



A NEW DAWN FOR AHMED AND HIS FAMILY: A STORY OF RESILIENCE AND HOPE IN MARIB, YEMEN

Struggling Against the Elements

In the harsh desert of Marib Al Wadi district, lies the Alrakkan displacement camp. Here, Ahmed Rajab, a 65-year-old father, has been fighting to protect his family. Forced to flee their home in Sana'a in May 2020 due to conflict, Ahmed, his wife, son, and daughter found refuge in Alrakkan camp. But their new shelter was far from safe.

Ahmed's shelter was made of wooden sticks and old fabrics. It offered little protection from the heat, rain, or wind. "We were living in very difficult conditions," Ahmed said. "The shelter I built does not protect us from the rain or cold. We have no bathroom, so we relieve ourselves outdoors, which is dangerous at night for my wife and daughter. Our mattresses and blankets are worn out, and we have no way to replace them."



Ahmed Standing Proudly Before His Newly Built Shelter: A Symbol of Hope and Resilience

Bringing Hope and Dignity

The camp is 15 kilometers from the nearest service point, and the displaced people are scattered, making it hard to deliver aid. For families like Ahmed's, the long displacement left them with nothing but hope.

That hope became real when Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA), funded by Muslim Aid (MAUK), started the Enhancing the Living Conditions and Disaster Resilience of Displaced Households in Marib District project to help 75 households in Alsaadan and Alrakkan camps. They provided Ahmed with a strong, weather-resistant shelter, replacing his fragile one. "Now, I feel safe during rain and windstorms," Ahmed said gratefully. "I no longer have to seek shelter in someone else's home during rainfall, which has helped preserve my dignity." The new shelter not only protects them from the weather but also gives them stability and privacy.



YFCA Field Staff Assessing Ahmed's Situation: A Step Towards Better Support



Ahmed's Joyful Transformation: Grateful for YFCA's Winterization Kit and Non-Food Items (NFIs)

Transforming Lives

The project also built a private latrine for Ahmed's family, solving one of their biggest problems. "Having a private latrine has given us more privacy and safety," Ahmed said. "It has made a huge difference, especially for my wife and daughter."



Ahmed Standing Next to the Latrine Constructed for Him by YFCA: A Step Towards Privacy and Safety

They also received a winterization kit and non-food items (NFIs) like mattresses, blankets, and tools. "The NFI kit had a big positive impact on our lives," Ahmed said. "We no longer have to sleep on the cold, hard ground or endure the cold at night."

For Ahmed and his family, these interventions have been life-changing. "We thank YFCA very much for their efforts to improve our living conditions," Ahmed said. "We hope they will continue to support us in this camp because it suffers in all sectors."

For Ahmed, the shelter, latrine, winter support, and NFIs are more than just help—they are a lifeline, showing the power of humanitarian action in tough times.