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IDPS' EASE AND RELIEF



Internally Displaced People (IDPs) are confronted with a range of challenges, one of the most severe is the lack of sanitation facilities in their dwellings or camps. This absence of bathrooms puts children and their families at risk of different diseases, and deprives them of the security and privacy that are essential to have good health.

Abdulrahman is a 45-years-old father of two, one girl and one boy. In 2018, due to the conflict in his hometown, he and his family had to move to the old Damt village in Damt district, Al-Dhale governorate to work as farmers. As they had to make living with whatever they could, they ended up in an abandoned and simple two-room house with a kitchen. Unfortunately, due to their extreme poverty, they did not have access to toilet facilities, like many other families in the village. **Abdulrahman said “upon moving to Damt village and living in an old house, me and my family could not afford a suitable bathroom for defecation, thus having to relieve ourselves in the open air or near the house, this situation caused immense hardship for us, and increased the risk**

of health issues, especially for women and children.”

Despite the work obstruction caused by local resistance, delays in transporting and sourcing materials, YFCA recognized the urgent need for sanitation and hygiene, and constructed 15 emergency latrines for the benefit of more than 114 people within YHF fund through the Provision of Comprehensive and Life-Saving WASH Assistance for IDPs and Most Vulnerable Groups of PWD, Minorities and People with Specific Needs at Damt District of Al-Dhale Governorate, Marib city and Marib Al-wadi districts of Marib governate. The lack of access to appropriate sanitation and hygiene is a major threat to public health and is a major cause of faecal-oral transmission of diseases.



Through this project, YFCA aims to enhance safe access to sanitation, meeting standards of both privacy and safety. Moreover, the implementation of this project intended to guarantee the progress of YFCA's WASH Interventions in Al-Dhale governorate, in order to offer aid to communities affected by conflicts and those at risk of a potential cholera outbreak. Hence, this was achieved by introducing sanitation structures that are accepted locally and culturally. Abdulrahman delightfully expressed his gratitude towards Family Care Association (YFCA), citing

its intervention as the sole provider of suitable bathrooms in the old Damt village for 15 families. Including Abdulrahman's family, now the (IDPs) in Damt district can defecate safely and without fear of contracting infectious diseases. The camp community was thrilled with their new toilets. Not only did they provide improved sanitation, but also, they offered protection against watery diarrhea. Most of all, they gave the community sense of security, privacy, and comfort, while still being mindful of the environment.