

AMIDST THE STORM: A SAFE BIRTH FOR ZAHRA'S BABY



Zahra Yahya Tolmbaj, a 29-year-old housewife, and her husband, a teacher, resided in a poor village in Al-Sukhna, Al-Hodidah Governorate, with her mother-in-law. As Zahra's pregnancy neared its end, she began to feel the pains of labor, and her amniotic fluid began to descend. Zahra and her husband were ready to go to the nearest supported health facility, Al-Sukhna Hospital, for delivery. Due to heavy rain and modest infrastructure, the road leading to the hospital was cut off, and Zahra and her husband had to wait for several hours in pain before they could safely make it to the hospital. By the time they arrived, Zahra's amniotic fluid had

nearly run out, and she needed to give birth as soon as possible to save her baby's life from suffocation.

Thanks to the Comprehensive and Integrated Response to CEmONC & BEmONC project, supported by UNFPA and implemented by the YFCA, Zahra received prompt and appropriate intervention from the medical staff at Al-Sukhna Hospital. Despite the difficult circumstances, the medical staff ensured the safe delivery of Zahra's baby, who was born with a bluish tint due to oxygen deprivation. The medical staff took all necessary measures to ensure the baby's safety and wellbeing.

“ Praised to God and the medical staff at Al-Sukhna Hospital, my wife and my baby's lives were saved. Thanks to the support of the project, we were able to access quality maternal and child health services despite the difficult circumstances we faced. ”

Zahra's husband

Zahra's husband expressed his gratitude to the medical staff at Al-Sukhna Hospital, as well as to the YFCA and the UNFPA for providing such critical timely lifesaving services. Zahra's story highlights the importance of access to quality maternal and child health services, especially in areas where resources and access are limited. Through the Comprehensive and Integrated Response to CEmONC & BEmONC services project, YFCA and

UNFPA are working tirelessly to ensure that all women and children in Yemen have access to comprehensive and integrated care, including emergency obstetric and newborn care services, in health facilities across the country. Zahra's experience underscores the importance of such services and the positive impact they can have on improving maternal and child health outcomes, even in areas where resources and access are limited.