

FROM STRUGGLE TO SAFETY: SAEED'S TRANSFORMATION THROUGH SHELTER

In Al-Kedf site, Abs District in Hajjah Governorate, Saeed Ahmed Saeed Qasir faced the daily struggle of protecting his household after being displaced from his homeland. Living in a makeshift hut of mud and straw, his greatest concern was for his young son, who has a disability.

Their fragile home exposed them to the elements, with rain leaking through the roof and dust invading their space. This environment exacerbated Saeed's son's health complications, leaving him feeling helpless and fearful. Each day, he patched cracks in their dwelling instead of planning for a better future.

“ My family and I used to live in a completely destroyed dwelling made of mud and straw, Saeed recalls. It offered no protection—neither for us, especially my disabled boy, nor for our food or possessions ”

Recognizing the urgent need, community committees identified Saeed's household as a high-priority case, leading to a life-changing initiative by Family Care Association (YFCA), funded by the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF). After a thorough assessment and verification process, YFCA constructed a sturdy transitional home using concrete blocks, iron, and palm fronds. This was not just a structure; it became a sanctuary.

The impact was immediate and profound. The new residence provided a secure and dignified living space, protecting the family from harsh weather and wild animals. For the first time in a long while, Saeed's children could sleep peacefully.

Most significantly, the stable, clean environment led to improvements in Saeed's son's well-being. His movements became steadier, and a light returned to his eyes. This new abode provided essential space for his care and development.

“ A transitional home... one that doesn't leak, doesn't collapse, and doesn't betray, Saeed recalls. A place with a door that closes, a roof that shelters, and walls that support ”

Saeed recalls



This initiative restored not only physical safety but also hope. Saeed has regained a sense of control and dignity, allowing his loved ones to redirect resources from emergency repairs to basic needs, laying the foundation for a more stable tomorrow. Filled with gratitude, Saeed looks to the horizon with a renewed sense of possibility. His story underscores how a targeted housing intervention can improve well-being, restore psychological health, and empower a family to dream again.

“ I hope you will continue to assist the remaining households still living in makeshift accommodations that do not preserve the dignity of the displaced ”

Saeed expresses



New shelter, new hope for Saeed and his child

This project, part of a broader effort to provide life-saving multisectoral interventions in Hajjah governorate, illustrates that the first step toward healing and recovery is often a secure place to call home. For Saeed and his children, that step has been taken.