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Venue of the story	Eiadh area in Jardan District , Shabwah Governorate
Sector	FSL

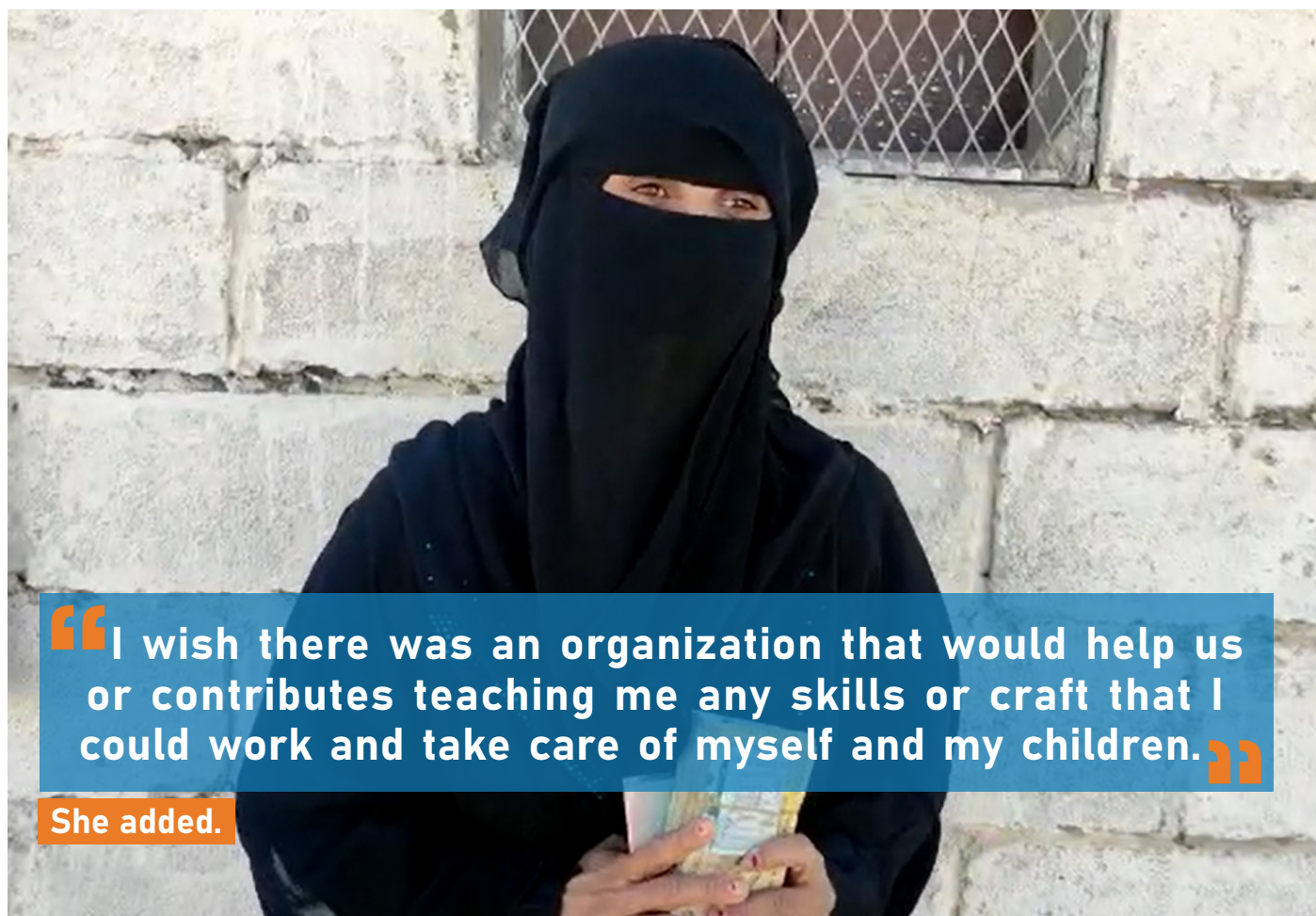
A LIFELINE FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE



There is a broad recognition that unconditional emergency cash transfers are one of the most effective forms of social assistance in times of conflict, as it empowers families to meet their basic needs while also being rooted in human rights. From this standpoint, Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) implemented an unconditional cash activity to improve food security for the poorest communities in six districts of Shabwah Governorate-Yemen, funded by German Humanitarian Assistance (AA) in partnership with Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH), contributing to the stabilization of food and the livelihoods of 285 households in Ursaylan and Jardan districts, with the project being implemented for 6 consecutive rounds.

This activity had a strong and noticeable impact on the community, and many success stories emerged from these targeted areas, including the story of 30-year-old Sahar Faid Abdulwasea Al-Sharabi, a married woman with four children between 4 to 8 years old. Sahar has been severely affected by the ongoing conflict. Following the family's displacement and after her husband left her, she was forced to become the breadwinner for her children. Sahar's family was forced to flee to Marib governorate after war broke out in Sharaab Al-Rouna district, which is located in the western part of Taiz governorate. After that, the war extended to most of the governorates, and there was also a war started

in Marib governorate, so that she was forced again to flee to Eiadh area in Jarda district of Shabwah governorate as Sahar expressed her living condition miserably by saying: **"My situation has become very difficult, to the point where I cannot live with this oppression, pain and humiliation, and I wish for death every day. I have become a heavy burden on my family with my young children. We have nothing. We get sick until we are on the verge of death and we find no one to help us, and we sleep most of the days without eating"**. As for her source of livelihood, it is assistance from charitable donations from time to time. She has no other constant source of income for herself and her children.



“I wish there was an organization that would help us or contributes teaching me any skills or craft that I could work and take care of myself and my children.”

She added.

After Sahar's family was selected among one of the beneficiary households by YFCA for the UCT activity, she received cash assistance for six rounds during the period from October/2022 to February/2023. Sahar benefited a lot from this financial assistance, by being provided with food basket for her family and her children who suffer from malnutrition.

Sahar expressed her happiness, saying, **"I received the cash assistance with all sincerity, I regained my dignity. Now I am able to feed myself and my children without any humiliation or helplessness, I participated in covering my family's expenses, and I helped my destitute family."**

In the end, Sahar expressed her gratitude towards YFCA and its partners for the activity that contributed to the betterment of her life and provided food for her family and children throughout the period. She also said, **"I hope there will be training courses in any sector in which I can work after I stop receiving assistance, such as sewing or hairdressing courses, or that there will be funds for any project that helps me to support my family and children permanently."** It is essential to note that there are many households, similar to Sahar's, that require cash assistance to meet their basic needs and raise their standard of living.