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Sector Nutrition

A LOOMING TRAGEDY THAT MUST BE AVERTED

Away from the center of the city lies Al-Rayyan village, a rural area that is located in Khab w Ash Sh'af district-Al Jawf governorate. As the case with most rural area's population, residents of Al-Rayyan tends to have limited access to healthy and nutritious food. Furthermore, the escalation of the conflict in the area has left people teetering on the brink of severe malnutrition.

Beer Al Mazariq is one of the health units where YFCA in cooperation with WFP is implementing the promotion of preventive and life-saving nutrition intervention project. Due to the prolonged armed conflict, and out of a strong desire to help those in need, YFCA had to make a decision to transfer the provided service from Bir al-Maraziq to Al-Rayyan camp, Al-Mashram, where many displaced people, who were forced to leave their homes as the area is no longer safe for them, are living now. It was necessary to take such a decision in order to be able to provide the therapeutic nutrition services to those affected by malnutrition and displacement, even if it was through a small tent in the desert.

To deliver the assistance to the most vulnerable children and pregnant/ lactating women, YFCA had to transport the commodities for 300km through the desert where the transporter passes through several districts, as there is no direct roads connecting the warehouse and the camp. Not to mention the difficulties and challenges our team faces to get the required permissions for transporting the commodities.

“ Neither the long distance nor the security checkpoints, that follows different parties, will stop us from helping our people

the coordinator determinedly said



Since the beginning of the project YFCA has reached 170 beneficiaries (81 pregnant and lactating women and 88 children under the age of five years old) and will continue to provide the support to those who need it the most regardless; of all the obstacles

“ I can't tell you how much appreciated I'm for the provided services. people in the camp may have lost their homes, but at least they have got a chance to keep their children healthy

one of villagers said gratefully