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THE IMPACT OF LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

In the quiet, dusty village of Al-Hathah, Al-Dhalea Governorate, Mohammed Hamoud Saleh Qasim felt the walls closing in. As a father of five, he bore the heavy burden of responsibility, but a spinal injury hindered his ability to perform physical labor. His family survived on irregular, low-paid odd jobs that barely provided enough

for food. The situation worsened when his wife suffered a stroke, plunging them into a cycle of medical bills and despair. With seven mouths to feed and two adults facing severe health challenges, hope seemed like a distant memory. **"We reached a point of complete despair, I could see no way out."** Mohammed recalls.

Their story reflects the harsh reality of countless families in Yemen, where years of conflict have eroded livelihoods. Each day was a battle against hunger, anxiety, and the fear of failing to provide for his loved ones.

Amid this struggle, hope arrived through Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) with crucial funding from Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF). Mohammed's family was selected as beneficiaries of a livelihoods support project designed to empower rather than merely provide aid.



The intervention included four sheep, which became the foundation of a small family enterprise, along with three months of cash assistance to stabilize the family during the transition. This was not just a short-term handout but a thoughtful investment in dignity and self-reliance. The cash covered immediate needs while the sheep offered a path to a sustainable future.

Almost overnight, the atmosphere in Mohammed's household began to shift. The sheep were more than animals; they represented hope and potential. Despite their health challenges, Mohammed and his wife tended to these new assets with determination. Soon, the sheep provided milk, and there was the prospect of offspring and market sales.

Food security improved, and a modest but steady income started to flow. The constant anxiety that had plagued their home began to lift, replaced by purpose and shared goals.

“ This support was a real opportunity to rebuild my life; it restored our dignity. ”

Mohammed says

The psychological transformation was profound. Former despair gave way to planning, and dependency transformed into agency. Now, they envision a future where they grow their flock, diversify their livestock, and create a sustainable income to educate their children and secure their health.

The true success of this project lies in its sustainability. By providing a productive asset rather than temporary relief, it helped break the cycle of aid dependency. Mohammed's family is no longer just surviving—they are building resilience. The sheep symbolize lasting security and opportunity in a challenging environment.



This story illustrates the power of livelihood-focused humanitarian aid. It demonstrates that even in dire circumstances, equipping people with the means to provide for themselves can reignite hope, restore dignity, and foster true resilience.

As Mohammed looks at his growing flock, he sees more than just sheep; he sees security, opportunity, and a legacy for his children. His journey from despair to self-reliance embodies the belief that every family, given the right tools, can craft its own comeback story.