

REBUILDING HOPE: BADOUR'S SAFE AND SECURE HOME

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In the heart of Al-Mudhfar district in Taiz, Yemen, lives Badour, an elderly woman whose life was turned upside down by the ongoing conflict. Her home, once a place of comfort, was severely damaged by missile strikes, leaving her with crumbling walls, a leaking roof, and shattered windows and doors.

Badour, who battles chronic conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes, found herself in a dire situation. With no stable income and her health deteriorating, she was unable to repair her beloved home. The two-room house, which also included a living room, bathroom, and kitchen, was no longer a haven.

But hope arrived through the "Provision of Durable Solutions Through a Comprehensive Shelter, and Education Interventions in Taiz Governorate-Yemen" project, funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. This project aimed to restore homes and lives, and Badour was one of its grateful beneficiaries.

Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) played a crucial role in the successful implementation of this housing rehabilitation activity. The project aimed to rehabilitate 40 damaged houses for vulnerable returnees, with a focus on ensuring transparency, accountability, and effective collaboration. YFCA provided cash grants to the identified beneficiaries in three installments. Each beneficiary received a total of \$2,000, disbursed as follows: 40% of the total cost as the first installment, 30% as the second installment, and the final 30% as the third installment. These grants were specifically allocated to cover the costs associated with the rehabilitation process.



The rehabilitation process for Badour's home was thorough and compassionate. The team meticulously repaired the two rooms, kitchen, and hall, focusing on the extensive damage to the roof and exterior walls. They treated cracks, repainted the walls, and restored the windows and doors, bringing the house back to life. Additionally, they removed about 6 cubic meters of debris, ensuring a clean and safe environment.

One of the most transformative aspects of the project was the installation of integrated solar energy, which enhanced the home's functionality and sustainability. After a long period of displacement, Badour and her family finally returned to their rejuvenated home.



Before the intervention.



After the intervention.

The joy and relief were palpable. **“The new roof acts as a guarantee against rainwater leakage, ensuring that we are protected from rain, wind, and cold weather,”** Badour shared with a smile. **“I feel safe and secure in my home again. The new windows and doors have made a huge difference.”**

Reflecting on the support she received, Badour expressed her gratitude: **“Thanks to the YFCA and Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, my home is now a place of comfort and safety. I can live here with dignity and peace of mind.”**

Badour's story is a testament to the power of comprehensive shelter interventions. Thanks to the tireless efforts of YFCA and the generous support of Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, her war-ravaged dwelling was transformed into a secure, comfortable, and beautiful home. This transformation has given Badour and her family a renewed sense of hope and stability, allowing them to rebuild their lives with dignity and resilience.