

FROM DESPAIR TO DIGNITY HOW SUPPORT BROUGHT HOPE TO A WIDOW AND HER FAMILY

Fatima Sagheer is a widow and a mother of four sons, showing incredible strength despite her struggles. Since early 2020, she has been living in Al-Qardahi camp in Marib City after being forced

to leave her home in Al Hudaydah Governorate. For a long time, her family faced overcrowding and constant fear—until help arrived from Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA).

Living conditions were tough. Fatima's family stayed in a makeshift shelter made of old tarpaulins and iron mesh, which didn't protect them from Marib's harsh weather. With limited privacy, they often felt vulnerable. The biggest problem was their broken latrine, which was unsafe. Fatima remembers, "After my husband died, I felt like the weight of the world was on my shoulders. Our home was a place of shame and fear... The toilet was broken and dangerous. I worried so much about my daughter-in-law's health."

When YFCA learned about Fatima's situation, they stepped in to help through their project providing life-saving support to the most vulnerable in Marib City and Khab Wa Ash Sha'f districts. They provided essential non-food items (NFIs) such as mattresses, blankets, and cooking pots to meet her family's daily needs. They built a new, sturdy shelter to give the family a safer space, along with a clean latrine that restored their dignity.

The change was remarkable. The new shelter allowed each family member to have their own space to breathe and sleep safely, while the latrine reduced health risks.



Fatima felt a wave of relief and said

“ When YFCA team came, it felt like a hand reaching down to pull us up... For the first time, we feel safe from the storms. This support has transformed our home. We have peace and hope again ”

Through this assistance, YFCA addressed the unique challenges that families like Fatima's face, turning vulnerability into strength. Today, Fatima's household stands as a symbol of resilience. With a secure shelter, a functioning latrine, and the essential items they need, they are no longer just surviving; they are thriving. They have created a stable place for their family, where a newborn can arrive safely, and where a widow can take on her role as a loving caregiver.

This project focuses on improving shelter and sanitation, and it has made a significant difference in the lives of families like Fatima's. Fatima reflected on her new life, saying,



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“I can now dream of my future grandchild growing up in a safer place, and that gives me strength”