

A LEGACY OF HOPE

ABDULSABOUR'S PATH TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

In the remote village of Azan, in the Mayfa'a district of Shabwah, life was always a struggle for 49-year-old Abdulsabour Saleh Omar. However, when a severe illness led to the amputation of his leg, that struggle turned into a desperate fight for survival. As the sole breadwinner, this daily wage

worker found himself immobilized, facing an overwhelming burden to provide for his wife and seven children. "I felt like the world had ended for me and my family," Abdulsabour reflects on that dark period. "I was not just a patient; I was a problem my family could not solve."

Just as hope faded, the BRIGHTLY project entered Abdulsabour's life. Implemented by Yemen Family Care Association and funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the project recognized his vulnerability and first provided six months of immediate cash assistance. This

critical support addressed the family's most basic needs, offering a temporary respite from hunger and anxiety. **"The first cash transfer was like a breath of air after being underwater,"** Abdulsabour recalls, expressing gratitude for the recognition of his family's plight.



Ensam carefully Abdulsabour receives the cash assistance organizes her handmade garments

However, BRIGHTLY aimed for long-term impact. After reassessing his situation, Abdulsabour received an additional six months of cash support, followed by a transformative opportunity in livestock farming. The project invested in his future through comprehensive training in sustainable livestock rearing, providing him with five heads of cattle and a monthly business grant of \$50 for three months to initiate his venture.

Abdulsabour states

“ The training opened my eyes. I learned that my disability does not define my ability. They gave me the tools and knowledge to build something for myself. ”

The transformation in Abdulsabour's life has been remarkable. Where he once depended entirely on aid, he is now a proud business owner. His small herd has become a source of income and a foundation for future growth. The psychological impact has been profound as well; the heavy cloud of helplessness has lifted, replaced by the dignity of self-reliance.

“ Now, I wake up with a purpose, I am a farmer, a provider, my children look at me not with pity, but with pride. ”

he shares



Abdulsabour's success is already influencing the community. He is transitioning from a beneficiary to a role model, demonstrating the potential for resilience with the right support. Project managers foresee a sustainable future where his income increases as his herd grows, enhancing his family's nutrition, education prospects, and overall resilience. The project's goal is clear: to break the cycle of aid dependency for good.

Abdulsabour's journey epitomizes our mission: to restore hope and create sustainable livelihoods," states the BRIGHTLY Project Manager. "We didn't just give him resources; we empowered him to build a lasting future."

Abdulsabour Saleh Omar's journey serves as a beacon of hope, illustrating that even the most devastating challenges can be overcome with targeted and compassionate intervention. His transformation highlights a vital lesson: when you restore a person's ability to provide, you restore their dignity, family's future, and community's faith in possibilities. In Azan, Abdulsabour is no longer defined by what he lost, but by what he has built—a legacy of resilience that will inspire generations to come.