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WASH and humanitarian food assistance for IDPs, host communities, returnees, and marginalized groups in six districts of Shabwah Governorate-Yemen



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Venue of
the story

Garban area in Bayhan District ,
Shabwah Governorate



Sector

FSL

SUSTAINING HUMAN DIGNITY

The cash-for-work program implemented by Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA), in partnership with Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) and financed by German Humanitarian Assistance (AA), has helped affected households in various governorates of the Republic of Yemen by increasing their income and purchasing power. It has also been a key in restoring community infrastructures and improving services access. In Shabwah governorate, YFCA supported the community with resources and skills to enable them to recover and make their lives better. This included building a diversion barrier in Garban area, a defense gabion in Fiq and Al-Roog villages in Al-Shula area, and finally a solar energy system with a water asset protection in Nisab of Al-Hanak area.

The number of beneficiaries of the activity reached 250 households, and many success stories were shown. Among these stories is the story of the beneficiary, Musad Ali Al-Nagar. Musad who is 40 years old, married, and has 6 children, aged between 3 to 20 years old, and this household is considered as one of the host families in Garban area of Bayhan district. Also, this area is considered as one of the poorest areas, and its residents depend on farming and cattle herding for their livelihood. In addition, the intervention has a strong and noticeable impact on the community. Musad is one of these communities that suffer from the current situation, living conditions, poverty, and lack of job opportunities. His source of

income is making manual blocks, but the work in this area was stopped due to sequential conflicts. From this source, he used to provide the necessary and basic needs to his family which are not sufficient for all family members. **Musad expressed his condition by saying, “ My living condition is getting worse day by day, we struggle to provide the necessary and basic food for my family, and some days pass and we only eat two meals “. As for Musad's sons, they look in bad condition, and they expressed their misery by saying, “We left school although we love it; in order to go out and search for work to help our father with the needs and requirements of the family due to the high prices.”**



Before the intervention



After the intervention

After Musad's household was selected among one of the beneficiaries of the cash-for-work activity, Musad participated in four rounds in the intervention of this activity of constructing a diversion barrier in Garban area in the same area and district where he has been living. Musad has learned the work of building stones and excelled in his work in a perfect way as **Musad said, “At the beginning of work, I gained skills from skilled workers who were more experienced than me in the construction, and after two months of working, I have perfectly learned the work”**. As a result of his commitment to work and keenness, Musad received cash assistance for four rounds during the period from November 2022 to February 2023, where Musad benefited from this cash assistance by providing a food basket for his family and children. **Musad expressed**

his happiness, saying, “ This opportunity has contributed in me being calm without having any worries, fear, and it deleted from my head a question that exhausted me, which is how do I get food for my children tomorrow?!”. Musad benefited greatly from this activity in building his practical capabilities, gaining many skills and work experience, such as making gabions and cement mixtures.

In short, Musad has been grateful to all those in charge of this activity, which contributed in improving their lives and providing food for their families as **Musad said “ The benefit from this activity for me was not only exclusive in providing sufficient food for my family, but also it helped me in gaining some skills that gave me the ability to work with confidence and experience”**.