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SAVING ANOTHER CHILD



The child, Arafat Mohammed, is a 24-month-old boy. Due to the prolonged war in their city, Arafat's family had to leave their home and move to Soq Da'am area in Al Jawf governorate, looking for a better and safer life. When they first arrived in Al Zahir, the father could not find a job despite his hard efforts. He used to go out every day from the first light of morning until the sun went down, searching for any opportunity to earn money so that he could go back home with their next meal. After a while, the mother noticed that Arafat was losing weight and started to be unusually slow in walking, tired and feeble.



“ I was watching the signs of life going out of my baby's small body, and there was nothing in my hands that I could do to make him better,” the mother said in tears. “One day, I took him out so that he might stop crying, and one of my neighbors saw us and noticed how skinny and tired he was. She advised me to take him to the health center”

The mother continued.

The next day, Arafat's mother took him to Da'am health center, where Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA), in cooperation with World Food Programme (WFP), is implementing preventive and lifesaving nutrition interventions. In his first visit to the health center, Arafat's Mid-upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) was 11.8, and he was immediately admitted to the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme

(TSFP) to be provided with nutrition supplies. His mother started receiving awareness sessions to enhance her knowledge of good nutrition and care practices. After 4 months, Arafat was discharged with his MUAC at 13 centimeters. His mother was finally relieved and grateful that her son gained his health back. She waved goodbye to YFCA's team in the district with a smile of gratitude on her face!