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## Editorial



## Working for Humanity



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

Since its founding in 1990, HUMAN ACCESS association has continued its work for humanity, leading efforts to deliver various forms of humanitarian and relief support to those in need and affected throughout Yemen. It continues to work tirelessly to save lives and contribute to improving people's lives in one of the world's most complex crises. HUMAN ACCESS is committed to delivering hope, dignity, and support to all those most in need, wherever they are, regardless of the challenges. In cooperation with partners and donors, the association continues its humanitarian mission steadfastly to alleviate suffering, support sustainable development, and defend the rights of those affected to survival, dignity, and well-being.

However, we regret that humanitarian action today faces significant challenges, particularly in terms of providing the required resources, at a time when humanitarian needs are increasing, natural disasters are expanding, and living standards are declining. This calls on the international community and donors to provide the necessary funding to support humanitarian action and reach the largest possible number of those in need and affected.

Millions of Yemenis continue to suffer from the effects of the ongoing conflict and are in need of humanitarian assistance. It is imperative to bridge the funding gap facing humanitarian action in Yemen, along with ensuring the safety and security of relief workers, to address critical humanitarian situations, serve the most vulnerable, and promote the values of brotherhood and humanity, contributing to the well-being and stability of all.



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## **Dr. Tariq Sinan Abu Luhom: Immortal signs of generosity in Yemen's memory**

Dr. Tariq Sinan Abu Luhom is one of the most prominent figures in development and charitable work in Yemen. He is also a prominent social and humanitarian figure. He is one of the founders of the Human Access for Partnership and Development, one of the most prominent charitable and relief organizations in Yemen.

Dr. Tariq was born in 1946 in Ibb Governorate. After completing his primary and secondary education, he traveled to France to study medicine. He then continued his academic journey in Tunisia, where he earned his master's and doctorate degrees in pediatrics. He returned to Yemen to serve his country and joined the teaching staff of Sana'a University in 1985.

Here began the creative journey of this well-known social and national figure. Dr. Tariq has participated in numerous conferences, seminars, and scientific workshops, presented various scientific research papers, and contributed to many development projects, including the establishment of model universities and schools. He also chaired several relief committees in Yemen.

Dr. Tariq was known for his modesty and love of

doing good. He used to say that he had found his true calling through humanitarian work. He left unforgettable marks through his distinguished and prominent roles in the academic, humanitarian, and development fields. After a life full of national and social work and giving at various levels, this knight passed away on March 24, 2014, during a foreign mission.

Grief swept across Yemen over the passing of Dr. Tariq Sinan Abu Luhom. Thousands of Yemenis mourned his passing in Sana'a, the capital, alongside officials, ambassadors from Arab and foreign countries, representatives of local and international organizations operating in Yemen, and large media presence.

There was a flood of condolences flowing in, confirming that Yemen had lost one of its distinguished men and cadres who left a tangible mark and immortalized noble deeds that would be remembered in the generations to come. Despite his death, the legacy of giving that Dr. Tariq forged continues to inspire, bearing witness to an immortal success story.

## Sponsoring 1110 Orphans: Giving Continues to Bring Smiles



Under the patronage of Sheikh Sultan Al-Aradah, a member of the Presidential Leadership Council and Governor of Marib Governorate, and under the slogan "Together to Ensure a Better Future for Orphans," HUMAN ACCESS in Marib organized an annual orphan sponsorship distribution ceremony for 1110 male and female orphans, sponsored by the International Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH). At the ceremony, attended by a number of local officials, Abdulhakim Al-Qaisi, Director General of the Social Affairs and Labor Office in Marib, praised HUMAN ACCESS' efforts and IHH's support for caring for orphans, considering them among the most

vulnerable and needy groups. It is crucial to address their needs so they can live with dignity.

In his remarks, Dr. Abdulwase Alwasea, Secretary-General of HUMAN ACCESS, emphasized that the orphan sponsorship project represents one of the most prominent ongoing projects implemented by the association in Yemen, with support from partners and philanthropists.

The project's goal is to alleviate the suffering of orphaned children, protect their rights, and provide them with the necessary psychological, social, and health care, enabling them to become positive members of Yemeni society.



## Foundation stone laying for Kharaz camp health center's emergency department



In an important step to enhance health services for refugees and the local community, the Kharaz refugee camp in Lahj Governorate witnessed the laying of a foundation stone for the emergency department construction project at the camp's health center. The project is being implemented by the HUMAN ACCESS association with funding from the Hungarian Aid Agency.

The project aims to improve the efficiency of emergency medical services and meet urgent health needs, positively impacting the lives of approximately 9,000 camp residents, in addition to beneficiaries from neighboring villages in the host community. During the event, Dr. Ali Ahmed Hasan, Secretary-General of the Local Council of Al-Madhariba Wa Ras Al-Arah District, expressed

his appreciation for the HUMAN ACCESS' efforts and the support of the Hungarian Aid Agency. He emphasized that the project represents a qualitative addition to improving the health situation and alleviating the suffering of refugees who face significant challenges in accessing necessary healthcare.



## Four quick-impact projects launched to improve displaced people's lives in Marib



Funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate launched four quick-impact projects to improve the lives of the most vulnerable displaced people. The launching took place in the presence of the UNHCR Office Director in the Governorate, Mr. Shaklsham Shehu, and the Deputy Director of the Executive Unit for IDP Camp Management, Dr. Khaled Al-Shijni.

The inaugural projects are part of the activities of the three-sector integrated project in Marib, which includes the protection, shelter, and camp management sectors.

The inaugural projects involved a project to improve electricity supplies, another to develop infrastructure

in Al-Suwayda Camp, a water well rehabilitation project to provide clean drinking water to Al-Nuqayaa Camp, and a project to develop infrastructure in Al-Samia IDP Camp.

During the launch event, Dr. Al-Shijni commended the efforts of HUMAN ACCESS and UNHCR's support for implementing these vital projects to serve the displaced in Marib, which hosts the largest concentration of displaced people in Yemen. He emphasized the importance of these humanitarian interventions, which meet the basic and essential needs of displaced communities, help strengthen resilience, and improve the lives of vulnerable populations amid one of the world's most challenging humanitarian crises.



## HUMAN ACCESS: A helping hand for all the vulnerable



The international community celebrates World Humanitarian Day, which falls on August 19th of each year, to highlight the tremendous efforts of humanitarian workers around the world and to advocate for the survival, well-being, and dignity of those affected by crises.

Celebrating this day is a celebration of humanity and the spirit of giving that inspires people and motivates them to help those in need and the afflicted, even in difficult circumstances. Humanitarian work saves lives and grants many people a dignified life. It is an investment in a better future for all of humanity. HUMAN ACCESS, as a humanitarian actor, joins the world in celebrating World Humanitarian Day. A long history of humanitarian work has been a hallmark of this association, through which it has alleviated the suffering of those in need and affected, changed people's lives for the better, and contributed to the achievement of sustainable development goals.

### Continued humanitarian giving

At a time when the need for humanitarian support is increasing with the escalation of crises and the deterioration of the economic situation in Yemen, HUMAN ACCESS continues to provide aid and humanitarian assistance to vulnerable people, with

the support of donors and philanthropists, and in coordination with official authorities.

Despite the challenges facing humanitarian action, HUMAN ACCESS, with its professional approach and reliable partnerships, was able to deliver relief and humanitarian support to more than one million people across Yemen during the first half of this year. The goal was to mitigate crises and meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable groups, such as children, women, people with special needs, orphans, displaced persons, and refugees, through a variety of quality programs and projects, including food, health, shelter, education, protection, livelihoods, water, and sanitation.

### Unstoppable gains

In the food sector, HUMAN ACCESS contributes to bridging food gaps and alleviating the suffering of families affected by the ongoing conflict in Yemen. Over six months, the number of beneficiaries from projects implemented in this area reached 675,183 people from the poorest groups.

A total number of 159,480 people benefited from life-saving health and nutrition interventions, such as malnutrition treatment and the provision of basic medical services, amid the near-total collapse of the health sector. Meanwhile, the number of bene-





ficiaries from water, sanitation, and hygiene projects reached 77,448 people, which are essential projects, especially in light of the worsening climate crisis. To promote self-reliance and open new doors to a dignified life, HUMAN ACCESS focuses on improving the livelihoods of vulnerable families through vocational training in income-generating fields, such as sewing, and providing vocational training materials to help them enter the labor market. A total number of 1,665 people have benefited from these important services.

In addition, 66,060 people received various protection services, while shelter and non-food items were available to 36,737 people. The education sector also had a share of the projects executed during the first half of this year, as education is the backbone of development. An estimated number of 4,248 students benefited from these projects.

All of these interventions are carefully considered in vital sectors, and are particularly important in light of the increasing challenges facing Yemen. They underscore HUMAN ACCESS' commitment to addressing various aspects of the humanitarian crisis and creating a positive and sustainable impact in local communities, including rural communities.



### A steadfast humanitarian commitment

The interventions carried out by HUMAN ACCESS continue, contributing to the mitigation of humanitarian repercussions facing Yemenis trapped in one of the world's worst protracted humanitarian crises, and in a country that is among the poorest Arab countries.

In a press statement, Yahya Hasan Al-Daba, Head of HUMAN ACCESS, emphasized that humanitarian work is an effective pillar in the development of societies. He added that the association has contributed, continues to contribute, and will continue to contribute to humanitarian work as a steadfast humanitarian commitment to those in need and affected everywhere. Al-Daba stated that the association joins the international community in celebrating World Humanitarian Day and looks forward to further donor support and successful partnerships to reach the largest segment of the vulnerable and improve people's lives in various fields.

The Head of HUMAN ACCESS explained that Yemen is experiencing a major humanitarian crisis, with a high level of fragility and need for humanitarian and development support. It is also facing difficult climatic conditions and needs continued support, commitment, and solidarity from all.



## Female genital mutilation in Yemen: Publication of results

Human Access for Partnership and Development association (HUMAN ACCESS) published the results of a mini-study on community views on female genital mutilation in Yemen. This study is part of local, international, and UN efforts to achieve the shared goal of ending female genital mutilation by 2030. The purpose of the study was to assess the level of awareness and community perceptions of female genital mutilation (FGM), understand attitudes toward the continuation of this practice, and identify the most prominent reasons that drive some communities to adhere to it, despite the serious negative consequences.

The study included 154 men and women representing different governorates and groups in Yemen.

The study showed that 65% of those surveyed had moder-

ate or comprehensive knowledge about FGM, while 8% had no knowledge of the practice. 28% of survey respondents were aware of the laws criminalizing the practice, compared to 25% who had no knowledge at all.

A total of 107 survey respondents attributed FGM's continuation to social customs and traditions, as opposed to 90 respondents who attributed it to protecting chastity and purity. Seventy respondents believed that ignorance of the health and psychological effects of the practice was behind its continuation. Religious beliefs and familial and societal pressures emerged as supporting factors.

According to the study, 92% of the respondents agreed that female genital mutilation (FGM) has negative physical, psychological, and social consequences, while 88% believe the practice should be completely stopped. This confirms that awareness of the seriousness of FGM is growing, despite gaps in knowledge of the laws.

The study conducted by HUMAN ACCESS revealed that the lack of health services, along with stigma associated with it, impede girls from being protected from this practice, which violates the basic human rights of girls and women and is considered a form of gender-based violence.

The study recommended that a national law criminalizing FGM be enacted quickly, with strict enforcement mechanisms, and that awareness campaigns be intensified regarding this harmful practice. It also recommended involving religious and community leaders in awareness-raising efforts, focusing on schools, the media, and rural communities.

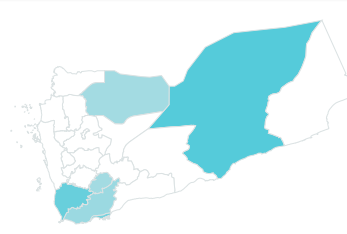
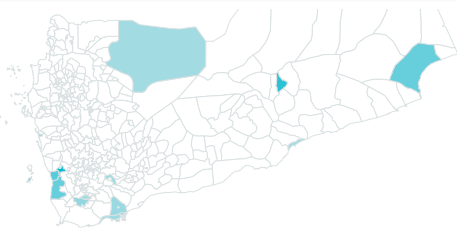
The study, furthermore, recommended incorporating the risks of FGM into educational curricula and health education programs, providing specialized and accessible health services to affected girls, training health workers, and supporting field studies and research to track changes in community practices and attitudes.



Leave her as she was created is a call to protect your daughter, the flower of your life. Let her grow up happy and fulfilled so that your joy is complete, and do not destroy her life with a custom that is deviant from Islamic society.

Be active and contribute to raising awareness of the harms that befall girls due to the harmful practice of female circumcision, using the hashtags #LeaveHerAsSheWasCreated and #EndFgmYemen on social media platforms @Fgmyemen.

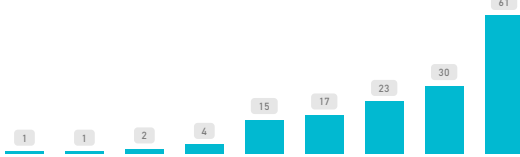
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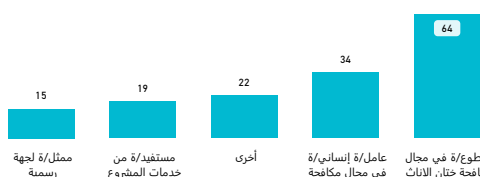
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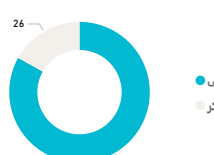
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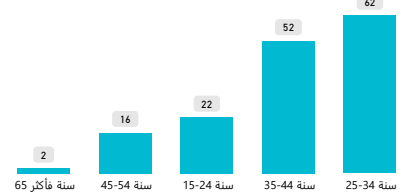
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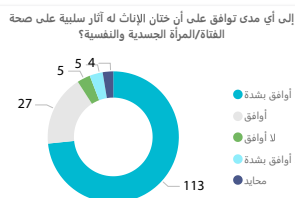
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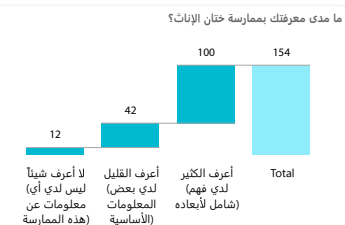
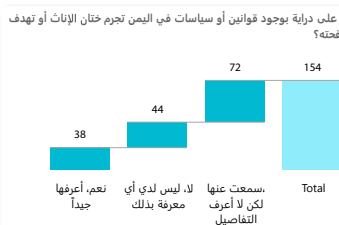
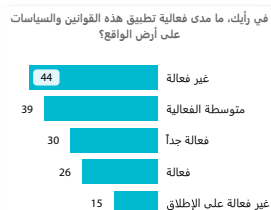
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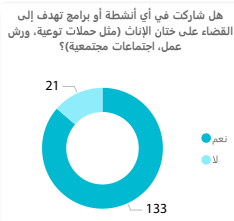
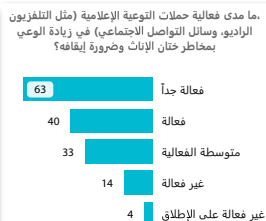
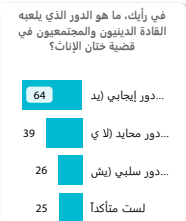
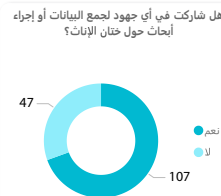
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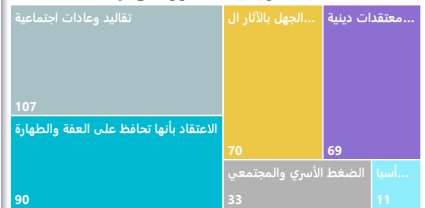
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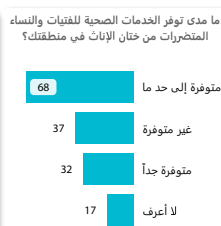
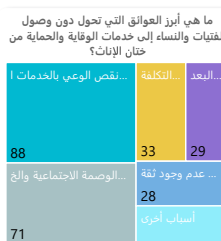
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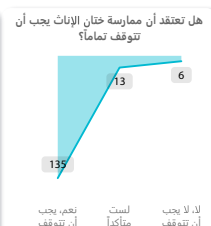
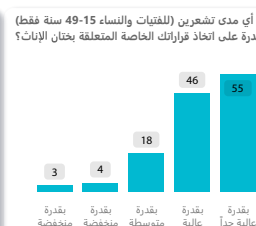
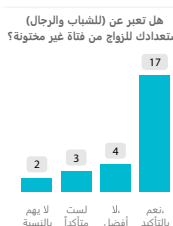
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## الرأي حول إيقاف ختان الإناث



## Volunteer work increases happiness hormones in individuals

Dr. Amal Radwan, Professor of Sociology at Ain Shams University, said that volunteer work contributes to changing one's personality for the better and increases one's self-confidence. It is because when volunteers are appreciated for their work and have a positive impact on others, their self-esteem grows, their immune system boosts, and their happiness hormones increase.

Dr. Amal added that volunteer work provides volunteers with many skills in their personal, academic, and professional lives, such as effective communication skills, crisis management, problem-solving, teamwork, and time management. Furthermore, interacting with different environments and cultures provides volunteers with significant life experiences. In an interview with Cairo TV, Dr. Amal emphasized the importance of volunteer work for the advancement of societies, as it contributes significantly to the development of societies, achieving sustainable development, and solving many societal problems. She also stated that volunteer work reduces hostility.



## Humanitarian action and sustainable development



Humanitarian action and development are interconnected. They work together to help individuals and communities live with dignity and improve their quality of life, whether through providing aid and support to those in need and affected, or through strengthening infrastructure and economic growth.

While humanitarian action focuses on saving lives and alleviating suffering, development focuses on building communities capable of recovering from disasters and contributing to stability and prosperity. The ultimate outcome is achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, based on improving the quality of life for individuals and achieving economic and social stability.

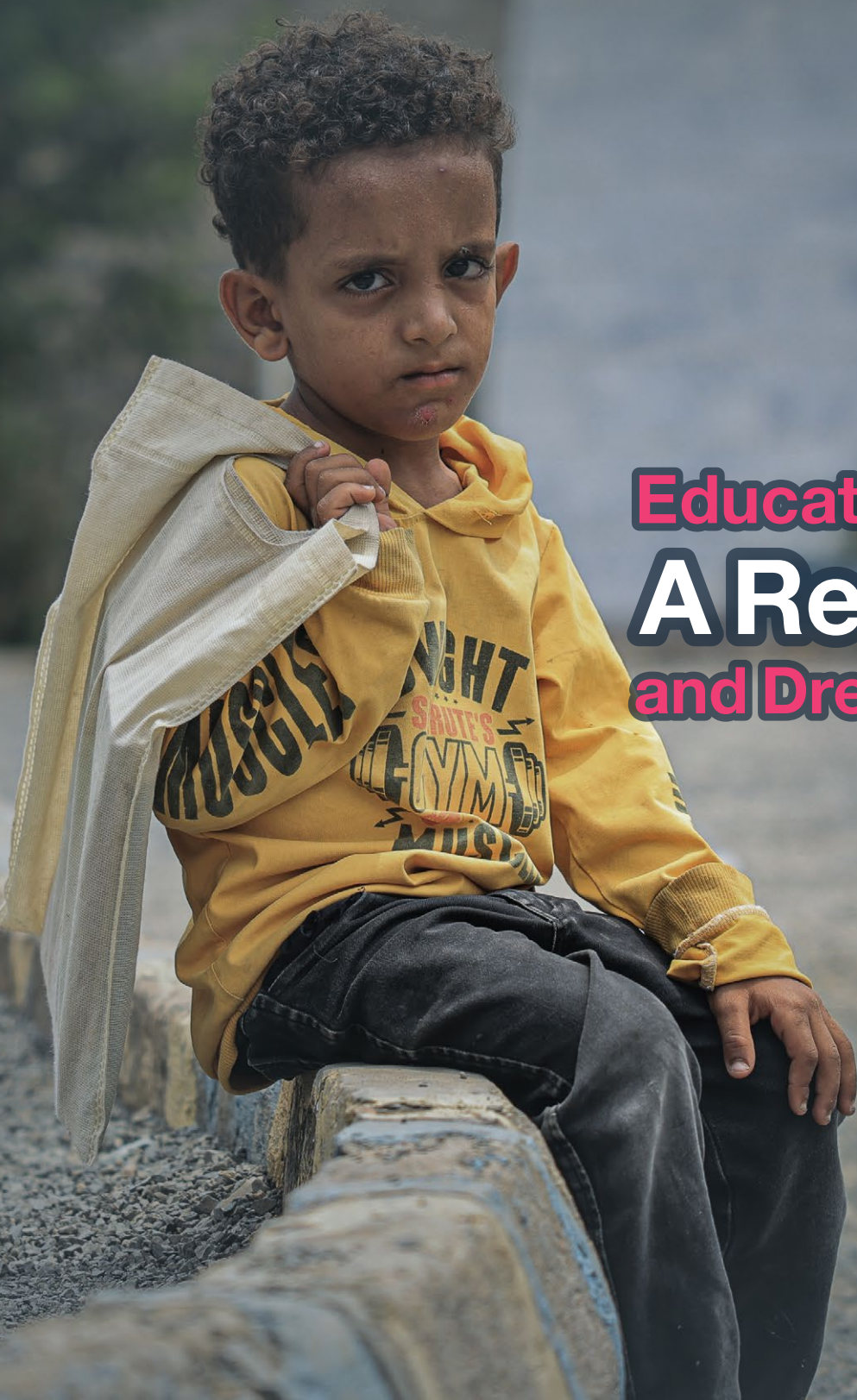
As a result, humanitarian action contributes to the achievement of sustainable and comprehensive development, and humanitarian organizations play a crucial role in achieving these goals. Particularly in developing countries and poor communities, humanitarian workers are able to reach hard-to-reach areas that may not be accessible by public services.

Therefore, in today's world, securing the necessary

funding for humanitarian action and protecting humanitarian workers is a key step toward achieving meaningful and sustainable development, given the interconnectedness between humanitarian action and development. According to experts, humanitarian aid is the cornerstone of achieving sustainable development. Protracted crises require joint efforts by humanitarian and development actors to achieve effective and sustainable results. It is a mistake to believe that organizations working in relief and humanitarian fields are distant from development. Humanitarian action achieves the desired development through the impact of its activities, services, and projects at multiple levels.

HUMAN ACCESS association in Yemen recognizes the true interconnectedness between humanitarian action and development and better links its humanitarian interventions to development. From health, shelter, and livelihood programs to education, water, and sanitation projects, it works continuously to alleviate people's suffering and support the Sustainable Development Goals.





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In Yemen, education is at an extremely critical stage amid worsening challenges. Since the conflict began more than ten years ago, Yemen's education system has languished in a deplorable state, and many families are struggling with getting their children an education, especially in conflict-affected areas.

Therefore, supporting the education sector, at all levels, is a priority for HUMAN ACCESS association, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to return to school, continue their learning journey, and contribute to a positive impact on the lives of individuals and communities across Yemen.

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## Issue file



### Alarming Numbers

Millions of Yemeni children are deprived of education, in the absence of adequate international support. According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), there are 4.5 million children out of school. This is a staggering number, revealing a real crisis. The longer these students are out of school, the more difficult it will be to make up for their educational losses. UN and international experts believe that the presence of this number of children out of school means that within five to ten years, the next generation could be illiterate, perhaps incapable of arithmetic, and lacking

very few life skills and foundations. This is a serious threat, and will have a devastating impact on achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4, related to quality and inclusive education for all. According to UN and international reports, more than 2,426 schools have been damaged and are no longer able to accommodate students due to their use as shelters or for other non-educational purposes. Only 65% of schools are operational, in a country where school-age children constitute approximately 33% of the total population. Displaced children and youth are among the most

vulnerable to missing out on education, with approximately 1.3 million children receiving their education in overcrowded classrooms and under-stretched teachers, according to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Ensuring these children receive a quality education is essential for building a sustainable future.

### Major Obstacles and Numerous Risks

The education sector is experiencing one of its most difficult phases, with increasing student dropouts. This is due to a number of reasons, including the destruction of



schools as a result of armed conflict, displacement, a lack of basic necessities, a shortage of buildings and classrooms, and the interruption of teachers' salaries.

According to UN data, two-thirds of Yemen's children live in areas that are difficult to access due to the terrain. This, in turn, limits their ability to access schools. This is also compounded by the deteriorating economic situation, which forces most families to struggle to secure basic necessities.

Children are vulnerable to a wide range of risks, like child labor, early marriage, gender-based violence, and recruitment by armed groups.

Children deprived of education today will be unable to find jobs and join the labor market in the future, along with other risks that Yemen cannot afford.

### A Pivotal Role for HUMAN ACCESS

Recognizing the urgent need to address the education crisis, HUMAN ACCESS, with the support of partners and donors, and in coordination with official authorities, is working to expand safe and equitable access to education throughout Yemen, with a focus on the most vulnerable groups, such as girls, orphans, and displaced

persons.

HUMAN ACCESS efforts include supporting educational infrastructure, renovating classrooms and building new ones, and establishing and equipping model schools with modern specifications. Students in these schools enjoy an environment that allows them to enhance their knowledge, hone their skills, and stimulate innovation and creativity.

We also encourage children to return to school, especially in September, after the summer break, by delivering school uniforms and school bags containing essential supplies, thus alleviating the financial burden associated



with education on families. HUMAN ACCESS interventions include educational sponsorships, financial incentives for teachers to attend school and teach, as well as other strategies to ensure comprehensive and safe access to education, increase enrollment opportunities for students, and prepare a generation capable of serving their communities and nation effectively.

### **Vital Support for a Better Future**

During the first half of 2025, a total number of 4,248 students across Yemen benefited from education projects

implemented by HUMAN ACCESS, with donor support. The organization continues to respond to educational needs, targeting both boys and girls, to give them the best chance of escaping poverty and building a better life. In a press statement, Secretary-General of HUMAN ACCESS, Dr. Abdulwase Alwasea, said that the organization will continue to advocate for every child's right to education, as education is a vital right and a condition of life. It is imperative to invest in it and meet the most critical needs of vulnerable children to ensure recovery, economic growth, and social

cohesion. Dr. Alwasea emphasized that HUMAN ACCESS' commitment to advancing education is a top priority, even in difficult circumstances, based on its belief that education is the foundation of social growth and provides communities with the ability to act and escape poverty. Both are equally essential to fostering solutions for peace and development. He also called for protecting humanitarian funding allocated to education and prioritizing education to create a bright and prosperous future for Yemen.



### Educational Sponsorship Unleashes Amna's Ambitions

Amna, a student at a school in Taiz Governorate, dreams of becoming a doctor, engineer, or archaeologist. However, her lack of education stood in the way of her dream, almost limiting her ability to attend school. It is well known that orphans are among the groups most vulnerable to dropping out of school, which calls for action to save them from ignorance and protect their future and the future of Yemen in general. Those orphans constitute an important segment of society, and education is the backbone of any nation's development.

Amna speaks about her dreams, saying, "Every day, my dreams grow with me, and education is the only way to achieve my ambitions. So be by my side." To prevent her beautiful dream and those like hers from being extinguished, the educational sponsorship project for orphans in Yemen was launched.

This project was implemented by HUMAN ACCESS, in partnership with the International Islamic Charitable Organization, in several Yemeni governorates. It is part of ongoing efforts to serve orphans, in accordance with quality standards and a unified global care charter. Amna gained access to

multiple services through the project, including school supplies and educational programs, which helped her obtain a higher level of cognitive, cultural, and moral standards.

This was reflected in Amna's active participation in school activities, according to her teachers at school. It also helped in her proper upbringing, as confirmed by her mother, Naseeba, who thanked the Orphan Education Sponsorship Project, saying, "It provided me with the best service. It enabled my daughter to continue her education and helped me raise her according to ethical principles."



## Health Services

### Medical support to Al-Ghaydah central hospital's obstetric emergency department

HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahrah Governorate delivered a quantity of medicines, laboratory solutions, and medical supplies to the obstetric emergency department at Al-Ghaydah Central Hospital. This aid is part of the Reproductive Health Services Support Project, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to improve maternal and newborn health services in Yemen.

During the delivery, the Director General of Al-Ghaydah Central Hospital, Mohsen Ahmed Balhaf, thanked HUMAN ACCESS and UNFPA for this important medical support, which contributes to reducing health risks for women in need of basic reproductive health services and increases survival rates.

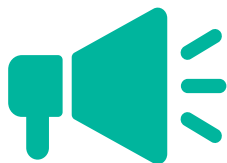


### Health Awareness on Polio Vaccination

As part of the project "Providing Livelihood Services to the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen," funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), HUMAN ACCESS in Shabwah Governorate organized a health awareness session in Ataq City on polio vaccination.

The session, attended by Dr. Fahmi Thaalab, Health Education and Media Officer at the Public Health Office in Ataq District, coincided with the national emergency polio vaccination campaign. The session raised community awareness of the importance of immunization against this serious disease for children's health and well-being both today and in the future.





## Health awareness sessions for 150 women and girls in Al-Mahrah

HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahrah Governorate conducted awareness sessions on mental and physical health for 150 women and girls in Al-Ghaydah city. This was part of the Reproductive Health Services Support Project, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

A key outcome of the session was to improve awareness of women's mental and physical health and mitigate risks. The conflict and protracted humanitarian crisis in Yemen have severely affected the physical and mental health of the population, especially women and girls, as they are forced to endure increased pressures, restrictions, and fears.



## 218 refugees return home in good health thanks to medical support

HUMAN ACCESS in Aden Governorate provided health support to 218 refugees voluntarily returning from Yemen to their home country, Somalia. This support was provided as part of the integrated project and the voluntary return program, funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The health support program included conducting

the necessary medical examinations to assess their health status and ability to bear the burdens of travel. The program also provided necessary medications for those suffering from chronic diseases, based on approved medical prescriptions. Health guidance was also offered to ensure that the voluntary returnees could arrive in good health.





## Protection Services

### Measures to build women's capacity and expand their rights

HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate executed a number of important and targeted activities as part of the project "Providing Livelihood Services to the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen," funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The project's key objective is to build the capacity of Yemeni women to cope with crises and improve the basics of life.

In Al-Rawdah area and Al-Mil camps, two training courses were launched: the first in sewing and tailoring, targeting nine women beneficiaries, and the second in hairdressing and beauty, with the participation of nine beneficiaries.

As a result of both courses, participants were equipped with the vocational skills required to transition onto the labor market and improve the living conditions of targeted families despite challenging economic conditions.

In Al-Jufaina camp, the largest IDP camp in Yemen,

several activities were implemented, including the distribution of dignity kits to 75 women, widows, and the elderly, providing them with hygiene supplies. Six psychological support sessions were also held, attended by 120 women.

The sessions addressed a range of issues, including negative thinking, family disintegration, psychological satisfaction, the foundations of a happy family, and the social roles of women. Identity cards were also issued to 11 women, ensuring their access to vital services and rights.

Five legal and community awareness sessions were also held, addressing a variety of issues, such as harassment, education and moral values, and the factors that make women strong. Legal consultations were also offered, as well as field visits and activities for children. Other activities were also part of efforts to achieve sustainable development for all.



## On World Humanitarian Day, recreational event for female humanitarian workers

Coinciding with World Humanitarian Day, which falls on August 19 of each year, HUMAN ACCESS in Mukalla, Hadhramaut Governorate, organized a psychological support event for female workers in the project providing livelihood

services to the most vulnerable women and girls in Yemen, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The event, titled “Warriors’ Break,” served as a space for recreation, relief from work-related stress, and

psychological well-being. It offered creative, interactive activities in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere, recharging the project’s positive energy and giving them an opportunity to escape the daily routine of work.



## Vital support to protect the most vulnerable women and girls in Yemen



HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate carried out several targeted activities in Al-Wadi District as part of the project “Providing Livelihood Services for the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen,” supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The activities addressed the urgent needs of social groups severely affected by the conflict.

Among the activities were the distribution of dignity kits to 15 women beneficiaries. The kits included essential hygiene items as well as community awareness sessions for 150 women on topics relevant to



women and girls, such as the harms of early marriage, to increase awareness of women’s issues and rights. Additionally, 65 women received psychotherapy for various mental health issues, including psychological disorders, to promote mental health, address psychological trauma, and boost self-confidence. Other activities were also implemented for children, followed up on beneficiaries, received cases, monitored success stories, and other activities as part of ongoing efforts to achieve sustainable development for all.

## In Al-Mahrah and Marib: Vocational training and livelihood grants distributed to 33 Women

With funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), HUMAN ACCESS in Al-Mahrah and Marib governorates launched a number of important activities as part of the project “Providing Livelihood Services for the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen,” funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

In Al-Ghaydah City in Al-Mahrah, two training courses were conducted. The first was in henna engraving, targeting 13 beneficiaries, and the

second was in sweets and pastry making, targeting 14 beneficiaries. The goal was to create job opportunities for these women and enhance their role in developing their communities.

In Marib, livelihood grants were given to six displaced women in Al-Jufainah camp, who benefited from vocational training in the fields of sewing and hairdressing. The distributed grants included career toolkits to enable them to establish their own projects, enter the labor market, and earn a living.



## Fifty women discuss gender-based violence

With the participation of 50 women, HUMAN ACCESS in Shabwah Governorate organized a training workshop in the city of Ataq, titled “Gender-Based Violence”. The workshop was part of the project “Providing Livelihood Services to the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen,” funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The workshop discussed the issue of gender-based

violence (GBV), which is one of the most widespread, persistent, and devastating human rights violations in the world today. As a result of GBV, women and girls experience serious obstacles to participation in public life. Throughout the workshop, participants learned about the concept, forms, and causes of violence, in an effort to raise awareness and reduce the spread of this scourge.



## Three training programs concluded in Shabwa



HUMAN ACCESS in Shabwa Governorate concluded three training programs, including two vocational courses in sewing and hairdressing, in addition to a course on life skills, finance, and marketing. These training programs were part of the project “Providing Livelihood Services for

the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen,” funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The training, conducted in Ataq city, targeted 18 women from the most vulnerable and needy groups, equipping them with vocational skills based on highly



professional foundations. In addition to providing basic life skills, marketing and financial knowledge, the training also sought to prepare the women for entering the labor market and starting their own businesses, thus contributing to the local economy and fostering sustainable development.

## Various activities to promote women and girls' advancement

HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate organized a number of targeted activities as part of the project to provide livelihood services to the most vulnerable women and girls in Yemen, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The activities aim to address the growing threats hindering women's advancement.

In Al-Wadi District, 80 dignity kits were handed over, individual and group psychological support was offered, and awareness-raising activities were organized on issues of concern to women and girls. International Missing Children's Day, which falls on

May 25 each year, was used as an opportunity to raise awareness about childhood issues, especially girls, to emphasize the importance of protecting and caring for children.

In Al-Rawdah and Al Mil camps, awareness sessions were held, addressing a range of important issues, including problem-solving, how to utilize free time, raising children, the dangers of early marriage, and family dialogue. Other sessions aimed to increase awareness among women and girls, inform them of their important role in society, and advance their intellectual and cultural levels.





## Economic Empowerment

### A Series of Support to Protect and Empower Yemeni Women

HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate implemented a number of important and targeted activities as part of the project to provide livelihood services to the most vulnerable women and girls in Yemen, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). This project's key objective is to address the growing threats to women's advancement and build more resilient and stable societies.

In Al-Rawdah area and Al-Mil camps for internally displaced persons, livelihood grants were awarded to six women who benefited from vocational training in sewing, tailoring, and confectionery and pastry making. Cash assistance was provided to 10 women, and

five women were issued identity cards.

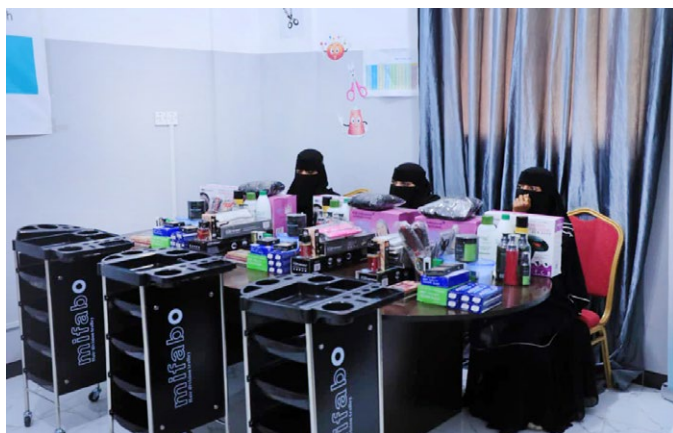
A focus group discussion was also held to analyze the market and other activities to support the rights and well-being of women and girls. In Al-Jufaina camp for IDPs, livelihood grants were awarded to six women who benefited from vocational training in sewing and hairdressing. Furthermore, dozens of women were referred to partners to receive psychosocial and health support services. Eight group psychosocial support sessions and 10 legal awareness sessions were also conducted on issues of concern to women. Dignity kits were distributed to 94 women, girls, widows, and the elderly, among other activities.



## Connecting 6 women in Mukalla to sources of income and life

HUMAN ACCESS in Mukalla, Hadhramaut Governorate, distributed awarded livelihood grants to six women who benefited from vocational training in the fields of sewing and hairdressing. This grant is part of the project “Providing Livelihood Services for the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen,” funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

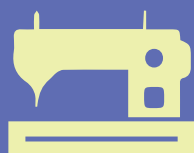
The distribution of career supplies to the women who benefited from the vocational training aims to improve the living conditions of families and the most vulnerable groups, enabling them to become economically self-sufficient in light of the difficult conditions the country is experiencing due to more than a decade-long conflict.



## Providing a decent living for six of the neediest families

HUMAN ACCESS in Aden Governorate distributed livelihood grants to six women benefiting from vocational training in the fields of sewing and hairdressing. This grant is part of the project “Providing Livelihood Services for the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen,” funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The distribution of career supplies to the beneficiaries after they complete the vocational training aims to empower the most vulnerable groups to become economically self-sufficient and transform into productive families capable of facing the challenges and deteriorating living conditions in the country.





## Twelve women embark on a path to prosperity and dignity

HUMAN ACCESS in Shabwah and Marib governorates awarded livelihood grants to 12 beneficiaries of vocational training. The grants included basic supplies to begin practicing their careers, as part of the project "Providing Livelihood Services for the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen," funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

In the city of Ataq in Shabwah, livelihood grants were distributed to six women who benefited from vocational training in sewing and hairdressing. Nasser Lashdaf, Deputy Director of the Associations and Unions Department at the Social Affairs and Labor Office in the governorate, emphasized the importance of these grants in enabling the women beneficiaries to establish their own businesses and live with dignity. In Marib governorate, in Al-Rawdah area and Al-Mil IDP camps, livelihood grants were awarded to six women who benefited from vocational training in sewing and confectionery and pastry making. A major goal

of this grant is to increase the economic opportunities available to women and enable them to find employment, thus improving living conditions for families and the most vulnerable groups, and alleviating suffering. Livelihood grants were also delivered to six women who benefited from vocational training in sewing and hairdressing in Al-Wadi District. This grant is part of the project "Providing Livelihood Services to the Most Vulnerable Women and Girls in Yemen," funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The delivery ceremony was attended by Ms. Saada Aqar, Chair of the National Women's Committee in Marib. These grants, which include basic supplies for practicing the career, will enable the women beneficiaries to establish their own businesses, enter the labor market, and improve the living conditions of their families, given the difficult conditions the country is experiencing due to the conflict.





## Training and Workshops

### Training volunteers to promote education for refugee children in Kharaz Camp

Funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), HUMAN ACCESS in Lahj Governorate conducted a training course for community mobilization volunteers to promote children's access to education. This training is part of the project to provide primary and secondary education for refugees and asylum seekers in Kharaz refugee camp.

The training targeted five volunteers from the Back-

to-School Campaign in Kharaz camp. The training is designed to equip them with advocacy and mobilization skills, raise awareness of the importance of education, and encourage parents in the camp to send their children to school at the beginning of the school year. This goal aims to reduce refugee student dropout rates and increase children's access to school.



### Photographic training for women humanitarian workers



As part of the project to provide livelihood services to the most vulnerable women and girls in Yemen, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), HUMAN ACCESS in Marib Governorate concluded a photography training program for project workers in Al-Jufaina area.

The training, which coincided with World Humanitarian Day, helped equip project women workers with basic photography skills, a key element in documenting and clearly conveying humanitarian messages, thus contributing to supporting humanitarian action.

## Workshop on child protection and gender-based violence concluded

Funded by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), HUMAN ACCESS in Hadhramaut Governorate concluded a workshop on child protection and gender-based violence case management in Mukalla. The workshop was part of the Girls' Protection and Empowerment through Entrepreneurial Approach program.

The three-day workshop, attended by 30 participants working in the field of protection and psychosocial support, aimed to provide them with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to improve the quality of case management services and enhance the efficiency of responses to groups most vulnerable to gender-based violence.

The workshop covered several key topics, including the definition of gender-based violence, its forms

and causes, the concept of case management, principles of humanitarian action, assessment and intervention skills, referral and documentation mechanisms, and ethical principles in dealing with women survivors.

In the presence of Ms. Hekma Al-Shuaibi, director of the social defense department at the Hadhramaut Coast Social Affairs and Labor Office, the workshop concluded with an open discussion session during which experiences and expertise were exchanged and coordination mechanisms between the relevant institutions were strengthened, contributing to the construction of an effective protection network that supports women survivors and preserves their dignity and rights.





## HUMAN ACCESS branches qualifying for leadership development

HUMAN ACCESS organized a two-day training program in Marib City titled “Leadership Development.” Sixty-two employees from executive bodies and branch management participated in the program, equipping them with the administrative skills necessary to build effective leaders.

Developing leadership development is a fundamental aspect of sound governance, ensuring the availability of qualified leaders capable of assuming responsibility at any time. It also ensures the continuity of work efficiently and effectively, contributing to achieving the association’s long-term goals.



## Training program on warehouse management and Less Mile app usage



HUMAN ACCESS in Taiz Governorate organized a training program for warehouse keepers on warehouse management and the use of the Less Mile application, which allows for real-time delivery of shipping receipts to partner locations. This training was part of the World Food Program (WFP)-funded food aid distribution project.

The three-day program targeted 102 warehouse keepers in the districts of Al-Misrakh, Sabr Al-Mawadim, Mashra'a Wa Hadnan, Sala, Al-Qahirah, and Al-Muzaffar. The goal was to promote their skills in warehouse management, maintaining proper stockpiling, proper storage mechanisms, the use of warehouse templates, inventory movement, and other issues related to their duties. The training also focused on how to use the Less Mile application.

## Workshop to discuss and approve awareness messages against child marriage and FGM

Funded by UNICEF, HUMAN ACCESS held a workshop in Aden Governorate to discuss and approve awareness-raising media messages against child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM). This workshop is part of the “Protecting and Empowering Girls Through an Entrepreneurial Approach” project. With the participation of representatives from eight government agencies and five local organizations, the workshop discussed the content of media messages designed to educate the public about the

dangers of underage marriage and female genital mutilation. Numerous remarks and proposals were presented to ensure the effectiveness and impact of the messages on the target groups.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the media messages were approved for adoption and dissemination through various media outlets. This will improve community awareness of girls' rights and contribute to changing harmful social and gender norms that impact the present and future of girls in Yemen.



## Two UNFPA coordinators visit HUMAN ACCESS in Mukalla



HUMAN ACCESS in Mukalla, Hadhramaut Governorate, received Ms. Samia Bahmaish, Coordinator of the GBV Sub-Cluster at the UNFPA office in Aden, and Dr. Ahlam Bin Buraik, Reproductive Health Program Coordinator at the UNFPA office in Mukalla. During the visit, they reviewed efforts to prevent gender-based violence (GBV) and mitigate its risks, as well as important health interventions to expand access to reproductive health services, saving lives and building a healthier future.

The two visitors heard a success

story of a woman with special needs who received professional training in sewing and was provided with the supplies to practice this income-generating craft, enabling her to enter the labor market to earn a living and become self-reliant. Bahmaish and Bin Buraik praised HUMAN ACCESS' efforts to support and protect women.

HUMAN ACCESS, with funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), is currently implementing a project to support reproductive health services, aiming to restore access to



life-saving reproductive health-care services, and a project to provide livelihood services to the most vulnerable women and girls, to build women's capacities to cope with crises.



## OCHA office team in Marib reviews progress of Hayat Project activities

A team from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Marib Governorate visited the headquarters of the Integrated Life-Saving Response Project for Vulnerable Persons in Emergencies (Hayat Project) in Marib City. The project is being implemented by HUMAN ACCESS with funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF).

Khaled Al-Dhabhani, Program and Monitoring Of-

ficer, reviewed the progress of the project and the various services it provides, including protection services for vulnerable groups, case management for vulnerable children, multi-purpose cash assistance to vulnerable people, and other essential services. The delegation commended the efforts made to enhance resilience and save lives of the most vulnerable groups among the displaced, returnees, and the host community.



## Awareness-raising event for mothers of children with special needs

On the occasion of World Refugee Day, which falls on June 20 of each year, and with funding from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), HUMAN ACCESS in Aden Governorate organized an awareness-raising event at Al-Basateen Charitable Medical Center, targeting mothers of children with special needs and a number of influential mothers in the community.

The awareness-raising event ad-

ressed several issues, including home births and their associated risks, the importance of early intervention for children injured during childbirth, and the important role of physical therapy. During the event, a group of mothers who continue to treat their children were honored, and symbolic gifts were given to several children benefiting from the medical center's physical therapy department.

With UNHCR's support, HUMAN

ACCESS operates Al-Basateen Charitable Medical Center in Dar Saad District, as part of the refugee health project implemented in Al-Basateen and Kharaz areas of Aden and Lahj Governorates. The project's key objective is to enhance access to basic health-care for the most vulnerable refugees and expand health service coverage in Yemen, which suffers from one of the highest disease risks in the world.



## Culture, Sports, and Economic Empowerment Kharaz Camp Comes to Life on World Refugee Day

With funding from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), HUMAN ACCESS launched a series of events and activities in the Kharaz refugee camp in Lahj Governorate to mark World Refugee Day, which falls on June 20 of each year. This is a global day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees worldwide. The activities included a cultural and artistic event attended by local officials and community leaders.

Several Somali and Ethiopian songs were performed at the event, reflecting the sense of homesickness refugees carry in their souls. A number of speeches were also delivered, emphasizing the importance of solidarity with refugees. The activities performed as part of the integrated refugee program included a sports event with the participation of a number of refugee youth, in addition to other activities, including a demonstration of





popular refugee foods and activities for the elderly and children, to express solidarity with refugees and recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

In conjunction with these events and activities, four small businesses were launched in the fields of sewing, hairdressing, mechanics, and straw

production. These projects are a result of livelihood projects implemented over the past few days, providing opportunities for the most vulnerable and needy refugees in Yemen to rebuild their lives, contribute to their communities, and live with dignity.



## Success story

### Hope returns to a woman's life subjected to violence



Ahlam was a ninth-grade student in Marib Governorate when her displaced family decided to marry her off to a man 14 years her senior. Early marriage is widespread in Yemen, and the prolonged humanitarian crisis has exacerbated this serious problem. The main motivation for her marriage was economics, as the family was exhausted by displacement and the loss of sources of income. The family believed that marrying off their daughter was a way to reduce household expenses since she had reached puberty, and they were unaware of the health, social, and psychological risks of early marriage. Ahlam, who preferred to use a pseudonym for personal reasons, confirms this, saying, "I was 15 when I got married. I was forced to marry because of the family's difficult financial circumstances. I felt sad. I wanted to complete my education, but I didn't want to enter the world of motherhood at that age. The responsibilities were beyond my capacity. The family had wronged me."

#### A Stage of Oppression

Shortly after Ahlam's marriage, her marital life turned into a stage of oppression. Her husband subjected her to increasing verbal, emotional, and physical abuse, a form of gender-based violence. Yemen is one of the countries experiencing high levels of violence against women, due to social, cultural, economic, and other factors. Each time, Ahlam sought help from her family to help her escape this ordeal, only to be surprised by family pressure to return her to her husband. This exacerbated her suffering, as she says: "My father let me down repeatedly, and I felt as if he wanted to get rid of me. My mother didn't dare oppose my father, no matter how wrong his decisions were."

Family problems escalated, eventually leading to divorce. Ahlam returned to her family home with her daughter, entering a new phase of tragedy. Her family viewed her as a failure who should be treated harshly so she would learn the value of married life and prevent a repeat of that failure if she ever found a husband again.

Ahlam said, "My family treated me like a criminal, not a victim. They asked me to hand my daughter over to her father, and I vehemently refused, fearing for my daughter's safety and loss. I saw them turn a blind eye to my younger brothers' attacks on my daughter, considering her a normal person, undeserving of proper care, and as if she were not an innocent child."

#### A Better Life

Ahlam's life had become a kind of hell. The ongoing violations of her rights and dignity had driven her to negative thoughts, even to the point of suicidal thoughts. Suddenly, a ray of hope shone through her dark life through the Integrated Life-Saving Response Project for Vulnerable People in Emergency Situations in Marib City, "Hayat Project."

The main objective of the project, implemented by Human Access for Partnership and Development (HUMAN ACCESS) with funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), is to save the lives of displaced people, returnees, and the host community. It involves various services, such as psychological support, which Ahlam needed. As a result of domestic violence, her mental health had become fragile, requiring intervention to restore her self-confidence. Because of her confectionery/pastry skills, Ahlam was granted cash assistance in April 2025, enabling her to purchase supplies for her profession and enter the labor market to earn a living and support her family. This marked a fundamental change in this woman's life in her twenties, and the way her family treated her improved. Accordingly, families become violent when economic pressures are high, and financial support helps protect women from violence.

Ahlam says: "I emerged from a world of oblivion and regained my self-confidence. I now have value and a role in the family and society. My status has been strengthened, and I am now able to complete my life. I feel dignified and strong. I am now living a new life. I will work to educate my daughter, and I will not allow her to marry off early. Life has smiled upon me thanks to the Hayat Project."





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