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Provision of comprehensive & life-saving WASH assistance for IDPs and most vulnerable groups of PWD, Minorities and people with specific needs at Damt district of Al-Dhale Gov. & Marib city, Al-wadi districts of Marib Gov. YHF#19536



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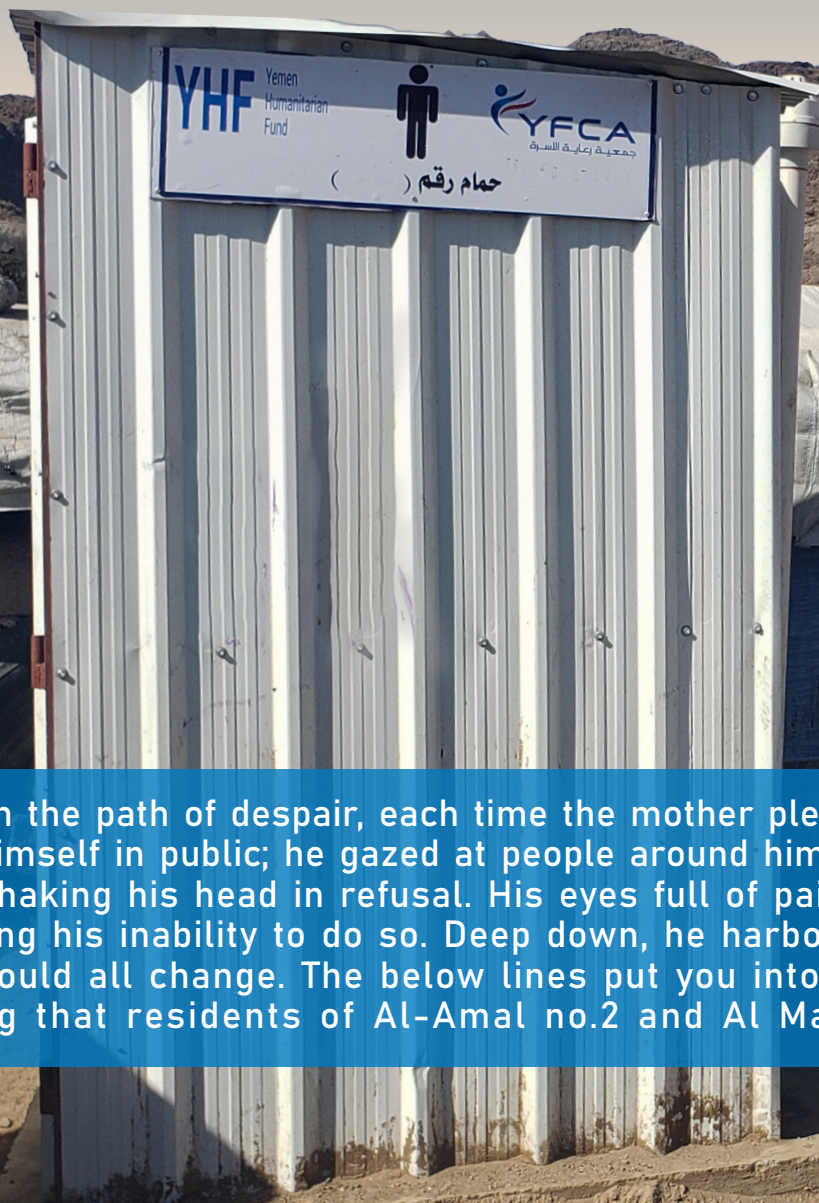
Damt District,
Al-Dhale Governorate.



Sector

WASH

HAZARD OF LACK OF HYGIENE AND PRIVACY



Trudging through the path of despair, each time the mother pleaded her little son to relieve himself in public; he gazed at people around him, holding onto his pants and shaking his head in refusal. His eyes full of pain and shame, silently conveying his inability to do so. Deep down, he harbored hope that one day, this would all change. The below lines put you into more details of the suffering that residents of Al-Amal no.2 and Al Mahrer Camps.

Back in 2016, Faisal, a 52-year-old man, along with his wife and three children, were forced to flee their home in Taiz and move to an internally displaced people (IDPs) camp in Damt City, Al-Dhale governorate. With no bathrooms and no privacy, they were exposed to disease and misery. Faisal sadly recounted his difficult experience: “We had no restrooms, and we were highly exposed to diseases.” It is risky and humiliating to go to public whenever it is needed to go to the bathrooms.

To end this humanitarian tragedy of the camp residents and through YFCA's implementation, YHF funded 9 emergency restrooms for 227 IDPs living in Al-Amal no.2 and Al Mahrur IDPs Camps in Damt city within the project of Provision of comprehensive & life-saving WASH assistance for IDPs and

most vulnerable groups of PWD, Minorities and people with specific needs at Damt district of Al-Dhale Gov. & Marib city, Al-wadi districts of Marib Gov. In spite of the obstruction of work due to the reluctance of some of the people of the area, preventing the contractor from starting work and implementing the project in some locations; in addition to the difficulties caused by the delays in supplying some materials, YFCA has constructed 15 Emergency latrine in Damt districts of Al-Dhale governorate in Al-Amal2 and Al Mahrur IDPs Camps. This intervention aimed to ensure access to good sanitation facilities to the vulnerable populations living in high-risk of cholera areas or those with a large population.



In order to give a suitable place to meet the demands of the camp residents and help them abandon the defecation in the open air in which their privacy and health were threatened and violated, especially for women and children. A number of 9 emergency restrooms were provided for Al-Amal2 camp, so that every two to three families share one bathroom. Nevertheless, the emergency restrooms, brought a sense of relief and security to Faisal, his family, and many others like them. The community

in Damt IDPs' camp expressed their profound gratitude towards the Family Care Association for providing them with safe bathrooms by saying “We thank the Family Care Association for providing us with these bathrooms, now we can defecate safely and protect our health from infectious diseases to which we were exposed from open defecation.” Finally, Al-Amal no.2 and Al Mahrur Camps' IDPs are feeling more dignified and safer when getting their essential rights!