

CFW FOR A BETTER LIFE: HOW A CASH-FOR-WORK PROJECT IMPROVED THE LIVELIHOODS OF AREF AND HIS FAMILY

For the residents of Al-Azariq district of Al-Dhale governorate, traveling to other places was a daily struggle. The road that connected them to the nearest town was rough and dangerous, especially during the rainy season. Many people lost their lives or suffered injuries due to accidents on the road. Transporting water, food, and patients was also challenging and costly.

Aref Abdullah Saleh, a father of three, was one of the people who suffered from the poor road conditions. He had no stable income and could barely afford his family's basic needs. He had to borrow money from relatives and friends to survive. He felt hopeless and desperate.

But things changed for the better when Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA), implemented the cash-for-work project to pave the road of Al-Haqil, in Al-Azariq district, with funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF). The project aimed to improve the access and mobility of the local population, as well as to provide them with a source of income and skills.

Aref was among the 100 beneficiaries who were selected to work on the project, based on their vulnerability and needs. He received 149,100 Yemeni rials for his work, which he used to pay off his debts and buy food and other essentials for his family. He also learned new skills and techniques from YFCA engineers who supervised the project.



“I am very grateful to YFCA and YHF for this opportunity. It changed my life and the life of my community. Now I can provide for my family and have some savings for the future. The road is also much better and safer. We can travel to other places easily and cheaply. We can access water, food, and health services without any problems. We feel more connected and secure.”

Aref said.

The project benefited not only Aref and his fellow workers but also the entire community of Al-Haqil and the neighboring villages in Al-Azariq district. About 8,000 people can now enjoy the improved road, which also facilitates the delivery of humanitarian aid and the movement of goods and services. The project also contributed to social cohesion and peacebuilding in the area, as people from different backgrounds and affiliations worked together for a common goal.



CFW workers during paving the road.



The road after being fully paved.

This success story illustrates how the CFW intervention, such as paving a road, can have a profound impact on the lives and livelihoods of a rural community in Yemen. By providing cash-for-work opportunities, skills development, and improved access and mobility, the project supported by YHF and implemented by YFCA helped the people of Al-Azariq district to overcome their challenges and improve their well-being. YHF and YFCA are committed to continuing their efforts to reach the most vulnerable and marginalized communities in Yemen and to contribute to the humanitarian response.