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Project details

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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Venue of the story

Valley and desert Districts, Marib Governorate.



Sector

WASH

THE FIRST STEP TOWARD CHANGE IS AWARENESS



Due to harsh obstacles internally displaced people (IDPs) was experiencing; such as the harsh desert environment, insufficient infrastructure, and the inaccessibility to basic needs, assisting them was of utmost necessity. YFCA was deeply moved when seeing such fragile people in need for help; as a result, it was determined to bring about much-needed change and reach out to them with the assistance needed. Moreover, in response to the spread of epidemics due to the lack of health, education, and guidance facilities in the area, YFCA organized awareness campaigns to help educate IDPs in Alwadi district, Marib governorate, about the factors that caused disease outbreaks, types of diseases, the severity of diseases, and methods of prevention. Furthermore, those awareness campaigns covered essential topics such as water sanitation, hygiene, and utilization; in addition to first aid methods and

preventive steps in the event of an outbreak of any disease. Zooming in to the IDPs' camps in Alwadi's district, Saba's struggling family was realized. A widow with seven children, five young boys and two little girls, living in a destitute state in camps. In spite of the difficult circumstances she faces, she strives to provide her family with essential necessities for housing, clothing, and food. **Saba desperately said holding her little girl in the arms, "We suffer immensely due to an inadequate supply of housing, diseases outbreaks, and the hardships of life in the desert as a solitary parent. It is overwhelming, and it is a significant battle for us to endure. Yet, we have hope that all of this suffrage will reach an end."**



Before the intervention



After the intervention

To assist Alwadi's district IDPs, YFCA was there to help by means of providing awareness, access to the resources, and the medical guidance that families need. Hence, contributing in raising districts' IDPs' health awareness and safety. Every day, YFCA moves a step closer to achieve its mission of improving health in marginalized areas, the transformation YFCA witnessed was remarkable after the implementation of the project in Alwadi's district. It could be seen that a change in IDPs' behavior happened towards the environment, their enthusiasm for personal hygiene, and their efforts to keep their homes and drinking water clean. They

were determined to fight the causes of disease outbreaks, such as waste, mosquitoes, and flies properly and effectively.

The local community expressed their gratitude for the awareness sessions, as one of the locals said, **"Before this session, none of us had any clue regarding the cause of our children's deteriorated health. We are so thankful to you for coming here and helping us in gaining awareness needed and to learn ways to purify drinking water. This knowledge has enabled us to identify potential sources of contagious diseases and to take appropriate actions to keep our children and families safe."**