizing performance to reach the desired results. The space also concluded a training course in the field of sweets manufacturing, and launched a vocational course in engraving arts to equip the beneficiaries with the skills necessary to qualify them to earn a living.













### Support women's participation in various developments in Shabwa and Marib

HUMAN ACCESS in Shabwa and Marib governorates organized a number of diverse activities within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by UN-FPA, to support women's participation in development at different levels, enhance their status and their access to full rights, and access to opportunities and services in all sectors.

The safe space in Ataq city in Shabwa organized life skills training for trainees in the fields of sewing and sweets/pastry to empower them with financial and marketing skills for managing private projects and achieving economic empowerment goals. The space also launched a training in the field of sweets/pastry making for 12 beneficiaries to equip them with the necessary skills in this profession and encourage them to engage in the labor market

A resin industry training course was conducted in Marib's Al-Mujamma safe space for 14 beneficiaries as a new profession and crafts field based on analysis of market needs, which will generate income for each beneficiary.

to earn a living and support their families.

In addition, the space organized community awareness-raising activities for female visitors,

highlighting the services provided to women and girls and emphasizing the importance of flexibility and practice when resolving problems within families. In Al Jufaina area, the space held community awareness about legal culture and its importance in protecting women's rights. The space in Al-Rawda area and Al-Mil camps also continued vocational rehabilitation programs in sewing and hairdressing for 24 trainees to teach them craft skills that would qualify them to obtain new sources of income. The safe space in Al-Matar area organized group psychological support sessions for the HUMAN ACCESS team to upgrade their professional capabilities and resist work pressures.

The space also continued to verify the data of beneficiaries and their ability to access empowerment services and achieve the desired goals.

An awareness session was held for a number of female visitors to the space, addressing important issues for the development of women and improving their capabilities.

In the same context, the space in Al-Wadi district monitored the progress of training in the sweets factory and recommended that the trainees take full advantage of this opportunity.













### Activities to promote awareness among women and girls in Seiyun and Marib

HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut and Marib governorates conducted awareness-raising activities within the UNFPA-funded protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls", to increase women's understanding of their potentials, capabilities, and rights. In Seiyun city of Wadi Hadhramaut, the space carried out an awareness session targeting 15 beneficiaries about the importance of time and its management. The session addressed the importance of women working to achieve themselves and their dreams, secure a sustainable future, and the necessity of organizing time between work and home. To enhance psychological resilience among the HUMAN ACCESS team, overcome work environment obstacles, and develop positive thinking in light of life and performance pressures, the safe space organized group psychological support sessions for them in Marib city, so they could continue providing important services. The safe space in Al-Mujamma area organized an educational program under the title "Emotional Divorce," as part of group psychological support session activities. The program addressed the dangers of this common type of divorce to the family, which often occurs due to a lack of communication and understanding between

spouses. In Al-Matar area, the space facilitated two awareness sessions targeting a number of female visitors to the space. In the first session, the space's services were presented, and in the second, the importance of family planning was discussed, since the family represents society's nucleus, and that society needs to be taken care of.

In Al Jufaina area, the safe space organized group psychological support entitled "Confronting Depression," in addition to community awareness with the participation of 18 women about the role of the safe space in promoting women's right to work and everything that would allow them to develop their business skills and launch their productive enterprises. In the same region, the space carried out three awareness sessions, the first was on the foundations of mental health in the presence of 16 women, while the second event addressed the virtues of women's work and its economic role in supporting the family's livelihood. At the event, 18 women shared their personal experiences at work and its impact on their lives and status. As for the third session, it focused on self-searching and development methods, targeting a number of female visitors to the space.









## Multiple events in Shabwa and Marib to inform women of their rights and enhance social protection



In the governorates of Shabwa and Marib, HUMAN ACCESS implemented a number of activities within the framework of the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by UNFPA, to inform women of their rights, create a tangible shift in their participation in society, and enhance social protection in order to promote sustainable development.

In the city of Ataq, Shabwa, the safe space held a regular meeting for the members of the protection network for the second quarter of this year, with a training course in the field of protection and the standards and requirements of humanitarian work. The space also implemented a course for peer network volunteers to raise their capabilities and provide them with some knowledge and skills related to protection aspects and services.

In Marib, the safe space in Al-Matar area carried out a number of awareness sessions, including two legal awareness sessions, the first of which was on women's rights at work and building society as men's partners in life. The second session discussed the importance of women obtaining identification papers as a right guaranteed by law, targeting a number of female visitors to the space. Three awareness and group psychological support sessions were also organized, targeting several female visitors to the space and members of the peer network in Al-Najah camp. The sessions introduced the space's services provided for the advancement of women. In Al-Mujamma area, the space facilitated an awareness session for members of the community-based committees in Al-Faw and Al Muhaimid camps addressing the phenomenon of early marriage and its harms.









## Delivery of economic empowerment grants to 23 women in Shabwa

HUMAN ACCESS in Shabwa Governorate delivered 23 economic empowerment grants to female beneficiaries of vocational and life training programs during the first half of the current year in a number of craft skills, including tailoring, sweets and pastry making, and hairdressers, within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls," funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

At the delivery ceremony, Nasser Muhammad Habtoor, Director General of the Technical Education & Vocational Training office in Shabwa, praised HUMAN ACCESS and UNFPA for these important programs that seek to create economic opportunities in the governorate, help improve living conditions, and confront the burdens of life.

It is noteworthy that the number of women and girls who have benefited from training and economic empowerment programs in Shabwa has reached 323 beneficiaries over the years.

As a result of vocational rehabilitation, the women have acquired the skills and knowledge necessary to enter the profession, improving the ability of the most vulnerable groups to obtain a better living standard, a higher capacity for resilience, and building a stronger sense of social responsibility.







## 23 displaced and host community women receive livelihood grants in Seiyun



HUMAN ACCESS in Wadi Hadhramaut delivered livelihood grants for the first and second quarters of this year to 23 displaced and host community women in the city of Seiyun. This occurred within the context of the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by UNFPA, to support and empower women and open the way for vulnerable families to contribute to the economy.

As part of the empowerment grant process, a series of basic and necessary steps must be completed, such as analyzing the labor market and placing the beneficiaries in intensive culinary, seamstress, and

hairdresser training programs.

The professional tools and supplies provided to the beneficiaries help them earn a living, as one of the most effective ways that allows vulnerable people to rebuild their lives in a dignified and safe manner. At the delivery, the safe space in Seiyun stressed the importance of these grants, which promote livelihoods and economic integration of the displaced and the host community in order to become more adaptable and self-sufficient. The beneficiaries expressed their thanks to HUMAN ACCESS and UNFPA for this support, which will enable them to improve their abilities to live and build a prosperous life.



### Al-Mahra project delivers 23 economic empowerment toolkits

HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahra Governorate delivered 23 economic empowerment toolkits to beneficiaries of vocational rehabilitation programs in sewing and pastry making, within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by UNFPA. This comes in the presence of the Secretary-General of the Governorate's Local Council, Salem Numair, Director-General of the Social Affairs & Labor office, Fayez Balhaf, and Deputy Director-General of the Education office, Issa Al-Qumairi.

In his speech, Numair praised the HUMAN ACCESS'

efforts and UNFPA's support in the field of economic empowerment. He said that economic empowerment projects are among the successful projects that target vulnerable groups to prevent them from slipping into poverty and unemployment, pointing out that civil society organizations are synonymous with local authority.

UNFPA and HUMAN ACCESS were also appreciated by Balhaf, who hoped that such important and purposeful projects would continue to be developed and implemented.







## Economic empowerment toolkits delivery for displaced and host community women in Marib





HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate granted economic empow-erment toolkits to 115 women from the displaced and the host com-munity in four crafts for which they were trained during the first half of this year. These crafts are tailoring and embroidery, sweets and pas-try industry, perfume and incense making, hairdressing and beautifi-cation, within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by UNFPA. At the handover ceremony, Director General of the Social Affairs & Labor office in the governorate,

Abdulhakim Al-Qaisi, and Deputy Di-rector of the Executive Unit for IDPs Camp Management, Khaled Al-Shajni, praised the protection and livelihood support project.

This project helps rehabilitate women from the most vulnerable groups and empower them economically by giving them craft tools af-ter qualifying them to start their own small projects and improve their income and livelihoods for themselves and their families, in light of the difficult economic conditions that the country is experiencing.



## In Marib: Celebration to mark graduation of 32 vocational training beneficiaries

The safe space for women and girls in Al-Jufaina area of Marib Governorate celebrated the graduation of 32 beneficiaries of two vocational training programs in sewing and hairdressing, within the protection and livelihood support project run by HUMAN ACCESS with funding from UNFPA, to build the capabilities of vulnerable groups.

The graduating trainees displayed their products at the ceremony, which confirmed their abilities to produce, compete, and use creativity in the workplace. At the celebration, Ghamdan Al-Qadi, coordinator of the gender-based violence sub-cluster in Marib, congratulated the graduates on this achievement as a first step on the path to investing in better ways to make a living, become self-reliant, and recover from the conflict's effects. Ghamdan also called on the graduates to be more persevering, patient, diligent, and not to despair to rebuild their lives, break the cycle of poverty, and achieve more success.









## Two healthcare departments and child malnutrition treatment launched in Marib

With generous funding from the Malaysian Mercy organization, HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate launched two departments in the Marib General Hospital, one for primary health care, and the second for treating cases of severe acute malnutrition in children. The event took place in the presence of the General Hospital's Vice President for Technical Affairs, Dr. Wajdi Al-Mikhlafi, and the Director-General of the Public Health & Population office in the governorate, Dr. Ahmed Al-Abadi. During the opening, Al-Mikhlafi and Al-Abadi toured the two departments and viewed the free services provided in healthcare and malnutrition treatment, as well as the level of preparation, organization, and performance of the medical and health staff in the two departments. Al-Mikhlafi and Al-Abadi thanked HUMAN ACCESS and the Malaysian Mercy organization for this significant humanitarian intervention to expand primary health services and tackle the rising malnutrition cases in the governorate through the Marib General Hospital, a reference in health services at the governorate level. HUMAN ACCESS will cover the financial costs of healthcare and address malnutrition in the two departments, with support from Mercy. This vital project is of great importance given the cases of severe acute malnutrition among children in Marib, which have reached more than 5,000 cases. There are also 13 recorded cases of moderate malnutrition. As for the targeted children who suffer from indicators of malnutrition, they have reached 150,000 boys and girls so far, according to official data.





## Specialized mobile medical convoy operated in Qishn region



HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut Governorate operated a medical convoy in the Qishn area of Hajar district, with generous funding from Sheikh Khaled Abdullah Batweel and under the supervision of the Ministry of Public Health & Population. The purpose of the convoy is to meet part of the basic medical needs of the most vulnerable popula-tion in this remote area deprived of specialized health services. A total of 176 individuals, including children, women,

and men, were treated at medical clinics specializing in internal and dermatological diseases, children, and newborns. They also conducted medical checkups and provided the necessary medicines free of charge to bring health and wellness services closer to individuals and communi-ties and restore access to healthcare services in light of a health sys-tem suffering from collapse due to the conflict in the country.



# In Mukalla: Inauguration of free camp for urology surgery and endoscopy

With funding from the Abdullah Al-Mutawa Charitable Fund, and under the supervision of Al-Najat Charitable Society in the State of Kuwait, HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut Governorate organized a free camp for urological surgery and endoscopy for needy patients in Hajar district, in cooperation with Hadhramaut Modern Hospital in Mukalla. The initiative is part of a health plan that aims to assist poor patients who cannot afford medication.

In the course of the camp, 85 medical cases were examined and 9 surgeries were performed on patients who came to the camp after it was announced that it would be free of charge.

The camp was held under the patronage of the Minister of Public Health & Population, Dr. Qasim

Muhammad Bahaibah, the Governor of Hadhramaut Governorate, Mabkhout Mubarak bin Madi, and in coordination with the Public Health & Population office in Sahel Hadhramaut, along with the attendance of the Director-General of Hajar district, Omar Salem Badebian, and the Director-General of the Health Office in the district, Dr. Abdullah Bahindi. During the camp's opening, Dr. Fayza Al-Amoudi, Deputy Director General of the Public Health Office in Sahel Hadhramaut, praised the significant role of HUMAN ACCESS in alleviating the suffering of patients, especially in remote areas, emphasizing the great importance of such humanitarian projects in facilitating the necessary medical assistance to patients.





# Health voucher program for reproductive health services in four governorates

HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut, Al-Mahra, Taiz and
Lahj governorates launched a
health voucher program within
the Reproductive Health
Services Support Project,
funded by the United Nations
Population Fund (UNFPA).
The program's goal is to bring
reproductive health services
to remote areas, poor communities, and displacement
camps that lack reproductive
health services.

Reproductive health services

provided by the health voucher program for free to support the most vulnerable families involves antenatal care, family planning, natural childbirth, and cesarean section. These are all necessary services that contribute to saving lives and building a healthier future, in addition to being an important part of humanitarian response efforts, as access to reproductive health services plays a pivotal role in human safety.









# Obstetric emergency department at Al-Ghaydah Hospital receives medical supplies



In partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahra Governorate delivered medicines, medical supplies and hygiene items to the obstetric emergency department at Al-Ghaydah Central Hospital in Al-Mahra as part of the ongoing support offered by the Reproductive Health Services Support Project, which includes a wide range of healthcare, such as maternal and newborn care.

The handover process took place in the presence of the medical coordinator of KSrelief Center in Al-Mahra, Dr. Murad bin Aqeel, Director General of Al-Ghaydah Hospital, Mohsen Muhammad Balhaf, and



Director of the Executive Unit for IDPs, Abu Bakr bin Baraik. This regular support would play a major role in improving life-saving reproductive health services in the governorate and creating a positive impact on the lives of beneficiaries.

During the delivery, the Director General of Al-Ghaydah Hospital indicated that these items, which are delivered quarterly to the hospital's emergency obstetrics department, cover a large part of the department's needs, extending thanks to HUMAN ACCESS, UNFPA, and KSrelief for this vital support to improve and provide high quality reproductive health services for the most vulnerable groups.

With generous funding from Sadakatasi organization, HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahra Governorate delivered 20 wheelchairs and 4 electric wheelchairs for people with special needs from members of the Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of the Physically Disabled and under the supervision of the Social Affairs & Labor office in the governorate. The key objective is to meet the essential needs of this segment, alleviate their suffering, facilitate their mobility and access to services, and improve their health condition. During the handover ceremony, the Deputy Director General of the Social Affairs office in Al-Mahra, Salem Suweilem, praised the HUMAN ACCESS and Sadakatasi' interventions to support people with special needs as they are among the most vulnerable groups in society and in dire need of material, moral and psychological support. For his part, Ahmed Jabaz, Executive Director of the Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of the Physically Disabled, expressed his sincere thanks to HUMAN ACCESS and Sadakatasi for the important support and for targeting this group and giving it priority in all humanitarian programs.

# 24 people with special needs receive wheels and electric chairs





# Al-Misrakh Central Hospital receives medical devices and equipment

HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz Governorate supplied medical devices and equipment to Al-Misrakh Central Hospital in Al-Misrakh district, as part of the Reproductive Health Services Support Project, with funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to provide essen-tial health services to the most vulnerable communities in remote are-as and save the lives of many people.

The handover process took place in the presence of the Director-General of the Public Health & Population office in Taiz, Dr. Ab-dulrahman Al-Sabri, the Director-General of Al-Misrakh district, Yahya Ismail, and the General Director of Al-Misrakh Central Hospital, Dr. Abdulwadood Al-Amiri.

During the handover, Dr. Al-Sabri commended HU-

MAN ACCESS' and UNFPA's efforts to support the health sector in Taiz, stressing the need of making the most of this important support.

For his part, Dr. Al-Amiri stressed the importance of these medical de-vices and equipment that meet the hospital's needs and will create a qualitative shift in its health services. Yemen has been plagued by conflict for nine years, severely affecting the health system.

The Reproductive Health Services Support Project supports a number of health facilities in several governorates, as an important part of humanitarian response efforts. The project also helps keep the health system functioning and restore and improve access to reproductive health care services.







## Training for 12 midwives in emergency obstetrics in Lahj

As part of the healthcare, HU-MAN ACCESS in Lahj Governorate organized a training program in obstetric emergencies, targeting 12 midwives at the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of Ras Al-Arah Rural Hospital in Al-Madaribah Wa Ras Al-Arah district, within the ongoing sup-

port offered by the Reproductive Health Services Support Project, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Participants in the training program learned how to use the birth chart "Partograph" among other topics. The training is designed to upgrade the skills of health

personnel to ensure that women have the best chance for health and survival, to mitigate maternal and newborn deaths during or after childbirth, and to help improve the level of reproductive health services in the country.





HUMAN ACCESS in Mukalla, Hadhramaut Governorate, trained 30 members of the community networks in Mukalla to combat the phenomenon of female genital mutilation (FGM), under the umbrella of the project to combat FGM, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The training program involved a package of knowledge designed to educate the participating members and activate their important societal role against the sexual mutilation of girls. Additionally, the program addressed the serious consequences of these wrong practices, which represent a violation of women and

girls' fundamental human rights.

# In Mukalla: Training for community network members to combat FGM



## Multiple training in Shabwa and Marib to support women's rights within a protection project



HUMAN ACCESS performed a number of vital activities in Shabwa and Marib governorates as part of the UNFPA's project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" aimed at supporting women's right to work and enabling them to become more adaptive, able to become self-reliant, aware, and enhance their ability to build and develop their communities.

In Ataq city of Shabwa, the safe space launched vocational rehabilitation programs for the third quarter of this year with a training course in sweets and pastry manufacturing for 13 beneficiaries who are in dire need of it. The goal is to equip women with the necessary skills and knowledge to build their economic independence, help them to earn income, and participate in local community economic development.

In Marib, the safe space in Al-Jufaina area conducted a group psychological support session for 12

women about psychological trauma and how to overcome it. It also conducted four awareness sessions, the first targeted 15 women about raising children, problems and solutions, while the second addressed displacement and adaptation strategies.

The third session targeted 9 female visitors to the space on problem-solving skills, whereas the fourth session was entitled "Decision Making" with the participation of 10 women.

Al-Matar's safe space organized a ten-day training program in tire embroidery for 12 beneficiaries, providing them with skills in this craft profession needed in the labor market.

Additionally, the space conducted field visits to assess and select female candidates for economic empowerment grants and judge their ability to benefit from these grants.







## Vocational training in Marib to enable women and girls engage in labor market



HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate organized professional training courses within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" funded by UNFPA. This training is designed to create economic opportunities, give Yemeni women the chance to become entrepreneurs, and improve their living conditions in a sustainable manner by establishing small businesses and turning them into productive families.

In Al-Matar area, the safe space organized two vocational courses in hairdressing and sewing with the participation of 24 trainees, to equip them with the necessary skills that qualify them to enter the labor

market and support their families.

In Al-Wadi district, the safe space provided group psychological support to female beneficiaries of the handicrafts program to enhance their confidence to launch their own projects.

Al-Mujamma area's safe space also completed field verification procedures for data of grant applicants in preparation for selecting those who would be able to benefit from the grants.

The space also carried out a training program in sewing and sweets/pastry making, targeting 30 beneficiaries to assist them to earn a living in light of the harsh conditions that Yemen is suffering from.









## **UNFPA** delegation visits **HUMAN** ACCESS branch in Mukalla

In the presence of a number of local health officials, the HUMAN ACCESS branch in Mukalla city, Hadhramaut Governorate, received a delegation from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which included Dr. Robert Naja Lula, the UNFPA's International Coordinator for Reproductive Health, and Dr. Ahlam Bin Buraik, UNFPA's Reproductive Health Coordina-

tor in Hadhramaut. During the visit, the delegation was briefed on the progress of the project to support reproductive health services, praising the role and efficiency of HUMAN ACCESS in implementing this vital project to serve the most vulnerable and needy groups and help save lives through the supported health facilities in Mayfaa and Ghail Bawazir districts.

With UNFPA funding, HUMAN ACCESS in Mukalla has been implementing a project to support reproductive health services since 2019. The project also supports Shahir health and motherhood and childhood centers in Mayfaa to improve access to reproductive health services, given the pivotal role that these basic services play in human life.





# UNFPA Marib's sub-cluster coordinator visits the safe space for women and girls

The safe space for women and girls in Al-Jufaina area in Marib Governorate received Ghamdan Al-Qadi, coordinator of the gender-based violence sub-cluster at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Marib. In his inspection visit, Al-Qadi praised the safe space's activities and encouraged it to achieve higher levels of excellence and creativity.

HUMAN ACCESS implements the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" with UNFPA's funding to support and empower Yemeni women and develop their capabilities in light of the difficult living conditions in Yemen, with a focus on the poorest women and those living in fragile situations.





# Refugee health project team visits Aden's Al-Sadaqa General Teaching Hospital

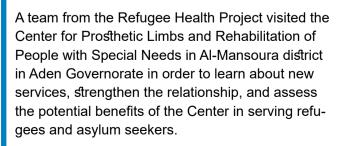


A team from the Refugee Health Project carried out a field visit to Al-Sadaqa General Teaching Hospital in Aden Governorate. The team analyzed the conditions of inpatients, most of whom were refugees and asylum seekers, and assessed the hospital's performance, especially its referral service for medical treatment. During the visit, the project team met with Dr. Raja Ahmed Ali, Director General of Al-Sadaqa General Teaching Hospital, and discussed with her aspects of enhancing the project's relationship with the hospital and the prospects for developing it within the memorandum of understanding signed between the two parties.

A refugee health project of HUMAN ACCESS is currently being carried out in Kharaz and Al-Basateen areas of Lahj and Aden governorates, which is funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), to provide health services to refugees and asylum seekers, focusing particularly on the most vulnerable and needy refugees.

# Refugee Health Project team visits the Artificial Limbs Center in Aden







In the course of the visit, the team met with Abdullah Al-Qaisi, Director of the Center, and discussed several topics to help support areas of cooperation and develop a relationship between the Center and the health project, following the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the two parties at the beginning of this year.

## A Turkish delegation visits safe spaces for women and girls in Marib



The safe spaces for women and girls in Marib city, in Al-Rawda area, Al-Mil camps, and the neighborhoods and communities of Al-Matar areas received a delegation from the Turkish Religious Endowment. The visiting delegation was briefed on the activities carried out by the spaces to advance Yemeni women and invest in developing their capabilities and economic potential.

The delegation members also discussed with the space officials the mechanism for providing multiple services to the most vulnerable women and girls

to support and empower them, expressing their appreciation and admiration for the efforts made to strengthen women's resilience in the face of crises and wishing the spaces more brilliance.

HUMAN ACCESS is executing the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Spaces for Women and Girls" with funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to enhance the status of Yemeni women and support their participation in development and their access to full legitimate rights.







# Safe space's periodic meetings and field visits in Al-Mahra and Marib





With funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahra and Marib governorates performed a set of activities within the Protection and Livelihood Support Project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" to expand women's participation in labor market activities, provide professional development opportunities, and promote women's legitimate rights.

In Al-Ghaydah city in Al-Mahra, the Safe Space held a regular meeting for members of the Protection and Peer Networks for the second quarter of this year. The meeting discussed the various services offered by the space to protect and support women and girls, in addition to reviewing a working paper on the challenges facing educational staff and students in universities and coming up with a number of recommen-

dations.

As part of its safe space program in Marib, Al-Jufaina area organized self-confidence and self-development workshops for displaced women, as well as psychological support sessions for HUMAN ACCESS team members to improve their performance and resolve problems in the field. In order to ensure the success of economic empowerment grants, the space verified the empower-









ment eligibility of 32 women beneficiaries of vocational training in sewing and hairdressing.
Furthermore, the safe space in Al-Rawda and Al-Mil camps conducted field visits to verify that recipients are actually eligible for economic empowerment grants and have the necessary skills to manage small projects and succeed.

The space organized a training

program to develop life and marketing skills for female beneficiaries of economic empowerment projects to empower them with the basic skills necessary to help them enter the labor market and face challenges.

The safe space in the same region also held the second quarterly meeting of the network of community-based committees to discuss a range of issues related

to performance and development. In Al-Wadi district, the safe space held the second quarterly peer networking meeting. The meeting discussed a number of topics, including the previous work mechanism and its positive impact, and the new mechanism and its intended role in empowering women.



# Integrated solar energy system installed for doctors' housing in Kharaz refugee camp





In response to frequent power outages in Kharaz camp for Somali refugees in Lahj Governorate, HU-MAN ACCESS in Aden Governorate has installed an integrated solar power system for doctors' housing. A number of doctors reside in this residence who work to serve the most vulnerable and needy refu-

gees. As a result of the installation of this alternative energy, housing electricity needs will be met, continuity of this basic service will be maintained, and health services for refugees would be improved, especially with summer approaching and the temperatures rising.





## Honoring top students and graduates of educational sponsorships in Yemeni universities

HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz Governorate honored the top university students and graduates included in the educational sponsorship project for Yemeni university students, funded by the Islamic Charity organization (IICO) in the State of Kuwait.

Among the objectives of the project are to help vulnerable groups gain access to distinguished university education and to help them overcome obstacles that hinder their educational attainment so that they can keep up with technological advances and face the challenges that lie ahead.

20 students honored as first graduates, out of 107 students included in the project, expressed their sincere gratitude for this generous gesture from HU-MAN ACCESS and the IICO.

This initiative comes in the context of ongoing efforts to care for Yemen's students and provide them with an appropriate educational environment, facilitate access to places of learning for students in need, and prepare them to serve their communities in the future and build their country.



## Honoring a group of academically excellent orphan students



In the presence of a number of local officials and social figures, and with generous support from the Kuwaiti Islamic Charity Organization (IICO), HUMAN ACCESS in Wadi Hadhramaut honored 35 male and female orphans who excelled in educational programs for the academic year 2022-2023 and who were covered by its sponsorship and care, as part of ongoing efforts to care for orphans and motivate them to excel.

During the honoring ceremony

held in Seiyun city for the second time under the auspices of the local authority, Muhammad Awad Al-Amiri, Director General of Seiyun district, expressed his great pleasure in sharing the honor and joy of the orphans who excelled academically, praising HUMAN ACCESS's tangible efforts and its multiple interventions to serve the vulnerable and needy people. He also extended his thanks to the Islamic Charity Organization and Kuwait for this humanitarian support.

It is noteworthy that the honored orphans are out of 160 male and female orphans that HUMAN ACCESS in Wadi Hadhramaut is responsible for sponsoring and caring for them. It implements various projects and programs to support this most vulnerable social segment, qualify them for active participation in society, and prepare them for the future in the best way, as well as encouraging them to achieve more success.





## A special day and recreational activities for orphans in Al-Mahra





Under the patronage of the Governor of Al-Mahra, Mohammad Ali Yaser, and under the supervision of the Social Affairs and Labor office in the governorate, HUMAN ACCESS organized the "A Special Day for Orphans" event. The goal of the event is to bring joy

and happiness to orphans' hearts and their family members and alleviate the burden of their tragedy in light of the difficult living and economic conditions.

The special day included an entertainment trip to Marina Park, as well as a variety of activi-

ties such as competitions, free games, holiday gifts, and distributing orphan sponsorships for the second quarter of the current year. In addition, the orphans expressed their gratitude for HU-MAN ACCESS and its sponsors for renewing their generosity.

# An event to celebrate the World Day Against Child Labor

The safe space for women and girls in Wadi Marib celebrated the occasion of the World Day against Child Labor, which falls on June 12 of each year. The activities included a range of recreational, educational and awareness-raising activities.

These initiatives helped put a smile on the faces of the participating children, within the context of the Protection and Livelihood Support Project, being implemented by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate, with funding from UNFPA.





Following a request from the Executive Unit for the Management of IDP Camps (ExU) in Marib, and discussions about this request among the HUMAN ACCESS team in Marib, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) agreed to add a data page document to the acceptable documents for receiving assistance and receiving cash transfers provided by UNHCR through

HUMAN ACCESS via the Al-Amal and Al-Kuraimi banks.

This facility came as a special case for Marib following a meeting that included the ExU in the governorate, UNHCR office, and its partners, HUMAN ACCESS, and Al-Amal and Al-Kuraimi banks. The procedure will be effect starting from the next batch

and will address recurring problems for those who may be eligible for cash assistance but have lost their original documents.

At the meeting held at the ExU headquarters, it was agreed that HUMAN ACCESS would inform those who lost their documents and were unable to obtain replacements for them by applying to the Community Center for IDPs to amend the type of identity

document to the data page.

The Assistant Director General of the ExU in Marib, Dr. Khaled Al-Shijni, expressed his deepest gratitude to UNHCR, HUMAN ACCESS, and the disbursement agencies for their efforts and facilities in serving families displaced by the conflict, especially those who are most vulnerable and in need.

# Agreement to operate the "Golden Needle Leather Tailoring" factory in Mukalla



HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut and the Sila Foundation for Development signed an agreement to operate the Golden Needle Leather Sewing Factory in the city of Mukalla, with funding from the Sila Foundation, within the "My Craft in My Hands 6" program.

The program's goal is to open new horizons for entrepreneurship and enhance job opportunities as an essential matter for a successful response, bringing benefits to the economy and mitigating the consequences of conflict on societies, especially women. During the signing, the Director of the Community Development Sector at the Sila Foundation, Khaled Yaslam bin Shihab, explained that the operation of this professional laboratory will help create a productive environment equipped with the latest equipment and capabilities and with capable professional minds to meet the needs of the local market. He added that the Foundation's mission is to foster job opportunities for community members and develop their productive abilities through professional projects.

# Malnutrition treatment project management in Taiz meets with target districts' supervisors



The management of the malnutrition treatment project in Taiz Governorate held a regular meeting for supervisors of the districts targeted by the project in the governorate, which are: Al-Wazieyah, Jabal Habashi, Mashra'a Wa Hadnan, Al-Mawasit, Al-Misrakh, and Al-Qahira. A critical objective of the meeting is to review the progress of the project and determine how to improve performance to provide healthy nutrition services to the most vulnerable groups, due to children and women's high levels of malnutrition.

HUMAN ACCESS is currently implementing a project

to address malnutrition in Taiz, Marib and Lahj governorates, funded by the World Food Program (WFP). This specific project supports 75 health facilities in Taiz with services to treat moderate malnutrition, operate 9 mobile vehicles in the six targeted districts, and support preventive nutrition services through 120 distribution points in the targeted districts through community health volunteers.

The project's primary objective is to mitigate the threat posed by malnutrition diseases, which are hazardous to the lives of the most vulnerable people.



## Wasmiya Abdulqawi,

# a displaced woman that saw the light of GFA project in reality

Food insecurity is a major challenge in Yemen. According to recent UN data, the number of Yemenis facing food insecurity has risen to four million people, as a result of continued economic deterioration and food prices rising beyond the capacity of vulnerable groups. Forcibly displaced people from conflict areas are among the most vulnerable groups, as they face real suffering, such as food insecurity and loss of the ability to obtain the most essential services. They urgently need a strong humanitarian response to help them build new lives in the communities where they have sought safety.

Among those displaced people is Wasmiya Abdulqawi, 30 years old. She was displaced with her husband and three children from Al-Qabbaita district in Lahj Governorate to Sala district in Taiz Governorate, fleeing the armed conflict. Her situation has become pathetic in a country lacking peace and in a city that experiences a serious food insecurity situation.

### This family needs hope restored

Wasmiya lives with her family in a one-room "shop". She has a child with severe visual impairment and is at risk of blindness. Her husband suffers from asthma and does not have a stable source of income, as he works for daily wages in light of a collapsed labor market, low wages, and amid huge needs. This deprived family now faces harsh living condi-





tions, a lack of adequate food, and increased disease risk, as food shortages cause high levels of stunting and other life-threatening conditions. Due to the severity of the crisis, HUMAN ACCESS is doing everything in its power to make sure those most in need are helped to rebuild their lives and maintain their dignity. Wasmiya's family is one of the families to whom the GFA food aid project, funded by WFP, helped rearrange their lives and revive their hope.

### Totally different status than before

Wasmiya received a food basket that was delivered on a regular basis, consisting of wheat flour, cooking oil, and legumes, to which rice and dates were sometimes added. This food basket served as a barrier preventing this family from sliding into famine. In her interview, Wasmiya said: "I felt a big difference in my life when I had my daily food. My situation now is completely different than before. I felt safe and that one of the blessed gates of heaven had opened for me." She also thanked HUMAN ACCESS and WFP for this significant project that made their living condition less difficult.

Among the neediest beneficiaries, Wasmiya and others hope that this important humanitarian project will continue to offer a certain level of decent living for many Yemeni families targeted by this project, especially since the food insecurity status is becoming increasingly severe in Yemen as a whole.

# Ramadan

## Charity Projects for 2024



The unprecedented economic and living crisis in Yemen has caused a rise in the proportion of people unable to provide their basic food needs, especially in the holy month of Ramadan. They have also been deprived of the joy of welcoming this holy month due to an increase in prices for goods and services.

As an embodiment of its pioneering role, Human Access is preparing to implement Ramadan charity projects for this year under the slogan "Return their joy," as a window of giving to the poor that will help secure some of their living needs.

Your support will allow us to reach the largest number of those poor families, comforting them in their hardest times and providing them with a measure of dignity.

## #Return\_their\_joy

#### Food basket

For displaced people, conflict-affected families, widows, and orphan families.

### Large basket components

Flour 25 kg, rice 10 kg, sugar 10 kg, dates 2 kg, cooking oil 3 liters, beans 6 cans.

#### Medium basket components

Flour 25 kg, rice 5 kg, sugar 5 kg, dates 2 kg, cooking oil 1.5 liters, beans 6 cans

### Small basket components

Flour 10 kg, rice 5 kg, sugar 5 kg, dates 2 kg, cooking oil 1.5 liters, beans 4 cans.

### Target number

120,000 families









### **Fasting Iftar Meals**

For poor people, displaced families, refugees, students, for passers-by, and for those people who seclude themselves in the mosque during Ramadan.

#### Meal components

Chicken, rice, mixed cooked vegetables, dates, bread, fruits, and water.

### Target beneficiaries

100,000 individuals





### Eid clothing and gift

For children of the poor and needy, orphans, displaced people, handicapped, and inmates in hospitals and prisons

Complete Eid outfit for girls or boys Eid gift (Eid toys and sweets)

## Target beneficiaries of clothing

50,000 boys and girls

### Target beneficiaries of gift

20,000 boys and girls







### **Dates and meat**

For displaced families, poor people, conflict-affected families, widows, and families of orphans.

3 kilos of dates per family 1 kilo of meat per family

### Target beneficiaries of dates

50,000 families

### Target beneficiaries of meat

10,000 families







