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Editorial



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Human Access strategy for the years (2024-2026)



Human Access association is dedicated to remaining a helping hand extended to all the vulnerable and victims of humanitarian crises. The association has been able to draw broad lines in its record of charity, generosity, and giving to humanity, maintain its leadership in various fields of humanitarian work and reach unprecedented heights of institutional development, efficient performance, and strong partnerships.

Behind all these achievements is renewed energy, accumulated experience, precise plans, and successful strategies, because Human Access believes in the importance of planning and strategies to achieve goals and success. Hence the importance of its general strategy for the years (2024-2026) and the importance of supporting partners and donors to make this strategy an actual reality.

Human Access, with its great balance of trust among partners and donors, and in light of its mission aimed at securing lives and preserving human dignity, has developed a general strategy for three years as a future path and a clear road map. Through this strategy, it seeks to achieve its noble goals under the umbrella of the basic principles of humanitarian work and in accordance with the principles of inde-

pendence, integrity, transparency and neutrality. A major objective of the association is to fight poverty in Yemen, reduce its spread, promote and support sustainable development, and engage in rural development programs. Furthermore, it works to empower young people, women, and children, build their capabilities and skills, contribute to community health, education, and social care, revive the spirit of solidarity and develop a culture of volunteerism. The association also strives to reduce the damage caused by disasters, expand its work scope, and build bridges between regions. It also seeks to improve economic empowerment and livelihoods in order to preserve the dignity of those in need and contribute to food security under climate change and a worsening crisis.

This general strategy pushes Human Access to redouble efforts and mobilize humanitarian forces to assist and empower vulnerable individuals and communities. With renewed partnerships, we will reach the targeted people in their regions, meet their basic needs, improve people's lives in various fields, create a more positive and sustainable impact on society, and ensure a more promising and prosperous future.



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uniform

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Over 500,000 beneficiaries of Qurbani project this year

545,046 people benefited from the sacrificial project for this year 1445 AH - 2024, which was implemented by HUMAN ACCESS during the days of Eid Al-Adha in most of Yemen's governorates in partnership with many donor organizations, supporting bodies, and philanthropists.

Through the project, meat and assistance were delivered to the most affected communities in Yemen, including displaced families, needy people, and orphans, benefitting 543,096 people, as well as delivering clothing and Eid gifts to 1950 children.

In a special statement, Yahya Al-Dabaa, Head of HUMAN ACCESS, said that the Qurbani project helped poor and needy families in light of the increasing cases of hunger, poverty, malnutrition, and

unemployment, and its success is one of the fruits of the association's long experience, its efficiency and reliability in charitable work.

In his speech, the head of the association confirmed that the project embodied the bonds of fraternity, solidarity, and compassion that our religion calls for. He noted that the selection of targets was carefully made and focused on those areas where many people need assistance and support.

Al-Dabaa extended his thanks and appreciation to the philanthropists and various donors who shared the association's charitable work and humanitarian initiative and funded the sacrificial project this year to bring joy and happiness to the most vulnerable and needy groups during the days of Eid.



Health Minister reviews HUMAN ACCESS' efforts at Al-Misrakh Hospital

A briefing was provided to the Minister of Public Health and Population, Dr. Qasim Bahaibah, on the degree of medical services, equipment, and work progress relating to the expansion of Al-Misrakh hub hospital building in Al-Misrakh District in Taiz Governorate.

During the visit, in the presence of the Director General of the Health Office in Taiz, Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sabri, and a number of local officials, the Minister of Health praised the efforts made to restore and improve access to healthcare services and alleviate people's suffering. As an important part of the humanitarian response efforts in Yemen, and with funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), HUMAN ACCESS provides Al-Misrakh Hospital with medical equipment, supplies, medicines, and hygiene materials on a regular basis, as part of the project to support reproductive health services. Among these efforts is the construction of the second floor of the hospital, which will improve health care in beneficiary areas, facilitate people's access to vital health care, and help save lives.



Inauguration of Al-Jawfa Health Unit in Al-Jawf

With funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), HUMAN ACCESS inaugurated the Al-Jawfa Health Unit in Al-Rayyan sub-district of Khab Wal-sha'f district in Al-Jawf Governorate, in the presence of the Director General of the Public Health and Population Office in the Governorate, Dr. Ahmed Juzailan, and the Director of the Health Office in the district, Mohsen Dakhnan.

Under the Integrated and Sustainable Assistance Project, this initiative addresses the needs in highly dangerous and deprived areas.

Among the components of the project are setting

up and operating Al-Jawfa Health Unit, as well as providing basic healthcare services and increasing survival rates through the use of a mobile medical clinic in a number of targeted areas.

During the opening, Dr. Juzailan stressed the importance of these humanitarian projects, especially in these areas deprived of basic services, to provide a minimum package of healthcare services and meet the needs of the most vulnerable groups.

As a side event to the inauguration, a training course in water, environmental sanitation, and health was held for men and women volunteers.



HUMAN ACCESS Secretary-General visits the Integrated Project

Dr. Abdulwase Al-Wasea, Secretary-General of HUMAN ACCESS, visited the Integrated Project implemented by the association in Marib Governorate, funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The project encompasses the protection, shelter, and camp management sectors to improve the lives of vulnerable IDPs and enhance their resilience in light of Yemen's increasing humanitarian needs and challenges due to the ongoing conflict. During the visit, the Secretary-General of HUMAN ACCESS met with the management of the Inte-

grated Project, coordinators, and staff, and was briefed on the progress of the project and the services provided to displaced and affected families. Dr. Alwasea praised the efforts made, which stem from a central and highly influential goal in protecting the most vulnerable IDPs. He also urged workers to develop and improve their performance so that IDPs can receive life-saving project services safely and appropriately, thereby reducing their sense of vulnerability in the conflict and preserving their dignity.



Volunteering Protects Brains and Cognitive Health



"Volunteers are the cornerstone of all communities and are essential to the success and impact of many organizations," Donna McCullough, field operations officer for the Alzheimer's Association, said in a press release.

McCullough hopes to encourage people of all ages to get involved in local volunteer work, "not only to benefit their communities, but also to benefit their brains and cognitive health," she said.

Previous research, presented at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Amsterdam, confirmed the link between volunteering and better scores on cognitive function tests.

Previous studies have found positive links between volunteering and cognitive function, which includes "mental processes that help us plan, focus attention, remember tasks, and prioritize."

Two publications confirm the importance of promoting volunteer work and its role in social responsibility

Two new books have recently been published on the importance of promoting the culture of volunteering through modern means of communication, as well as the role of volunteering in social responsibility and achieving development.

The first book was written by the Gulf academic Dr. Aisha Jassim, entitled "The Role of Modern Means of Communication in Promoting Volunteer Work". The study aims to link volunteer work with the element of social participation and means of communication in order to implement work activities.

The study also establishes the development of volunteer work mechanisms by taking advantage of modern means of communication to activate motivations towards volunteer work and employing modern technology products in communication, which acti-



vates, improves, and values volunteer work among segments of society, especially youth and students. The second book is written by the Qatari writer Najat Ali, and is entitled "Volunteering, Social Responsibility and Development". The book discusses the concept of volunteering, its importance and the role of youth, who are the main drivers of volunteer work. It also examines volunteering in light of digitalization and rapid technological advancement, and discusses volunteer work in Islam and related fields.

Sustainable integrated assistance project launched in high-risk areas of Marib and Al-Jawf



With funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), Human Access launched an integrated and sustainable assistance project to meet needs in high-risk and deprived areas in Marib and Al-Jawf governorates. This was in the presence of the Undersecretary of Marib Governorate, Abdullah Al-Bakri, the Director of the Public Health and Population Office in Marib, Dr. Ahmed Al-Abadi, the Director of the Health Office in Al-Jawf, Ahmed Juzailan, and the Secretary-General of Human Access, Dr. Abdulwase Alwasea.

A six-day training program was conducted during the inauguration for 60 male and female healthcare providers on the minimum package of healthcare services, infection prevention and control, outbreak response, and case management.

During the inauguration, Undersecretary Al-Bakri

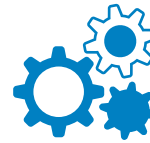
stressed that the health situation faces great challenges, emphasizing the importance of this project to improve the health situation in Marib and Al-Jawf and meet the greatest possible needs of the large numbers of displaced people and the host community.

The project seeks to provide comprehensive health services and water, sanitation, and hygiene to groups most at risk of acute watery diarrhea resulting from cholera or malnutrition in Al-Wadi district of Marib and Khab Wal Sha'af district of Al-Jawf governorate.

In the two targeted districts, the project targets 39,841 people over the course of a year, 35,688 of whom are displaced people with acute needs and risk of disease outbreaks and malnutrition.



Delivery of various entrepreneurship projects with UN funding



With funding from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Community Center for IDPs, operated by Human Access in Marib Governorate, delivered eight entrepreneurship projects, in the presence of the Director General of the Social Affairs and Labor office in the Governorate, Abdulhakim Al-Qaisi, the Deputy Director of the Executive Unit for the Management of IDP Camps, Dr. Khaled Al-Shijni, and the Director of UNHCR office in Marib, Peter Fitz-Morris.

These pioneering projects are part of an advanced entrepreneurship program designed to reduce Yemen's high rates of poverty and unemployment through sustainable solutions. The projects included a bus, medicines and medical supplies, an integrated women's sewing factory, an integrated women's photography factory, a center for advertising and thermal printing, a library and stationery tools, a

soap making factory, and a center specializing in media services and electronic marketing, productive livestock breeding, and fodder production through plantation.

At the handover ceremony, Al-Qaisi thanked Human Access and UNHCR for their efforts in implementing quality and purposeful programs and qualifying entrepreneurs to successfully manage private projects. In light of the growing humanitarian needs and challenges, one of the sustainable solutions to daily difficulties can be found in projects based on labor market analyses that enable beneficiaries to earn a living, Marib's first advanced entrepreneurship program will continue to provide consultations to beneficiaries and track project progress for a period of 6 months to move them forward, create a positive and sustainable impact on society, and promote economic recovery.



About 400,00 IDPs benefit from shelter, water and food aid



Due to war, displacement, and being away from home, Marib Governorate is home to a large number of forcibly displaced people of all ages and from various Yemeni regions, which require assistance to meet their basic needs. Thus, Human Access strives to provide support to the displaced and keep them alive, which is highly valued by them.

As part of an integrated project funded by Muslim Aid, Human Access' Relief Unit has provided shelter and food aid, among other services, to 395,800 displaced people in the past year, to relieve their enormous suffering, and as a result of the ongoing conflict in the country, which is creating more humanitarian needs each day.

The aid included food baskets, consisting of flour,

rice, sugar, cooking oil, and legumes, for 15,000 displaced people. Aid also included providing potable water via water trucks to 360,000 displaced people, kitchen utensils to 1,800 displaced people, hygiene kits to 3,000 displaced people, and hot meals, consisting of chicken and rice, to 16,000 displaced people. This vital aid is an important humanitarian achievement.

Human Access confirms that responding to all needs and expanding the scope of delivering humanitarian aid to the displaced throughout Yemen requires more support from donors. Humanitarian aid is the last refuge of the vulnerable in crisis situations, and it represents the last piece of security they have.



11,782 people receive relief items, shelter and winter clothing



In partnership with econsave and MyCare Foundation, HUMAN ACCESS distributed food and cash aid in Hadhramaut and Marib governorates, shelter materials, and winter clothing to 11,782 displaced people and the host community. The initiative was undertaken in the presence of a team of Malaysian partners, led by Professor Muhammad Zain, to provide support and protection to the most vulnerable and needy groups in displacement camps and local communities facing challenges due to lack of basic services, growing living needs, and high costs. The humanitarian aid distributed in the displacement

camps in Marib and Seiyun city in Wadi Hadhramaut were food baskets to 1,000 families, potable water to 3,000 people, cash aid to 20 families, winter blankets for 115 families, and winter clothing for 100 boys and girls, as well as delivering tents to 30 displaced families, hot meals for 250 families, and meat to 32 families.

As a result of the conflict, most of Yemen's population's livelihood has deteriorated, which makes this aid vital in meeting the basic needs of beneficiary families and strengthening their resilience.



450 displaced people benefit from winter bags

With generous funding from the KAF Charity Association, HUMAN ACCESS distributed winter bags containing blankets and winter clothes for 450 of the most vulnerable displaced people in temporary displacement camps in

Marib Governorate, as part of the winter aid distribution project. To keep displaced people from experiencing harsh winter weather during the winter, winter bags are distributed, particularly in Marib, where the highest risk aris-

es from the high concentration of displaced people in dire need of winter supplies to stay warm and prevent health risks due to harsh economic and environmental conditions.



2,400 displaced people receive winterization kits with Kuwaiti aid

With generous funding from the International Islamic Charity Organization - Kuwait, HUMAN ACCESS distributed winterization kits in the governorates of Marib and Taiz consisting of: (blankets, men's jackets, women's jackets, boys' wool suits, girls' wool suits) for 2,400 displaced people to keep them warm and cope with the winter frosts.

The winter kits distributed within the Winter Warmth Project aim to protect the most vulnerable displaced families from the risks of harsh winter weather, as winter in Yemen is a heavy guest on most of the displaced, especially those residing in camps where they lack the minimum services and basic requirements for heating.



12,116 displaced people receive winter aid

Through generous funding from the Turkish WIFA organization, HUMAN ACCESS distributed winter aid to 12,116 displaced residents of Marib Governorate, which is home to most of Yemen's displacement camps, so they could keep warm, prevent health risks, get the materials they need for daily life, and improve their quality of life.

The project included the delivery of food baskets,

winter bags, kitchen utensils, cash aid, and water tanks. This aid is necessary to support the most vulnerable displaced people, alleviate their human suffering, bring joy to their hearts, and reduce the risks surrounding the displaced in temporary displacement sites under harsh environmental and economic conditions.



Emergency Health and Nutrition Response Project: Real Change



The success of any humanitarian project can only be measured by the real change it brings about in the lives of vulnerable populations. This fully applies to the Emergency Health and Nutrition Response Project for Conflict-Affected Communities, which is implemented by Human Access in Mawza and Al-Wazeiyah districts of Taiz Governorate, with funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF). The project played a vital role in restoring access to basic healthcare services and expanding health coverage in the targeted areas, which are remote areas that were severely affected by the protracted conflict in the country and deprived of the most basic healthcare services. Malnutrition is also widespread in these areas, which leaves many residents in need of immediate medical care.

A quick solution for those affected:

Many vulnerable people in these remote areas have to travel long hours in order to access basic healthcare if they can spare the money. If they cannot, they are forced to stay at home to face their fate due to the difficult circumstances imposed by the ongoing crisis in Yemen and at a time when the health system is on the verge of collapse.

To ensure that these vulnerable people have access to basic, free, high-quality healthcare, the Emergency Health and Nutrition Response Project is a quick solution for the growing number of groups severely affected by the conflict and will save many lives. This



is achieved by providing minimum health services, reproductive health services, treating malnutrition, and basic health aid, through qualified medical staff in five health facilities, in addition to two mobile teams that reach hard-to-reach areas in the two targeted districts.

Tangible positive impact:

A key feature of this project is the transport and referral of critical and emergency cases to the project's partners. These services have been provided to Sarah Ali, a seven-month-old girl from Mawza district, and Khadija Muhammad, who is only one year old from Al-Wazeiyah district. The two girls, who suffered from severe acute malnutrition, were transferred to a private and specialized hospital in Taiz, where they received treatment until they were out of danger and well enough to return home. It was a joyous moment for the two families who had previously been unable to treat and save them because of a lack of assistance.

The two children, Sarah and Khadija, are just two examples of the tangible positive impact that the Emergency Health and Nutrition Response Project is having on conflict-affected communities in Mawza and Al-Wazeiyah districts. Human Access and YHF have made a significant impact on residents who expressed gratitude and thanks for meeting their healthcare needs through this program.

A close-up photograph of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a dark headscarf. She is looking through a light-colored, textured cloth barrier, possibly a tent or a screen. Her expression is one of concern or fear, with her mouth slightly open. The lighting is soft, and the overall tone is somber.

Child protection in Yemen
an important step towards the future



Children are among the most vulnerable groups amid conflicts and wars. They are subjected to numerous violations, including separation from family, neglect, abuse, gender-based violence, trafficking, and early marriage, and the solution lies largely in strong responses that invest in protection.

Protecting children in armed conflict lies at the heart of respect for international humanitarian law. It includes multiple interventions to prevent violence, abuse, and exploitation against children, and respond to their special needs and everything that would respect

their rights and stop their suffering in order to preserve their lives and futures, especially the most vulnerable children.

All children should grow up in a safe environment, free from physical and psychological harm, and have the opportunity to grow and contribute effectively to society. Today's children need double care. The more we encourage their well-being and help them grow, the more likely we are to cultivate a generation that is balanced and focused on positivity and generosity.

Children stuck in a constant cycle of despair

In Yemen, the widespread humanitarian crisis has increased protection risks. A large number of children are deprived of basic necessities and are exposed to insidious forms of violations. They are stuck in a continuous cycle of despair and their future is at stake. As thus, the protection of children has never been more urgent than it is now. In a previous press statement, Catherine Russell, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), said, "The evil combination of



years of long conflict, a collapsed economy, and a failed social support system has had a devastating impact on the lives of the most vulnerable children in Yemen.”

According to the 2023 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey, one in every four children of basic education age does not go to school, and 29% of children are involved in labor. And according to a statement issued by UNICEF last March, nearly 10 million Yemeni children are still in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

Yemen is also witnessing one of the largest internal dis-

placement crises in the world. Displaced children are more vulnerable to risks, face serious challenges in accessing vital services and basic rights, and their conditions raise serious concerns for humanitarian workers, especially Human Access.

According to the 2024 Humanitarian Needs Overview document, there are 1.3 million displaced children in various regions of Yemen, and Marib Governorate shelters most of the displacement camps. Protecting these children is an obligation under international humanitarian law to support

their survival and enable them to achieve their true ambitions and potential.

Vital services reached 1,245 boys and girls

Human Access has been providing child protection services to displaced people and host communities in the city and Al-Wadi districts of Marib Governorate between August 2023 and January 2024 in accordance with international standards and guidelines for integrating public policies for child protection. During this



period, 1,245 children and boys received vital services. Multiple vital services were offered in this project, such as life-saving services for child survivors of gender-based violence and conflict-related injuries, psychosocial support, and public awareness activities. Legal aid was also provided to assist in obtaining a birth certificate and registration, which is necessary to safeguard the most vulnerable children from abuse, exploitation, and violence. A successful outcome of the project was the prevention of early marriages due to the economic situation of parents, the provision of vital services

for children, such as health services, reunification of some families, and reintegration of children into the community. In a special statement, the Secretary-General of Human Access, Dr. Abdulwase Alwasea, confirmed that the Yemeni crisis has become a severe survival crisis for children, “and therefore Human Access is making more efforts to protect children and stop their suffering through high-impact interventions.” Alwasea said that focusing on protection is essential and needs continued support from partners to give vulnerable children hope for a peaceful future.





Launch of 5 community spaces in displacement camps

With funding from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Human Access Community Center for IDPs in Marib Governorate launched 5 community spaces in Al-Suwayda, Al-Menin, Al-Muthanna, and Al-Nuqaia'a camps in the City and Al-Wadi districts. This was in the presence of UNHCR representatives and the Executive Unit for the Management of IDP Camps in the governorate, which hosts most of the displacement camps amid harsh environmental and economic conditions.

The main goal of the community space is to create a safe environment for displaced people affected by the Yemen crisis, enhance their well-being socially and psychologically, develop response approaches, and address protection risks for this most vulnerable group. Among its goals are fostering the participation of displaced people in host communities to enable them to become more adaptable and able to regain hope away from their homes while alleviating their bitterness.



Conclusion of Educational Programs Project for Orphans



As part of ongoing efforts to care for orphans and motivate them to excel, HUMAN ACCESS, in partnership with the International Islamic Charity Organization - Kuwait, organized a celebration in Taiz Governorate on the occasion of the conclusion of the Educational Programs Project for Orphans, which aims to raise the educational, cognitive, cultural, and moral level of orphans and contribute to preparing them for the future in the best possible way. The project targeted 500 male and female orphans

from the governorates of Taiz, Hadhramaut, and Marib, and included various cultural, educational, and recreational activities, such as rehabilitation programs in computers, drawing, calligraphy, and others. The goal of this activity is to develop orphans to participate actively in society and raise this most vulnerable segment on moral and value foundations, as well as discover talented and creative people, motivate, and encourage them.



A bazaar displaying products of economically empowered orphan families

With funding from the International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO), HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut and Taiz governorates organized a bazaar to exhibit the products of many orphan families benefiting from the economic empowerment projects (Good earning 2) in sewing and embroidery, perfumes, incense, pastries and sweets, in order to

showcase beneficiaries' work, highlight their creativity, develop their skills, and help them market their products.

HUMAN ACCESS, in partnership with the International Islamic Charity Organization, sought to empower 71 orphan families in the governorates of Hadhramaut, Taiz, and Marib in six income-generating projects: "a

dairy cow, tailoring and embroidery, a tuk-tuk transport vehicle, a juice and sandwich buffet, incense and perfume manufacturing, and a manufacturing factory for pastries and sweets".

A key objective of the program is to provide a stable and sustainable income for the targeted orphans as many Yemeni families live under difficult circumstances.



A delegation from Muslim Aid visits orphans in Seiyun

A delegation from Muslim Aid organization visited orphans covered by the orphan sponsorship and care project, which is implemented by HUMAN ACCESS in Seiyun city in Wadi Hadhramaut, with funding from Muslim Aid. The project includes sponsorship and care for 500 orphans, as part of ongoing efforts to support orphans and secure their basic needs.

As the visiting delegation was informed on the efforts made to care for orphans, the visit fits into a framework of caring for the most vulnerable social group and addressing their basic needs. The delegation praised the level of humanitarian interventions made to ease the impact of orphans' tragedy and prepare them for the future.



As an important window to combat poverty and unemployment, HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut Governorate carried out a program: (My Craft is My Safety 2) in Mukalla city, which is a vocational and craft rehabilitation and training program targeting orphaned girls and widows in hairdressing and beauty, perfume and incense manufacturing, henna engraving, sewing and

My Craft is My Safety: A vocational program to improve 49 women's livelihoods

tailoring. In the program, 49 trainees were qualified in the specified professional fields in order to equip them with the skills they need to enter the labor market, earn a living, become self-sufficient, and contribute to the emergence of small businesses, which are a key component of national economic growth. During the launch, Dr. Salem Salah Bajaber, director general of the ministry of technical education and vocational training office in Hadhramaut Coast, praised the role of HUMAN ACCESS in targeting orphans and widows, enhancing sustainable livelihoods, creating job opportunities, and improving income in light of these difficult circumstances in the country.





Protection and livelihoods

A series of support to protect and empower women and girls

In partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), HUMAN ACCESS in the governorates of Al-Mahra, Shabwa, and Marib implemented a number of important activities to advance women and empower them economically to confront harsh conditions, under the protection and livelihood support project “Safe Space for Women and Girls.”

In Al-Mahra, and under the auspices of the Governor of the Governorate, Muhammad Ali Yaser, the safe space in Al-Ghaydah city granted economic empowerment toolkits to 26 beneficiaries, in the presence of the First Deputy Governor of the Governorate, Dr. Mukhtar Al-Jaafari, the Assistant Director of the

KSrelief Center, Ali Bakhit Al-Mutairi, and the Deputy Director-General of the Social Affairs and Labor office, Salem Sweilem.

During the grant ceremony, Undersecretary Al-Jaafari commended HUMAN ACCESS, UNFPA, and KSrelief for implementing these important humanitarian projects and helping the most vulnerable and needy families acquire craft skills that would enable them to enter the labor market and earn a living despite the challenging economic and living conditions. The safe space in Al-Ghaydah also organized a bazaar to display and market the products of women beneficiaries of vocational rehabilitation and economic empowerment projects, in the presence of the Assistant Undersecretary for Women's Affairs,





Khadija Bakrit, the Governor's Advisor for Women's Affairs, Alia Al-Harizi, and the Coordinator of KSrelief Center in Al-Mahra, Salem Al-Saqqaf, and others. The bazaar contained several corners, including for a mobile phone maintenance, a hairdresser, a henna engraving, a pastry making, and sewing. During the opening ceremony, Undersecretary Bakrit praised the organization of the bazaar, the protection and livelihood support project, and the tangible role in enhancing the status of women and ensuring their effective participation in economic and social development for the benefit of all.

In Shabwa, the safe space in Ataq city offered economic empowerment grants for the fourth quarter of 2023, as part of the 16 Days of Activism campaign to combat gender-based violence. Eleven women have benefited from the empowerment grants in sewing and tailoring and in incense and perfume making, to confront poverty and unemployment.

The safe space in Ataq also concluded the 16-day campaign with a closing ceremony, under the

slogan, "What is your role to protect women and provide for their needs?" The closing ceremony involved a group of meaningful events, including honoring the Community Protection Network in appreciation of its wonderful role in supporting the campaign against the epidemic of violence against women.

In Marib, the safe space in Al-Wadi District organized a two-day bazaar to display and market the products of beneficiaries of economic empowerment projects during the year 2023. To highlight the beneficiaries' creativity and introduce their products, there were several corners in the bazaar, including sewing, perfumes, and handicrafts. A community awareness campaign and a group psychological support session were held at the safe space in Al-Matar area to emphasize the importance of educating girls to prevent gender-based violence and boost psychological resilience, as part of a series of deliberate and ongoing activities to increase awareness of Yemeni women, reduce their difficulties, and ensure they are able to achieve their legitimate rights.



Providing decent jobs for women most in need

In Hadhramaut, Shabwa, and Marib governorates, HUMAN ACCESS has conducted a number of important activities within the framework of the protection and livelihood support project, “Safe Space for Women and Girls”, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to enhance women’s ability to secure decent jobs and provide greater security, including protection from violence.

In the city of Seiyun in Wadi Hadhramaut, the Safe Space for Women and Girls organized a life, marketing, and financial skills training for beneficiaries of vocational rehabilitation to equip them with the necessary skills to engage in the labor market, succeed in their own businesses, and create a positive and sustainable impact in their local communities.

In Ataq city of Shabwa, the safe space concluded a training course in incense and perfume making, which is the last course in the vocational training and economic empowerment program for 2023. The

training targeted 12 trainees from displaced women and the host community to enhance livelihoods and prevent a slide into poverty and unemployment.

In Marib, the safe space in Al-Jufaina area concluded a training program in leather bag making, to equip the beneficiaries with the skills necessary of this income-generating craft profession so that they will be able to support their families. A community awareness event was also organized through the space targeting 150 girls, based on the importance of time and the need to utilize it appropriately.

To prepare for the evaluation process to obtain economic empowerment portfolios, the Wadi Marib safe space conducted a field visit to assess the beneficiaries of vocational training. For its part, the space in Al-Matar area hosted legal awareness about the importance of obtaining an ID card and how to obtain it, given the importance of identification documents in public life and access to services.



Ongoing efforts to protect girls from harmful effects of FGM

Within the framework of the project to combat female genital mutilation (FGM) funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut and Al-Mahra governorates implemented two activities to raise community awareness about the harmful effects of female genital mutilation, which

represents a form of violence against women. An awareness session was organized in Mukalla city for the nurses and midwives of Hadhramaut University Hospital, which is the second session targeting workers in the health sector. In the city of Al-Ghaydah in Al-Mahra, the Children's Ambassadors

Network carried out field visits to a number of homes, targeting pregnant women and newborns to raise awareness of the danger of sexual mutilation of girls as a wrong practice that has negative consequences on mental and physical health.



Psychological support, awareness, and field visits to expand the scope of women's rights

HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate implemented awareness-raising sessions and group psychological support in addition to field visits within the protection and livelihood support project "Safe Space for Women and Girls", funded by UNFPA and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), to address the impact of the crisis in Yemen on women, ensure respect for their rights, and improve awareness and education in the community.

In Al-Mujamma area, the safe space carried out community awareness to introduce the space's services and how to enhance self-confidence, in the presence of a number of female visitors to the space. Also, 5 community and legal awareness sessions were conducted at the safe space in Al-Jufaina, focusing on the importance of obtaining identification documents, how to obtain person-

al cards, the space's response to gender-based violence victims, the impact of services on women, and the importance of self-confidence and breaking down fear barriers.

Moreover, the safe space in Al-Matar area organized five group psychological support sessions on psychological counseling, how to obtain it, and its importance in enhancing mental health, bipolar depression, psychological flexibility, self-confidence, and religious psychological support.

Additionally, the safe space carried out three community and legal awareness sessions about space services for women and girls, registration and complaint mechanisms, obtaining a birth certificate for a child, and the importance of personal hygiene, as well as conducting a field visit to facilitate external referrals.





Economic empowerment

Awarding honors and empowerment grants to sewing craft graduates

As part of the “Safe Space for Women and Girls” protection and livelihood support project funded by UNFPA and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), HUMAN ACCESS in Aden Governorate organized a celebration for 12 beneficiaries after completing a vocational

training course in sewing. Ten of the beneficiaries were economically empowered by receiving supplies to practice their craft. Certificates were awarded to the trainees during the honoring ceremony in the presence of UNFPA representatives, and interview were conducted with them to ex-

plore their career path as sewers. By earning a living through these craft qualification grants, they can enter the labor market and earn a living as one of the sustainable solutions to daily challenges to enhance resilience in light of growing humanitarian needs.



Economic empowerment grants for 19 families in income-generation programs



HUMAN ACCESS awarded economic empowerment grants in Hadhramaut and Marib governorates to 19 families in the fields of sewing, livestock raising, and grocery stores, in partnership with econsave and MyCare Foundation, and in the presence of a Malaysian team of partners headed by Professor Muhammad Zain.

A livelihood grant is one component of ongoing efforts to help vulnerable Yemeni families improve their economic situation by enabling them to acquire material assets that generate enough income to make their way in small businesses, secure their basic needs, and become self-sufficient.



Toolkits and bazaar to support Yemeni women



In partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Mother Food, the Community Center for IDPs, operated by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate, awarded career toolkits in the field of pastries/sweets and food manufacturing to 25 displaced women and the host community, in the presence of the governorate's undersecretary, Ali Al-Fatimi, and the UNHCR's office director in Marib, Peter Fitz. Besides awarding toolkits, the beneficiaries received craft requirements to prepare them for employment after successfully completing their professional training in this field. The awarding process took place on the sidelines of an annual bazaar organized by the Community Center under the slogan "Empowering Women and Building Their Capabilities for a Better Future" as a final activity within the activities of the 16 Days of Activism campaign to combat gender-based violence.

The bazaar promoted and marketed the products produced by women who have benefited from rehabilitation and economic empowerment programs in the fields of pastries/sweets, food, perfume, incense, accessories, and handicrafts.

During the distribution, the undersecretary Fatimi praised the efforts of HUMAN ACCESS and UNHCR in implementing economic empowerment projects that help improve the income level of vulnerable families and raise their standard of living.

For his part, Abdulhakim Al-Qaisi, Director General of the Social Affairs and Labor Office, emphasized the need for livelihood improvement projects to help vulnerable people cope more effectively during hard times. A key aspect of Peter Fitz's message was the importance of qualification in the production of healthy foods and spreading the culture of producing healthy products that have nutritional value.



Practical application for trainees in livestock breeding, animal health and nutrition



HUMAN ACCESS in Wadi Marib began a practical application for 12 female trainees who benefited from the training program in livestock raising, animal health, and nutrition, just a few days after completing the theoretical training. The scientific approach enables trainees to bridge the gap between theory and application in real life and enhances the program's effectiveness.

At the hands of specialized trainers, participants learned how to stabilize and examine an animal, identify signs of health and illness, and ensure the animal is free from diseases. They also learned how

to measure the animal's temperature, insert needles, use medications in an appropriate order, and estimate the animal's age by examining teeth, splinting fractures, and so on.

The livestock breeding program is part of UNFPA's project "Safe Space for Women and Girls" that supports protection and livelihoods for women and girls, preparing beneficiaries to be economically empowered. Upon acquiring theoretical and practical skills in animal husbandry, care, and health, health bags and supplies will be given to them along with a number of sheep to help them improve their income.



Empowering 24 women in sewing, pastry making, and mobile phone maintenance

In Hadhramaut and Shabwa governorates, HUMAN ACCESS awarded economic empowerment grants to 24 women from the most vulnerable groups, through the UNFPA-funded Safe Space for Women and Girls project, which supports women in facing the complexities of life by developing small projects that are tailored to their labor market needs and providing basic necessities for needy families.

A safe space in Seiyun city awarded craft supplies to 12 women from Wadi Hadhramaut, displaced and host communities, in sewing, sweets/pastries, and mobile phone maintenance, after they had been qualified in these crafts and had been given life,

financial, and marketing training. The beneficiaries expressed their great happiness with this economic empowerment and the start of their own projects.

The safe space in Ataq city also awarded craft toolkits for sewing, sweets/pastries making, and cell phone maintenance to 12 beneficiaries in Shabwa.

Naser Lashdaf, the representative of the Social Affairs and Labor Office in the governorate, attended the award ceremony, in which he stressed the importance of empowering women economically and praised the work of HUMAN ACCESS and UNFPA in implementing these vital projects and reducing poverty and unemployment.



In Hadhramaut and Marib governorates, HUMAN ACCESS organized two training programs for maintenance and programming of mobile phones. It is the goal of the UNFPA-funded project “Safe Space for Women and Girls” to prepare a female cadre for employment, establishing their own businesses, and being self-sufficient by specializing in this professional and qualitative area.

The first program was held in Seiyun city of Wadi Hadhramaut, targeting 7 beneficiaries from needy and poor families, including the displaced and the host community. For the second session, 35 female beneficiaries in Marib city and Wadi districts of Marib were trained in maintaining and programming smart phones to meet the needs of the women community to protect their data and privacy on mobile phones, in order to create income-generating job opportunities and secure family needs for the trainees.

Qualifying 42 women in cellphone maintenance and programming





Two workshops to support breastfeeding and infant feeding

HUMAN ACCESS implemented two workshops for pediatricians and health service providers on breastfeeding advocacy and infant nutrition, targeting 80 doctors and service providers in health facilities in the governorates of Aden, Lahj, and Al-Dhalea, as part of the activities of the Society Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) program, and within the framework of the malnutrition treatment project, funded by the World Food Program (WFP).

The two workshops were carried out in Aden to mobilize and advocate for breastfeeding and infant feeding among pediatricians and health service providers, as breastfeeding is a lifeline for infants and babies. The promotion of breastfeeding and infant nutrition is also critical to child survival and growth, for it protects children from diseases and strengthens their immune systems.



Launching a training program for the Integrated Response Project



As part of its Integrated Response Project, HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz Governorate organized a training program funded by Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) to provide basic services to the most vulnerable populations in Al-Muzaffar, Al-Qahirah, and Broom Mayfa districts in Taiz and Hadhramaut governorates. This preparation will lead to the launch of the project's interventions and the provision of high-quality services.



A total of 80 health workers in ten medical facilities in Al-Muzaffar and Al-Qahirah districts of Taiz were qualified in the project's minimum package of health-care services, infection control, outbreak control, and case management. Moreover, 40 male and female volunteers were trained in Taiz and Al-Mukalla to raise awareness of life-saving messages among the community.

Reproductive health department at Ras Al-Arah Hospital receives medicines and medical supplies

As an important part of the humanitarian response efforts, HUMAN ACCESS in Lahj Governorate granted medical and in-kind materials to the reproductive health department at Ras Al-Arah Rural Hospital in Al-Madaribah Wa Ras Al-Arah District, as part of the ongoing periodic support provided by the Reproductive Health Services Support Project to the hospital in partnership with UNFPA and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief).

The medical and in-kind materials granted contained 42 types of obstetric emergency medications, hygiene and sterilization tools, as well as pregnancy test strips. Ras Al-Arah Hospital's administration appreciated the vital support they received, which covers a significant part of the medical needs, benefits approximately 1,000 beneficiaries every month, and saves lives by providing reproductive health services.



Launch of voucher program for women in need of reproductive health services

HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut, Al-Mahra, Taiz, and Lahj governorates launched the Reproductive Health Voucher Program as part of the activities of the Reproductive Health Services Support Project, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to restore access to reproductive health care services as essential services and human rights. The reproductive health voucher program targets 4,500 cases in remote areas, poor communities, and

displacement camps.

Additionally, the program offers free, high-quality services, such as pregnant care, family planning, natural childbirth, and caesarean section, which serve as life-saving services that reduce the death rate among mothers and newborns and improve the health of Yemeni families.



Obstetric emergency department at Al-Ghaydah Hospital receives medicines and medical supplies



HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahra Governorate provided medicines, medical supplies, and hygiene items to Al-Ghaydah Central Hospital's obstetric emergency department as part of the ongoing support offered by the Reproductive Health Services Support Project. As part of the humanitarian response efforts in the country, the project was jointly launched in collaboration with UNFPA and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief).

The handover process took place in the presence of the First Undersecretary of Al-Mahra Governorate, Brigadier General Mukhtar Al-Jaafari, the Deputy Director General of the Public Health and Population Office in the Governorate, Dr. Mubarak bin Mazyoon, the Director General of Al-Ghaydah Hospital, Mohsen Balhaf, the Coordinator of KSrelief Center, Dr. Murad Bin Aqeel, and the Program Coordinator of the reproductive health at UNFPA,

Dr. Ahlam Bin Buraik.

As part of the handover, Undersecretary Al-Jaafari acknowledged the efforts of HUMAN ACCESS, UNFPA, and KSrelief to support the health sector in light of the increasing need for health services in the governorate due to the growing population and the increasing number of displaced people. For his part, the Director General of Al-Ghaydah Hospital explained that these materials are delivered every quarter to the obstetric emergency department and cover a large and significant portion of the department's needs.

The project to support reproductive health services is being implemented for the fourth year in a row in Al-Mahra, benefiting about 13,000 cases annually. In order to ensure a healthier future, the project includes a broad spectrum of health care, such as maternal and newborn care.

124 children and women benefit from specialized medical services



By funding from Mabarat Al-Sayer Charity - Kuwait, 124 people in Ras Huwaira in Al-Mukalla District of Hadhramaut Governorate received integrated medical care through the mobile medical clinics program of HUMAN ACCESS. Bringing health and wellness to those who cannot access specialized medical services has been achieved through the use of a medical staff specializing in gynecology, obstetrics, and children.

The medical services provided included inspection, tests, and necessary medications free of charge to 78 children and 46 women. This is part of a quick solution to serve the most vulnerable groups in this area targeted by the program, help restore access to healthcare services, and support the collapsed public health system in the country due to the ongoing conflict.



Community awareness campaign on preventive nutrition messages

As part of the activities of the Social Behavioral Change Communication Program (SBCC), and under the supervision of the Ministry of Public Health and Population, HUMAN ACCESS in Lahj Governorate carried out a community awareness campaign on preventive nutrition messages lasting for a week in the districts of Habeel Jabr, Radfan, and Al-Maqatirah, with funding from the World Food Program (WFP).

80 volunteers took part in the community campaign, which included door-to-door visits and distribution of awareness brochures. As part of efforts to combat malnutrition and for a strong and prosperous childhood, the campaign aims to raise community awareness about safe motherhood messages, breastfeeding, and complementary feeding. Breastfeeding is critical for both mothers and children's health, as is proper feeding of infants and babies.



Maternal and Childhood Hospital in Marib receives 3 preterm incubators

In partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Community Center for IDPs, operated by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate, the Martyr Mohammad Hayel Maternity and Childhood Hospital received 3 incubators for premature babies with two “Photo Therapy” devices, bringing the number of incubators in the hospital to 18. It is the only hospital specialized in maternity and childhood in the governorate that accommodates the largest number of internally displaced people. The handover process took place in the presence of the UNHCR office director in Marib, Peter Fitz-Morris, and a number of local officials, including the deputy director-general of the Social Affairs and Labor Office in the governorate, Mohammad Al-Samee, and the deputy director-general of the Public Health and Population Office, Naser

Al-Saeedi. These incubators and devices are an important part of the humanitarian response efforts to save the lives of premature babies and contribute to restoring access to basic health care services in Yemen.

In his remarks at the handover, Al-Saeedi commended HUMAN ACCESS and UNHCR for supporting these important needs, emphasizing that Marib faces a tough challenge in rescuing premature babies because there are very few incubators and they do not exceed 64 in all the governorate’s hospitals, and they are constantly busy.

According to Al-Saeedi, doctors are sometimes forced to place two babies in one incubator in an effort to save their lives, while premature infants lose the chance to receive an incubator necessary for survival.



Hospitals in Taiz receive medical devices and health supplies

HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz Governorate provided medical equipment, laboratories, health supplies, medicines, and quantities of diesel to Al-Misra-kh Central Hospital in Al-Misra-kh District and the Yemeni-Swedish Maternity and Childhood Hospital

in Al-Qahirah District. This is part of the periodic and continuous support provided by the Reproductive Health Services Support Project since 2018 with funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), as an important part of the humanitarian response efforts in Yemen. The administration of the two hospitals expressed their deep gratitude to HUMAN ACCESS and UNFPA for this important and vital medical support aimed at restoring and improving access to reproductive health care services. Due to the fact that they are essential services and human rights, they play a crucial role in saving the lives of mothers and newborns during childbirth. They are also recognized as one of the greatest humanitarian needs in light of a health system almost collapsed because of the ongoing conflict.



Health services through mobile medical clinic program in Mukalla

Under the supervision and sponsorship of the Ministry of Public Health and Population and the local authority in Hadhramaut Governorate, the Mobile Medical Clinics Program provided integrated health services to 56 people in Al-Kod area in Mukalla, through the Al-Kod Health Center and via a specialized medical staff as a quick solution to serve the most vulnerable groups in this area targeted by the program and to restore access to healthcare services. A mobile medical clinic program is implemented



by HUMAN ACCESS with funding from the Al-Sayer Charitable Society - Kuwait, including testing and treating cases related to gynecology, obstetrics, children, and internal diseases. To support the country's public health system and to bring health and wellness closer to patients who cannot access specialized medical services, the program conducts tests and provides basic medicines free of charge to patients.



Training program on postpartum maternal care

HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahra Governorate organized a training program on postpartum maternal care, targeting midwives at Sayhut General Hospital in Sayhut district, as part of the Reproductive Health Services Support Project, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The training was inaugurated in the presence of the Acting Secretary-General of the Local Council in Sayhut, Abdullah Awad, Dr. Mahmoud Haitham, the Central Supervisor at the Ministry of Health for the Expanded Immunization Program, the Director of the Health Office in the district, Saeed Mubarak, and

other several local officials.

During the inauguration, the Acting Secretary-General of the Sayhut Local Council praised HUMAN ACCESS and UNFPA's efforts in organizing such important training programs and contributing to improving reproductive health services in the district. In the two-day training program, targeted midwives were taught how to care for the mothers after birth and provide them with healthcare as needed, ensuring that women have the best chance of survival and health, as well as improving basic healthcare, as part of Yemen's humanitarian response effort.





Training and qualification

Training program to develop entrepreneurship skills

In partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Community Center for IDPs, a branch of HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate, organized a training program to develop the skills of 16 entrepreneurs who have project ideas in various fields, such as agriculture, services, trade, and productivity. This program is the first at the governorate level and came after in-depth studies of the labor market.

During the training, participants learned both theoretical and practical aspects of managing projects effectively, conducting feasibility studies for economic projects, and developing them in preparation for

launching their own businesses afterward. Beneficiaries will also continue to receive technical and financial consultations after training in order to ensure success and sustain their projects.

The 16 beneficiary entrepreneurs were selected from among dozens of applicants via an online link made available to everyone and based on specific and precise criteria. Moreover, seven of the trained entrepreneurs will receive financial support to cultivate their ideas into viable businesses and reduce the high rate of poverty and unemployment in Yemen as a result of the ongoing conflict.



Training program for 128 teachers on nutrition education in schools

HUMAN ACCESS conducted training programs for teachers on nutrition education in schools in Radfan, Dar Sa'ad, and Mansoura districts in Lahj and Aden governorates, as part of the activities of the Society Behavior Communication Change (SBCC) program, and within the Malnutrition Treatment Project, funded by the World Food Program (WFP).

To raise community awareness about nutrition

education in schools, the programs targeted training 128 teachers in 64 schools over ten days to increase schoolchildren's access to healthy meals. The importance of nutrition cannot be overstated, as it serves as a cornerstone for the growth and mental abilities of children and increases their productivity as they approach the workplace in the future.



Workshop to raise awareness on infant and baby nutrition

With the participation of 30 pregnant and lactating mothers from Lahj and Al Dhalea governorates, HUMAN ACCESS completed a workshop on participatory innovation to formulate communication messages to change behavior and culture around infant and baby nutrition.

This workshop is part of the Cash Support Program for Community Change and a component of the World Food Program (WFP)-funded Therapeutic and Preventive Nutrition Project, implemented by the association in Lahj, as a critical part of the humanitarian response efforts in the country.

The workshop's key objective is to engage pregnant

and lactating mothers who benefit from the project in health and nutrition messages and to emphasize the importance of participation to promote community change and awareness about infant and baby nutrition in a healthy, balanced manner so that a strong and prosperous childhood can be enjoyed.

Dr. Aref Mohammed, Director General of the National Center for Health Education at the Ministry of Public Health and Population, participated in the opening of the workshop held in Aden, in addition to Dr. Adrian Majanja and Dr. Shaima Mansour, as representatives of the World Food Program in Yemen.



Training program for 17 health personnel on malnutrition treatment



In partnership with the Malaysian Mercy organization, HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate trained 17 health personnel on malnutrition treatment in cooperation with the General Health and Population Office in the governorate and Marib General Hospital Authority. During the 12-day training program, targeted health workers learned new skills to better care for children with severe malnutrition and im-

prove their medical care.

Malnutrition in all its forms is a major concern in many parts of Yemen due to the ongoing conflict, deteriorating health services, and the economic crisis, among others. Investing in malnutrition treatment saves lives and protects children from risk, in a country considered one of the world's hunger centers by the UN and other international groups.

Program to qualify and empower women in producing healthy foods



A training program was organized for 25 women who own home-based businesses producing baked goods and pastries at the Community Center for IDPs, run by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate. By developing productive activities that contribute to improving income and sustainability, they can enhance their nutrition by using local raw materials such as red wheat, millet, and barley to produce healthy products.

The program is implemented in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Mother Food, a Canadian organization concerned with improving food quality. The training program is part of efforts to combat malnutrition



in Yemen while focusing specifically on improving the nutritional status among pregnant women and children by providing healthy products with high nutritional value at reasonable prices.

Women participating in the program learned life and management skills that will assist them in expanding and growing their own endeavors, as well as producing new healthy products to the community. Upon completion of the program, trainees received equipment and toolkits to help them produce healthy products and diversify their current product lineup, as well as ongoing support to enhance their economic sustainability.



Infrastructure

Completion of 4 schools rehabilitation project for IDPs

HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate has completed the construction and renovation of 4 schools in Al-Jufaina camp for displaced persons (IDPs), funded by the International Islamic Charity Organization (ICCO) - Kuwait, which involved the construction of four shade hangars, 27 school classrooms, and 900 double chairs.

The project also included the supply of water tanks, water coolers, cupboards, printers, furniture, and equipment to four targeted schools: (Ammar Bin Yaser, Omar Al-Mukhtar, Al-Yarmouk, and Al-Tahrir School), in order to ensure that the most vulnerable children have the opportunity to learn and the Yemeni education sector recovers.

During the opening ceremony, Dr. Ali Al-Abab, the Deputy Minister of Education, praised HUMAN ACCESS and ICCO, as well as the humanitarian aid that Kuwait provided to Yemenis through its "Kuwait Beside You" campaign. He also stressed the importance of establishing sustainable projects to combat development challenges, as well as the overcrowding of schools resulting from the governorate's large student population.

For his part, the Director of the Education Office in Marib City, Mohammad Marish, stressed the significance of such important interventions to meet the urgent need for educational projects.



Building and furnishing two classrooms

With funding from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Community Center for IDPs, run by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate, built two additional classrooms in Al-Rawda School and contributed to furnishing



them with a number of chairs. This school is overcrowded with male and female students as a result of displacement and is in urgent need of expansion to provide a stimulating and good educational environment and ensure that the most vulnerable children have their opportunity to learn. The opening of the two classrooms took place in the presence of the Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Education office in the governorate, Abdulaziz Al-Baker, the Director of Projects at the Education office, Engineer Abdullah Shaddad, and Dr. Lawand Talal, the Protection Officer at the UNHCR Marib office. At the opening ceremony, Al-Baker commended the efforts of HUMAN ACCESS and UNHCR in establishing such sustainable and important educational projects to support education recovery in Yemen.

Marib: Helping 5,000 IDPs obtain identity documents and repairing civil status building

With funding from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), HUMAN ACCESS renovated the Civil Status building in Marib Governorate, and assisted 5,000 displaced people and the most vulnerable host community members to obtain identity cards, given the importance of identification documents in public life and access to humanitarian services. The support presented to the Civil Status included completing a front and rear canopy, restoring and repainting the walls, tiling the floors, providing work desks and chairs, and repairing old chairs and tables, as well as aluminum reception booths, electronic screens, and internal networks.

At the opening of the building, the Undersecretary of Marib Governorate, Dr. Abdrabbo Muftah, praised this sustainable development support offered by HU-

MAN ACCESS and UNHCR to support the work of the local authority in providing the service of issuing identification documents.

For his part, the Director General of the Civil Status branch in the governorate, Brigadier General Mohammad Abdrabbo Mujaidie, emphasized the need for such vital support to facilitate the provision of these essential services. In the opening ceremony, attended by the Director of the Executive Unit for the Management of IDP Camps, Saif Muthana, and the Director of the UNHCR office in Marib, Peter Fitz-Morris, both stressed the importance of people's access to personal documents as a crucial matter that guarantees individuals freedom of movement, access to social safety nets and social protection mechanisms, and a safer environment for all.



Foundation stone laid for Al-Qadisiyah Vocational Training Institute project

With the aid of Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nouri Charity Society - Kuwait, HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut Governorate laid a foundation stone for Al-Qadisiyah Institute for Vocational Training project in Mukalla city, which consists of six vocational laboratories, a management office, restrooms, and a training room of the highest quality and offers a positive educational environment for young men and women. It is expected that approximately 620 male and female trainees will benefit from the project annually. The event of laying the foundation stone for the project took place in the presence of Engineer Jamal Al-Nouri, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nouri Society, the Director of the Kuwait Relief Society, Dr. Adel Baeshen, the Secretary-General of the Local Council in Hadhramaut, Saleh Al-Umoqi, and the Director General of the Technical Education and Vocational Training office in Hadhramaut Coast, Dr. Salem Bajaber.

On the sidelines of the event, Engineer Jamal Al-Nouri praised the support of the State of Kuwait and its keen interest in supporting the Yemeni people in various fields through the "Kuwait Beside You" campaign, praising the fruitful partnership of the Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nouri Society with HUMAN ACCESS. Engineer Jamal also stressed the importance of these sustainable projects for developing human capital and raising the level of vocational education as a window to breaking the cycle of poverty and unemployment. In their own words, Al-Umoqi and Dr. Bajaber thanked the State of Kuwait for its significant development support, praising the work of HUMAN ACCESS and Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nouri Society in implementing educational and vocational projects that meet needs, provide stability, security, and hope for the future, as well as assist in the rehabilitation and empowerment of the young people for the benefit of the entire community.



15 bags for people with special needs approved on sidelines of a UN delegation visit



Muneeb Al-Shawish, Assistant Protection Officer at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) office in Marib, visited the safe space for women and girls in Al-Wadi District of Marib Governorate. He and his accompanying delegation were briefed on the space's interventions to advance Yemeni women, praising its important efforts to assist the neediest families.

During the visit, an agreement was reached on the external referral mechanism regarding cash assistance, needs of people with special needs, livelihood projects, and some other interventions. The visit resulted in the approval of 15 bags for people with special needs, consisting of electric mattresses, a trolley, and cleaning tools for this most vulnerable group to alleviate their suffering.

Data update of families benefiting from food aid program

HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz governorate applied a process to update the data of 6920 families benefiting from the GFA food aid program in Sala district. The goal is to receive accurate data, match documents and enter them into the system based on the beneficiary's presence at the data update center with his/her documents.

In response to Yemen's critical food security crisis, HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz is currently implementing a food aid program funded by the World Food Program (WFP), so that the most vulnerable and needy families can maintain a certain level of decent living despite the global food crisis, increasing living requirements, and rising costs.



Public Health Ministry official visits projects run by HUMAN ACCESS



Dr. Eshraq Al-Sabai, Assistant Undersecretary for the Population Sector at the Ministry of Public Health and Population, visited two health centers supported by HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut Governorate in partnership with UNFPA, namely the Psychosocial Support Center at Al-Shihr General Hospital in Al-Shihr District and Al-Shihr Health Center in Ghayl Bawazir District. During the visit, Dr. Eshraq was briefed on the important medical services provided by the two centers, praising the efforts of HUMAN ACCESS and UNFPA in implementing qualitative and vital health

projects to serve the most vulnerable and needy groups and improve access to basic health services and build a healthier future in the country. With funding from UNFPA, HUMAN ACCESS manages the Psychological Support Center within the activities of the Protection and Livelihood Support Project "Safe Space for Women and Girls". The association also implements the Reproductive Health Services Support Project, which supports the Shihr Health Center along with other centers, to provide some necessary health services and save the lives of vulnerable people.

MOSAL delegation visits HUMAN ACCESS in Seiyun



HUMAN ACCESS in Seiyun city received an official delegation from the office of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MOSAL) in Wadi Hadhramaut and the Desert, headed by Mohammed Khamis Al-Tamimi, Director of the Department of Associations and Unions in the office. An overview of the humanitarian projects and admin-

istrative and institutional work at HUMAN ACCESS was presented to the delegation, which was noted as proceeding in accordance with official regulations and laws and with the highest degree of transparency, professionalism, excellence, and neutrality, commending the association's efforts to serve humanitarian and charitable causes.

Safe Space in Aden receives UNFPA representative



The Safe Space for Women and Girls, run by HUMAN ACCESS in Aden Governorate, received the UNFPA representative in Yemen, Ms. Enshirah Ahmed, who, along with the accompanying delegation, reviewed the progress of activities aimed at protecting and promoting women's human rights. Ms. Enshirah praised the efforts made, wishing for more giving and creativity to support and protect the most vulnerable women.

UNHCR team inspects the protection project services

A team from the UNHCR office in Sana'a inspected the services of the protection project, implemented by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate, with funding from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The project includes a number of services for displaced persons living in extremely vulnerable situations, such as the management of the community center and the child-friendly space in Al-Suweida camp for displaced

persons.

The visiting UN team consisted of Ms. Vitran, External Relations Officer of UNHCR in Yemen, Ms. Maysa Khalifa, Communication Officer at the Sana'a office, and Gregory Diana, Relations Assistant at the Aden office, accompanied by Peter Fitz, Director of the UNHCR office in Marib, and Dr. Lawand Talal, Protection Officer at the Marib office.

In the course of their visit, the UN team reviewed the lifesaving pro-

tection project services and met with a number of beneficiaries of these services, including beneficiaries of the literacy program, first aid, livelihoods, etc., to evaluate the impact of this important project in protecting the target groups, particularly the most vulnerable groups, such as women, girls, and children, by meeting their essential needs so that they can become more resilient and protected.



UNHCR delegation visits the Community Center for IDPs



The Community Center for Displaced Persons (IDPs), operated by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate, received Ms. Marion Morgan, Protection Officer at the UNHCR Office in Aden, Lawand Talal, Protection Officer at the UNHCR Office in Marib, and the accompanying delegation.

During the visit, the delegation was briefed on the departments of the Community Center, the work mechanism, and the efforts made to support the displaced people living in extremely vulnerable situations, especially women and girls who are the most vulnerable in the Yemeni crisis.

The visiting delegation commended the services provided and the innovative means of delivering services with high quality within the protection project, funded by UNHCR.

On the sideline of the visit, Ms. Marion handed over certificates of participation to ten staff from the Community Center who participated in a training program organized by the UNHCR on complaints' mechanisms and protection, such as sexual abuse and exploitation, in order to prevent exploitation, abuse, and dire consequences for fraud perpetrators against vulnerable families.

The safe space for women and girls in Mukalla city, Hadhramaut Governorate, received a delegation from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) consisting of Marina Al-Jubani, Gender-Based Violence Program Analyst and FGM Programs Focal Point Coordinator in the Aden office, and Ahmed Ibrahim, Program Manager in the Hadhramaut office.

During the visit, the delegation was briefed on the space's services, departments, and activities, including a vocational training program targeting 7 trainees in the field of mobile phone maintenance and programming.

The delegation also met with some beneficiaries and discussed the difficulties and challenges of performance with the space's management, praising the efforts made to support the most vulnerable families.

UNFPA delegation visits safe space for women and girls in Mukalla



People with special needs receive electric and wheelchairs



With the protection project, sponsored by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 25 electric wheelchairs have been made available to people with special needs at the Community Center for IDPs, which is operated by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate.

The delivery process took place in the presence of the Director General of the Social Affairs and Labor Office in the governorate, Abdulhakim Al-Qaisi, the Deputy Director of the Executive Unit for the Man-

agement of IDP Camps (ExU), Dr. Khaled Al-Shijni, and the Director of the UNHCR Office in Marib, Peter Fitz Morris.

During the delivery, Al-Qaisi praised the HUMAN ACCESS and UNHCR efforts in supporting this most vulnerable segment, highlighting the importance of such humanitarian support for people with disabilities to relieve their suffering, facilitate their mobility, access to services, and improve their health condition.



Data update of food aid project beneficiaries in Lahj

HUMAN ACCESS in Lahj Governorate updated data of families benefiting from the GFA food aid project in Halmeen and Yaher Yafa districts to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches those in need and to obtain accurate data, match documents, and enter them into the system, based on beneficiaries' attendance with their documents at the centers designated for updating data.

To address the country's critical food security crisis, HUMAN ACCESS had conducted two training programs, the first targeting 25 trainees in Halmeen and Yaher Yafa districts, and the second targeting 44 trainees in Al-Maqatirah district. Those participants were qualified to update the beneficiaries' data for the World Food Program (WFP) food aid project.



The Community Center for IDPs, run by HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate, organized an open day for children with special needs, funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The event was full of purposeful and diverse activities to put a smile on the children's faces in conjunction with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which falls on December 3 of each year, which is a global day to promote inclusion and support of people with disabilities. At the event, attended by 50 children with special needs and talented people, Abdulhakim Al-Qaisi, Director General of the Social Affairs and Labor Office in Marib, praised HUMAN ACCESS and UNHCR's interest in children with special needs as vulnerable segments of society in dire need of care and attention like their peers, emphasizing the importance of addressing their needs and rights with this group.

Open Day for Children with Special Needs



Scientific and methodical competitions, sports and recreational activities

HUMAN ACCESS implemented scientific, methodical, and educational competitions, sports and recreational activities in the educational complex for boys and the educational complex for girls in Kharaz refugee camp in Lahj governorate, as part of the refugee health project, funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which is implemented in Al-Basateen and Kharaz areas in Aden and Lahj governorates.

The competitions and activities were held with the

participation of many male and female students in the educational complexes, which involved honoring the winning teams with incentive prizes. The program aims to develop both the abilities and skills of male and female students as well as create a stimulating educational environment for them, motivate them to participate in sports, enhance teamwork, and create a competitive climate for academic achievement among male and female students.



Financial incentives for 85 teachers in Owais Al-Qarni Complex



With generous support from the Humanitarian Relief, Human Rights and Freedoms Authority (IHH), HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz Governorate granted financial incentives to 85 teachers in Owais Al-Qarni Educational Complex in Al-Muzaffar District, as part of ongoing efforts to invest in the education sector in Yemen as the key to development.

Given the harsh living and economic conditions, these cash incentives will help reduce the suffering of beneficiary teachers and motivate them to contribute more, thereby raising the level of academic achievement for male and female students, as well as helping the country's education sector recover from the devastating effects of the ongoing conflict.

Project conclusion on vocational rehabilitation and training for youth



To address poverty and unemployment, HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate concluded the Youth Vocational and Craft Rehabilitation and Training Project (My Craft is in My Hands), funded by the International Islamic Charity Organization – Kuwait. The project is designed to qualify youth professionally and empower them economically in the fields of: Design and graphics, secretarial work and computer skills, hairdressing and beauty, sewing and embroidery, photography, confectionery and pastry making, e-marketing, alternative energy maintenance, cellphone maintenance, and self-understanding

programs.

The project targeted 235 young men and women in Marib, Hadhramaut, and Taiz governorates, 75 of whom were economically empowered in the fields of confectionery, sewing, graphics, photography, cellphone maintenance, hairdressing, and alternative energy maintenance. They were also granted the necessary professional supplies after gaining the necessary skills to practice them to enter the labor market, earn a living, and become self-reliant in light of the harsh living and economic conditions in Yemen due to the ongoing conflict.





A vulnerable woman leaves a space of violence to a source of hope



B.S. did not enjoy a long, happy married life as she had hoped. Unfortunately, her husband suffered a spinal disc herniation and became unable to work, beginning a very painful phase in the life of this 28-year-old

woman. Her name was coded in this story for reasons of privacy and protection.

A reality not clouded by a glimmer of hope:

Because of his illness and inability to earn a living, the husband took out his anger on his family and treated his life partner and the mother of his four children badly. Family institutions often suffer fractures and become places of violence as a result of economic pressures. B.S.'s relatives suggested that she leave her husband and children and move alone to live with them due to their difficult living conditions and their inability to bear additional burdens. Indeed, the devastating conflict in Yemen has turned large segments of society into poor people living with the bare minimum. But her maternal instinct did not accept this offer from her relatives. She chose a life of suffering and sacrificing herself for the sake of her young children, despite the harshness of life and her partner. She also faced intense pressure to provide her basic living needs, as donations from charitable people sometimes come, and many times they do not. To resist the difficult circumstances, B.S. decided to look for work where she resides in the city of Seiyun in Hadhramaut Governorate, in order to obtain a suitable source of income that would spare her and her children the evil of poverty, hunger, and disease. However, her attempts were not successful in a country that suffers from high unemployment rates and job opportunities for unskilled workers are very few.

In a reality like this with no glimmer of hope, the lights of dawn shone in the middle of the desert of despair when one of her friends informed her about the safe

space services for women and girls, which are managed by HUMAN ACCESS in Wadi Hadhramaut within the Protection and Livelihood Support Project, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to address the challenges faced by vulnerable women.

Feeling safe and protected:

B.S. visited the safe space in search of hope for a better future. There, her human tragedy was presented in painful detail to the messengers of humanity whom the desperate people look to in times of need. Her eyes did not stop with tears, saying: "I live in anxiety and psychological tension all day long." Immediately, the case management process began by referring her to a psychologist first to relieve the psychological trauma she was suffering from. After that, she was enrolled in a vocational training program in the field of hairdressing and makeup art to build her resilience and save her and her family from the clutches of poverty and hunger. Having acquired the necessary knowledge and skills of this craft, the woman became more capable of entering the labor market and earning a living later on. Ultimately, she was able to achieve her dream of having an income that would improve the standards of living for herself and her children, enable her to remain self-sufficient, cope with many economic crises, and educate her children. Here began a new phase in this family's life, as B.S. began working passionately in the hairdressing industry, keeping up with all the latest trends, and attracting many clients with the quality and splendor of her work. She describes this new era by saying: "I now feel safe. I am able to rely on myself to meet my family's necessary requirements."

She feels grateful for the protection and livelihood support project that pulled her out of a bitter reality and helped her reach a better world.





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