

BORN OF HOPE



Riham, 19 years old woman living in the remote village of Shay'an in Ibb governorate, faced numerous challenges and hardships on her path to motherhood. Where the rainy season often made the roads impassable. She knew that giving birth could be dangerous, but she had no choice since she had been married early, without knowing the risks of early pregnancy and childbirth.

Riham came from a modest family, struggling to make ends meet. With limited financial resources and a lack of access to proper healthcare facilities, her family's situation compounded the risks associated with pregnancy and childbirth. However, the YFCA, through its partnership with UNFPA, provided the necessary support and funding to ensure Riham's journey was not marred by tragedy.

As she felt the contractions, she prayed that she would make it to the hospital. Luckily, the weather was clear, and she managed to reach the rural Rehab Hospital in Al-Qafer district, Ibb Governorate. Where a well-trained and equipped with emergency obstetric care team was waiting for her. They were part of YFCA, which provides reproductive health services to women in vulnerable areas.

Riham's delivery was fraught with complications,

she suffered from shocks that worsened her condition. YFCA medical team acted quickly, treating her with care and professionalism. They delivered her baby, but he was not breathing. They performed manual resuscitation for over 10 minutes until they heard him cry. They had saved his life. Following 24 hours of intensive care and monitoring, Riham and her baby were discharged from the hospital, and their health stabilized, ready to start a new life.

Riham's story is one of many that illustrate the impact of YFCA and UNFPA's work in Yemen, a country facing a humanitarian crisis, with conflicts, poverty, disease outbreaks, and a lack of awareness taking a heavy toll on its population. Pregnant and lactating women and children under two have been particularly vulnerable to this crisis, facing malnutrition and other health challenges.

YFCA, in collaboration with UNFPA, has been providing reproductive health services to these women and children, especially those in remote and hard-to-reach areas. Rehab Hospital is one of the hospitals YFCA has been supporting with services that include safe delivery rooms equipped with basic obstetric emergency equipment, family planning counseling and commodities, antenatal and postnatal care, and referral to higher-level facilities when needed.

“ We are very thankful to YFCA and UNFPA for their help. They supported us to overcome our challenges and protect our children. They gave us hope and dignity. ”
Said Riham.



Through these interventions, YFCA aims to create positive change in the community by reducing the number of maternal and infant deaths, preventing unwanted pregnancies, improving the quality of life of women and children, and empowering them to make informed choices about their reproductive health.