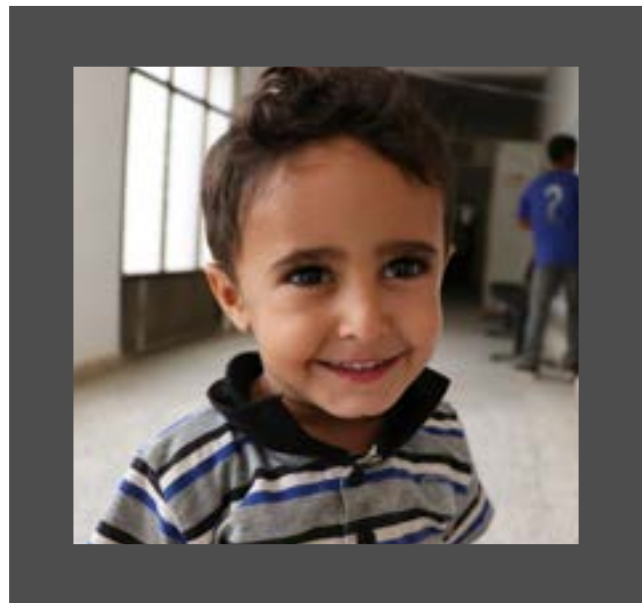




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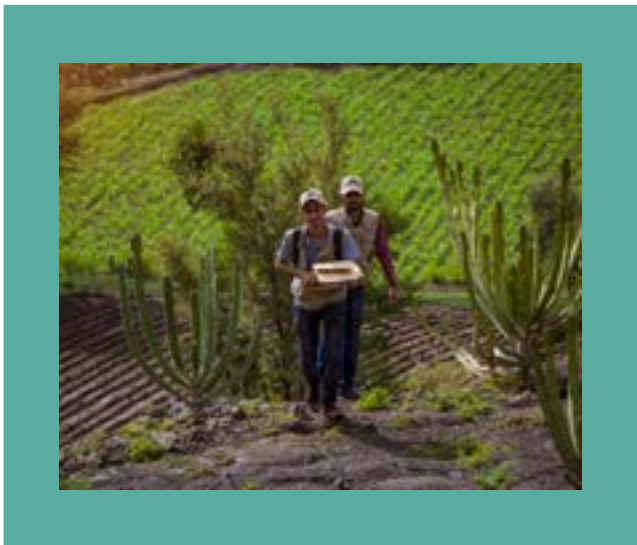
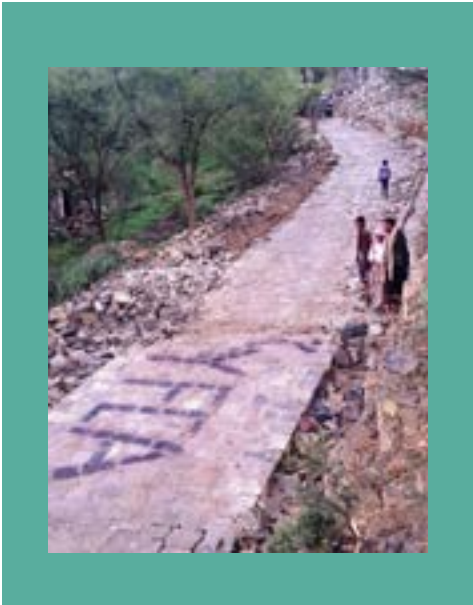


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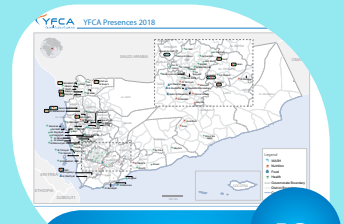
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We are working with YFCA, a **longstanding partner**, in supporting maternal health units in Yemen

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Anjali Sen
UNFPA Country Representative

CEO letter

- ▶ **CHANGING.**
- ▶ **IMPROVING.**
- ▶ **DELIVERING.**

2018 WAS A REMARKABLE YEAR FOR YFCA. We worked with our donors and partners to help people in Yemen to get on their feet and stay there – meeting short term needs while laying the foundations for a hopeful, confident future. During 2018, we saw a new way of working of bridging life-saving response with recovery and development. We saw a surge of innovation connecting people with the services they need to get out of poverty, shaping governance solutions of the future.

In the next pages you will see some of the many results we achieved in 2018- they reinforce that the projects of YFCA is uniquely designed to help solve complex humanitarian problems in a courageous, integrated and innovative way.

In 2018, we demonstrated that we are up to the challenge, with the highest program delivery since the establishment of YFCA in January 1976, increased efficiency and a geographically diverse, gender-balanced leadership team. We are confident that our communication during the past year with new potential donors and stakeholders will turn up very well during the following years for the good of the most needed in the country.

We look forward to your partnership and collaboration on the journey.

Nabil Al Ammari
CEO
Yemen Family Care Association
YFCA



Nabil Mohammed AL-Ammari
CEO



Humanitarian context

After four years of continuous conflict, the humanitarian crisis in Yemen is the worst in the world. A higher percentage of people face death, hunger and disease than in any other country. The degree of suffering is nearly unprecedented. Eighty percent of the entire population requires some form of humanitarian assistance and protection, an increase of 84 per cent since the conflict started in 2015. Twenty million Yemenis need help securing food and a staggering 14 million people are in acute humanitarian need. Ten million people are one step away from famine and starvation. Two hundred and thirty of Yemen's 333 districts are now food insecure. This includes 148 districts which are classified as phase 4 under the Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) system, 45 districts with families in IPC phase 5, and 37 districts which have global acute malnutrition rates above 15 percent. For the first time in Yemen, assessments confirm the presence of catastrophic levels of hunger. At least 65,000 people are already in advanced stages of extreme food deprivation and 238,000 people in

districts with IPC 5 areas will face similar conditions if food assistance is disrupted for even a few days. Seven million, four hundred thousand people, nearly a quarter of the entire population, are malnourished, many acutely so. Acute malnutrition rates exceed the WHO emergency threshold of 15 percent in five governorates and close to 30 percent of all districts record critical levels of malnutrition. Two million malnourished children under five and 1.1 million pregnant and lactating women require urgent treatment to survive. Conditions are worsening at a nearly unprecedented rate. In 2014, prior to the conflict, 14.7 million people required assistance. In 2015, this number increased to 15.9 million; in 2016 to 21.2 million and in 2018 to 22.2 million. In 2019, 24.4 million people need assistance to survive. The number of severely food-insecure districts has risen by 60 percent in one year from 107 districts in 2018, to 190 in 2019. In the last 12 months, the number of people unable to predict when they will next eat has risen by 13 percent and is expected to increase by 20 percent or more.



About YFCA Our History:

YFCA was founded in 1976 by a group of Yemeni volunteers out of a genuine aspiration to establish a non-governmental organization that aims to raise awareness on reproductive health and family planning at the level of both community and government. Since then, YFCA is considered a pioneering national NGO within local communities and is well recognized by government, UN agencies, national and international NGOs for its continuous and extensive achievements. In 1977, YFCA was recognized and authorized by the Yemeni government as the first and exclusive marketer and distributor of contraceptives on a national level to all service providers including those of the Ministry of Health. In 1979, YFCA carried out a study on available brands of contraceptives in the Yemeni market which was the first study of its kind in Yemen. In the early nineties, YFCA played a significant role in drawing the government's attention to the importance of adopting a resilient national population policy despite the complex political situation at the time. This endeavor resulted in the endorsement of the first National Population Policy in Yemen in 1991 as well as the formation of a National Population Council, chaired by the Prime Minister, in which YFCA was a member representing national



NGOs. This step was crucial and led to the launching of a new era that shed light on perspectives of population issues with a wider scope and profound insight. In 2012 YFCA continued performing its indefatigable efforts to draw government's attention to the importance of enacting a legislation that maintains women and young underage girls' health and dignity. Those efforts have led the government to prepare and submit a draft law on Maternal Health to the parliament for approval.

Since the instability of 2011 and the start of the ongoing war of 2015, gradual changes were introduced to the mandate of YFCA to respond to the emerging needs of conflict-affected communities including women, children, youth and vulnerable groups through provision of life-saving humanitarian assistance. These interventions cover the wider themes within health, nutrition, food security, agriculture & livelihoods, Water, sanitation & hygiene, protection, shelter & gender ensuring accountability to affected populations is a core of all its programmatic interventions.

Offices :

YFCA has two main offices and a Safe Motherhood Specialized Hospital in Sana'a in addition to 8 operating sub-offices over the government level which are: Hadramout office, Hajjah office, Aden office, Dhamar office, Damt office, Sada'a office, Amran office and IBB





Re-lunching of Aden Office 2018

As part of YFCA's strategic expansion, YFCA management arranged for a re-launching mission for YFCA's Aden sub-office to accommodate the increasing number of the implemented projects in Aden hub. More staff were hired, new furniture and equipment's were purchased to the new Aden premises.

In August 2018, YFCA has celebrated the successful re-launching event of YFCA's Aden office. Over 80 people attended the event from donor community, key humanitarian actors, partners and stakeholders. This outreach event was positively received by all and was a great opportunity to discuss humanitarian matters of the region.

Shortly after the lunching celebration, all of the newly recruited staff were trained according to their needs and were oriented about the long term goals of the Association in Aden hub and their main duties to accomplish these objectives. Aden expressed their full commitment to fulfill these goals and to strengthen the role of YFCA to be one of leading partners in Aden hub.

YFCA was present in Aden in full-swing during 90's and early 2000's and used to run one of the biggest health facilities in the city of Aden; the office operations was then interrupted for a while till re-launching in 2018.





Safe Motherhood Specialized Hospital (SMSH)

As part of Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) Safe Motherhood Specialized Hospital (SMSH) was established in 2004 by a generous support from the British Community Fund, Japan government and AGFUND. YFCA SMSH was equipped with new and advanced medical equipment and appliances. The hospital is also equipped with an ambulance to transport complicated cases from the rural districts to the hospital to ensure timely lifesaving.

YFCA SMSH with its affiliated family planning centers delivers quality family planning and sexual and reproductive healthcare to hundreds of thousands of poor and vulnerable women at nominal and affordable prices. SMSH's services include, but not limited to: maternal and child healthcare, safe delivery obstetrics and ante and post-natal care; diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

SMSH is administering a community-based service program with the operation of couple of mobile medical clinics. These mobile clinics are operating in a scheme which covers points in under-served communities in Sana'a. These mobile medical clinics are an effective proven way to reach remote populations who cannot access health services. The mobile clinics provide antenatal and postnatal care, immunizations, and family planning services.



In August 2018, YFCA's Safe Motherhood Specialized Hospital (SMSH) has received the ISO 9001:2015 certification. The ISO certification reflects the quality of services delivered in the SMSH and ensure exceeding the customer expectations continuously.





YFCA's reproductive health clinics

YFCA runs fixed reproductive health clinics for Yemeni families in Sana'a and other governorates. YFCA provides its services in its Reproductive Health (RH) Centers in Sana'a, Hodeida, Ibb and Hadhramout. YFCA quality reproductive health services have been accessed throughout the years by men, women, youth and children.

These fixed clinics offer antenatal care, a gynecology clinic, family planning services (including IUD insertion and removal), counseling and management of STIs, treatment of pediatric diseases, vaccination of pregnant women and children, HIV/AIDS Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) and early detection of cervical carcinoma (PAP smear).

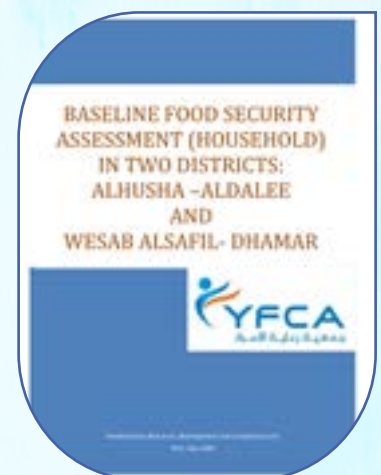
Research & Assessment



YFCA's Research and Development department was established to ensure that our interventions are on track with the needs and situation on the ground. With this goal, our research and development department works to be a central information hub to provide the necessary information to our core program department, support departments, clusters, partners and donors.

During 2018, Research and Development department conducted a number of studies including need assessments, baseline, midterm and end line assessments in addition to the satisfaction surveys, and KAP studies in almost all humanitarian sectors especially health, WASH and FSL. In our studies, we stick to the scientific research standards in terms of the sample size calculation and using the best data collection and analysis methods. We also engage the community and give special consideration to gender, age and protection mainstreaming in all of the research activities.

Moreover, YFCA's research department had contributed and participated in conducting a number of multi-sectorial assessments in cooperation with external research agencies such as REACH, ACAPS. Recently, an internal approach to conduct researches and studies to enhance the quality measures in parallel to program implementation was lunched to improve humanitarian response and project management.



Pre Assessment Phase

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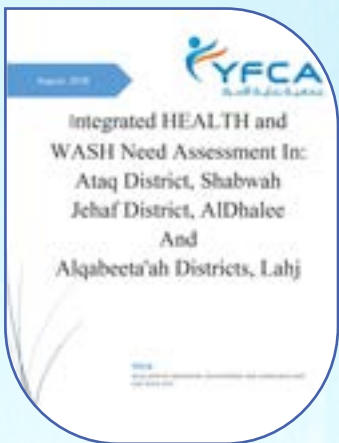
Data Collection Phase

In this stage , coordination withe the local authorities and relevent stackholders is the first step , then trainign session are conducted for enumerators and date collector , and end by collecting the raw date .



Assesmet reporting




Data cleaning and analysis initiate this stage then final assessment team and external stackholders .










Legend

-  WASH
-  Nutrition
-  Food
-  Health

-  Governorate Boundary
-  District Boundary
-  Coastline



YFCA Programs :

Health & Nutrition
program



WASH



Food Security
and Livelihoods



Protection and
Gender



Health and Nutrition Program



Being one of the active actors in delivering health and nutrition services in Yemen, YFCA is constantly participating in improving the health system which is markedly affected by the ongoing crisis in Yemen. The Health and nutrition department efforts were sensed in delivering diverse packages of services including the Minimal Service Package (MSP), Reproductive health services (BemONC and CemONC), Primary and secondary health care. The association was also actively involved in the emergency rapid response contingency plan to the cholera outbreak in Al Mahwit in addition to the preparedness plan to escalated conflict in Al Hudaydah governorate through improving the capacity of the HFs to accommodate the increasing needs in this area. Apart of being an active member in the health and nutrition cluster, YFCA is also a member of the strategic advisory group (SAG) for nutrition cluster. These valuable memberships had eased YFCA during 2018 in expanding its presence in the Health and nutrition portfolio demonstrated in 8 projects in 13 governorates which were funded by different donors including UNOCHA/YHF, WFP, UNFPA, UNHCR, WHO and DFID.

WASH Program Main Activities – 2018



Distributing



cholera kits



ceramic filters



basic hygiene kits



consumable hygiene kits



Ceramic filters

Training



Community health volunteers



Community health volunteer on hygiene promotion



volunteers on HWTS



water management committees

Rehabilitation



community drinking water assets



Sewage and water networks of 2 Health Facilities



water sources

Hygiene promotion

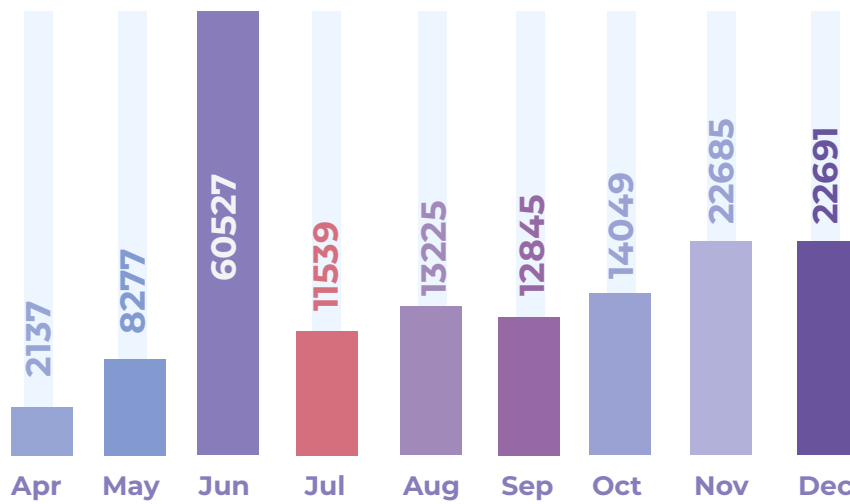


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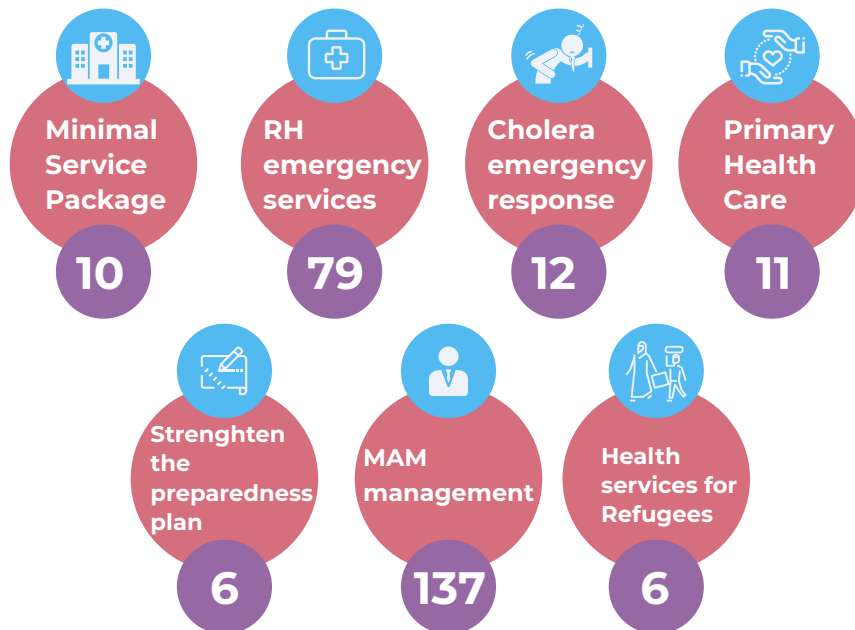


HWTS household awareness raising visits

Food baskets distributed during 2018



Health & Nutrition





Projects



Projects



Comprehensive and Integrated Response to Address Malnutrition (CIRAM)

DFID (UK Aid)



From April 2017 To Mar 2020



As part of 3 years old project, YFCA is implementing an integrated Health and Nutrition project in Sa'adah and Ad Dalea governorates. YFCA is working in coherence with ADRA, HI and ACTED as a lead partner to form a consortium. The consortium proposes to achieve desired outcome of reducing malnutrition in vulnerable conflict-affected communities through a multi-sectoral, phased, community-based approach focusing on increasing access to: food, safe WASH environments, and health and nutrition services which aid in the prevention and treatment of malnutrition. YFCA and ADRA were assigned to handle the health and nutrition components but in different areas while ACTED are responsible for the WASH and food interventions. HI role is mainly concerned in the provision of any consultations in the means of inclusion. During 2018, the CIRAM project had witnessed a notable achievements by YFCA. In spite of the challenges faced & demonstrated in the distant and hazardous targeted locations in addition to limited resources, YFCA had proven its capability of delivering services to the beneficiaries with the best quality.

Another accomplishments were fulfilled in the terms of the communications with partners and setting up initiatives to improve the outcomes of the project. Selecting YFCA's success stories as the premium stories amongst the other stories of the consortium members is one the extraordinary triumphs that were recorded this year.

YFCA didn't spare any efforts to increase the effectiveness of the consortium performance as whole. Hosting events and training workshops, providing consultations when needed and taking the lead to endorse comprehensive and efficient methodology to justify some of the project indicators are some of noted examples. YFCAs' impact wasn't limited to the partners but also to the other stakeholders and beneficiaries.



Provision of Emergency life-saving Food and WASH assistance to the most vulnerable people in Al Husha district - Al Dhale'e Governorate and Wusab As Safil district - Dhamar Governorate

OCHA
(YHF#10343)



From Jan. 2018 To Oct. 2018



Funded by the UN OCHA, YFCA had implemented an integrated Food & WASH project in Wusab Al Safil, Dhamar governorate and Al Husha district, Al Dhalea governorate. The project aims to improve the food security status among the communities in the above targeted areas. Throughout a period of 10 months, YFCA had delivered numerous modalities of services including distribution of essential food items for 5200 HHs, distribution of conditional cash assistance through cash for work activities in addition to providing various WASH interventions including distribution of 3000 consumable hygiene kits, rehabilitation of 3 water sources, distribution of 80 ceramic filters, conducting 400 hygiene promotion sessions and 400 HWTS house visits. By the end of the project, more than 35,000 beneficiaries had received in-kind food assistance, 7000 households benefited from cash for work interventions.

The changes after interventions were evaluated by the end of the project and compared with situation before launching the activities through a baseline/endline methodology. The notable achievements were revealed in the improvement of the food security indicators in the targeted locations had its role in encouraging the donor to approve an extension of the project in nearly the same areas but with slight differences.



Support Health Facilities to Provide Integrated Nutritional, Maternal, Newborn and RH Services

UNFPA



From Jan. 2018 To Dec. 2018



In coordination and support from the UNFPA, YFCA had implemented reproductive health services in 8 governorates throughout 2018. The project aimed to improve the health indicators among women in child-bearing age and neonates within the targeted communities through BEmONC and CEmONC services in 59 health facilities. CEmONC services were implemented in district, inter-district, governorate and national hospitals through a team composed of a gynaecologist, GP, anaesthesiologist, midwife, nurse and OT scrub nurses who were assigned to provide diverse services (including maternal care, new-born care and other reproductive health services). BEmONC services were implemented in health centres and health units through a team composed of a GP (in HCs only), midwife and nurse. YFCA has also supported some health facilities with essential medicines, medical supplies and equipment. A notable expansion was witnessed during 2018 as only 23 health facilities were supported by the beginning of project to reach 59 by the end of the year.

YFCA expressed its keenness to deliver the service in any area and under any circumstance despite of the challenges faced. From the Far East in Shabwah and Hadramout to the far west in Al Hudaydah, and from Haydan in Sa'adah down south to Aden, YFCA was always present to assist in easing the suffering of people in need. The conflict escalation and distant locations didn't hinder the project team from fulfilling their commitment of providing essential services to the vulnerable groups. YFCA had also contributed through its interventions to enhance the capacity of the targeted health facilities to accommodate more cases in terms of management and first aid in reproductive health; Expansion of the maternal unit at Al thawra hospital in addition to provision of Solar Power to 25 health facilities are evident examples.



Facilitating and coordinating health services to refugees

UNHCR



From Jan. 2018 To Dec. 2018



By the beginning of 2018, YFCA continued to undertake health activities to strengthen national capacities in providing health services and facilitating refugee's access to primary and secondary health services as well as providing referrals for emergency, secondary and tertiary care. Moreover, YFCA provided mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) by complementing the existing governmental services.

Throughout the year, 48,000 beneficiaries from the refugees and the host communities received various health services including outpatient medical consultations, reproductive health and nutrition services. Moreover, complementary health activities including mental health/psychosocial support, HIV counselling and case management of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) were provided to a number of beneficiaries according to their conditions and needs. The project also included a referral service for the cases needing secondary and tertiary health care in independently contracted hospitals. YFCA supported Al Hafi & Al Rahabi health facilities with the necessary operation materials such as medical and laboratory equipment and supplies, hygiene materials, water, fuel and other items according to the need assessment which was conducted jointly by YFCA, UNHCR and the HF personnel to ensure provision of good health services to the refugees and the host communities.



Promotion of preventive and lifesaving nutrition intervention

WFP



From Jan. 2018 To Dec. 2018



On September 2017, YFCA had entered a valuable partnership with the WFP to deliver nutrition preventive and therapeutic intervention to children under 5 years and pregnant and lactating women (PLW). The project aims to decrease morbidity and mortality caused by malnutrition. The project is providing two modalities of nutrition interventions: therapeutic Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) and Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP). TSFP is for treatment of Children 6 to 59 months with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) with acute malnutrition. BSFP is for prevention of malnutrition amongst normal children 6 – 24 months and PLWs. In addition, YFCA is conducting awareness sessions by health workers and CHVs to improve the children's caretakers on IYCF, nutrition and health issues. The capacity of health workers on CMAM/ IYCF and CHVs are built on screening and referring of acute malnutrition and increasing community awareness on nutrition and IYCF. The project also includes a referral system where the beneficiaries at the 2nd and 3rd catchment areas are screened for acute malnutrition by community health volunteers and according to outcomes of the examination they are referred to health facilities to receive the essential and appropriate nutrition aid.

The first project duration was for 1 year (September 2017 to August 2018) and implemented in 3 governorates (Al Mahweet, Taiz and AIDhalea) targeting around (63) Health facilities, reaching 8,995 children U5 and 3,776 PLW under (TSFP) activities and 11,599 children U5 and 19,354 PLW under (BSFP) activities. During the second phase, the project has expanded to cover 137 health facilities in 7 governorates scattered all over Yemen (Al Mahweet, Taiz, Hajjah, Abyan, Lahj, Hadhramout and AIDhale'a). The achieved targets includes: 25,512 children U5 with MAM and 15,204 PLW with AM under (TSFP) activities, 47,361 children U2 and 66,471 PLW under (BSFP) activities.



Provision of Minimum Health Service Package (MSP) in Al-Hodeidah and Hajjah governorates

WHO



From Sep. 2018 To Mar. 2019



YFCA was one of the first partners who signed an agreement with the WHO to implement a MSP project in Yemen in 2018. With the support of the WHO, YFCA targeted 10 health facilities in Al Hudaydah and Hajjah governorates from the 1st of September 2018 till the 15th of March 2019. The project which endorse the Minimal Service Package strategy established by the health cluster and the MoPHP aims to improve the health indicators (morbidity and mortality rates) in targeted areas with good quality.

Over the period of 7 months, 10 health facilities distributed in 3 districts are supported with the necessary medical supplies and equipment. The project also targeted the health staff with a package of various training topics selected to cover the gaps demonstrated during the design phase of the project. Moreover, health education activities were conducted on community levels through trained hygiene promoters about the key preventive measures from the communicable diseases including cholera. The wide range of services provided through the MSP had strengthened the impact of the health interventions. In 2018, YFCA was one the first WHO partners who implemented a MSP health project in Yemen. Targeting Bajil Hospital which is near the active conflict zones, increased the impact of the interventions conducted which covered the top priority health needs in this area.



General Food Distribution Project

WFP



From Feb. 2018 To Dec. 2018



Since April 2018, Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) had signed a cooperative partnership agreement with the World Food Program (WFP) to provide in-kind food assistance to the most vulnerable HHs in Sabir Al Mawadim and Mashra'a Wa Hadnan districts - Taiz governorate for a total caseload of 11,574 households (HHs). The project comes as part of the WFPs' action plan to cover 8 million people in Yemen throughout 2018 with the essential food aid.

In June 2018, YFCA accepted the WFP request to cover the gaps in Al Qahirah and Al Mudhaffar districts – Taiz, and with YFCA capacity it managed the challenge by achieving the intended objective through distributing food commodities for 53,740 HHs in less than a week. This well accomplished task encouraged the WFP to put their trust in YFCA by scaling up the project interventions through adding two new districts to YFCAs' caseloads in Taiz and increased the caseloads of the districts already covered.

Currently, YFCA is providing food assistance to nearly 25,201 HHs in 4 districts in Taiz and as confirmed the caseloads will scale up for 2019 to cover 56,711 HHs in eight districts – two governorates. Furthermore, as the needs are increasing, YFCA is coordinating to cover more vulnerable HHs in different areas such as Al Mahweet, Amran, Dhamar, and Taiz governorate.

Achievement:

YFCA delivered emergency food assistance to 53,740 HHs in less than a week to cover the gap in Al Qahirah and Al Mudhaffar districts, Taiz governorate.



Integrated Health and WASH rapid response to Cholera outbreak in Almahweet Governorate

OCHA
(YHF#12774)



From Dec. 2017 To July 2018



Under Envelope 3 for the Second Allocation of the 2017 OCHA Humanitarian pooled fund, YFCA had proposed an extension integrated project in response to the cholera outbreak in Al Mahweet governorate. The project design has two components (Health and WASH) considering the WASH & Health cluster SOPs. During the first half of 2018, YFCA had supported 2 DTCs and 10 ORCs Al Tawilah and Shibam districts with the essential medical supplies, health staff in addition to the operation costs to the targeted facilities. The project activities also included outreach hygiene promotion activities, chlorination campaigns in addition of distribution cholera hygiene kits to 6,000 beneficiaries at the hot spots for the spread of the cholera infection.

Within this project, YFCA had paid extra efforts for the sake of alleviating the accelerated increase in the AWD cases. Setting up meetings with the other partners in the field, providing support to the Rapid response team and tracking down positive cases to their sources are the some of the examples. These initiatives had their impact in mitigating the spike of the cholera cases during its presence in Al Mahwit.



Provision of emergency Food, Nutrition and WASH assistance to the most affected communities at Aslem district of Hajjah Governorate and Wusab As Safel of Dhamar Governorate

OCHA
(YHF#5998)



From July 2017 To Feb. 2018



As part of the partnership with the UN OCHA, YFCA had implemented an integrated project in Wussab As Safel, Dhamar governorate and Aslem district, Hajjah governorate 2018. Over a period of 7 months YFCA and its partners provided 3 rounds of in kind food assistance for nearly 2170 HHs in Aslem and Wussab As Safel districts. Regarding the nutrition component, 2 nutrition teams were assigned to screen and deliver essential management for children under 5 years considering the CMAM protocols endorsed by the MoPHP. In regards to WASH component of the project, 1407 Hygiene kits and ceramic filters were distributed in both districts. Moreover, 50 community mobilizers were assigned to conduct 1200 hygiene promotion sessions divided between the two districts on monthly basis about the key hygiene promotion messages.

The main aim of the food distribution activities was to mitigate the food insecurity and improve its indicators (Food consumption score and the coping strategy index) among the targeted communities and by integrating the food assistance with nutrition and WASH interventions, a comprehensive impact was expected to be seen by the end of the project. By the end of the project period, the food indicators were assessed through the endline assessment which revealed a marked improvement of the food indicators in comparison with the baseline survey.



Enhancement of Al Hudaydah Governorate Health Preparedness Capacity for Zabid and Al Tuhaita districts

OCHA
(YHF#9527)



From July 2018 To Dec. 2018



In response to the escalated conflict in Al Hudaydah governorate during the 2018, YFCA supported by the OCHA YHF had enhanced the health preparedness capacity in Zabid and Al Tuhaita districts. Over the period of 6 months, 6 health facilities in both districts were supported with essential medical supplies and equipment in divided portions. YFCA had also trained 101 health workers in a number of training topics to improve their capabilities to accommodate any dynamic changes in the targeted areas. The implemented activities were designed according to the based on the agreed forecasting with GHO and subcluster to be provided to 6 health facilities in the two targeted districts. Furthermore, the association provided the DHO with Ambulance vehicles to facilitate the transportation of the critical cases in the frontline areas.

Success story



Integrated Health and WASH rapid response to Cholera outbreak in Almahweet Governorate

YHF OCHA



FINDING HOPE DESPITE IT ALL!

Dabwan Fare' is a 50-years old with disability man who lives in an underserved village called Khanesa, Wusab As-Safil district, Dhamar governorate. He is a breadwinner of a wife and 6 children whose age bracket ranges between 8-17 years.

The citizens of Wusab As-Safil find it hard to work for living for the scarcity of the employment opportunities. In addition, it takes about 6 hours driving-distance from the center of the district to the city going through mountainous terrains which is very challenging- let alone the difficulties that a physically challenged person like Dabwan can confront when travelling to the city to buy food commodities.

The food baskets distributed by OCHA/YFCA in Wusab As-Safil, helped the locals to improve their nutrition, "My wife regained her strength after being sick for two months- thanks for the combination of the food basket and diverse food provided to us". Dabwan says.

"My health condition has prevented me from work to earn a living and without such food assistance I would be literally starving along with my family members; now we are finding hope despite it all!" adds Dabwan

Success **story**



Promotion of preventive and lifesaving nutrition intervention

WFP



REAL CHILDREN.. REAL HEROES!

Abdulmalik Abdullah is a two-and-a-half year old kid from Al-Rabdh sub- district, Al-Rujum district, Al-Mahweet. Abdulmalik is a son of a destitute family: due to the ongoing conflict in Yemen, his family can hardly provide him with the basic needs of food. According to his father, Abdulmalik was too fragile and was unable to walk alone because of the lack of food in the house.

When the father heard about the nutrition services provided by YFCA (funded by WFP) in the nearby health facility, he rushed with his kid to there where the kid was measured with Z-score to turn up with a MAM symptoms. The caregivers in the health center provided Abdulmalik with a Nutrient Supplement “plumpy Sup’ and had a thorough care and follow up for his case.

After two months of treatment, Abdulmalik began to gain weight and then gradually started to walk normally. “When I came to the health center I was so worried and hopeless

that now my child will not survive, but there he was given Supplementary food and MultiMicro Nutrient sachets and now his health condition is coming back to normal day by day. My kid is a hero -as I always call him- , the caregivers [in the health center] are also heroes in saving lives!” Abdulmalk’s father says.

Success story



DFID (UK Aid)



Comprehensive and Integrated Response to Address Malnutrition (CIRAM)



Spark the hope!

About a year and a half ago, the Mangeer health center, located in the Mangeer sub-district, Damt district of Al Dhala Governorate, was not known to many of the people in the area as it was not equipped with even basic healthcare equipment. The services of the center was dramatically deteriorated for the general economic situation in the country resulted from the ongoing war. Most of the cases admitted to the center used to be referred to the neighboring city of Al Dhale, Ibb or Sanaa, which was a horrific burden on the residents, especially in light of the difficult living conditions and high cost of transportation.

The operational condition of the center got better after the intervention of the Family Care Association (YFCA) funded by DFID, the project was keen to strengthen the healthcare aspects through the re-activation of a number of health centers in Al Dhale governorate, including this center. The center was bolstered by highly experienced healthcare providers in several specialties. The interventions encompass also the supply of necessary medicines for malnutrition in addition to laboratory reagents so beneficiaries can have most of the needed services in one-go.

Within a short period of time, the Manqeer Health Center has become a destination for all the people of the sub-districts and neighboring areas as now they can avert travelling to the center of the governorate and spend much monies for transportation and other associated expenses.

The center is located in a central area between the Dmat district of Al-Dhale governorate and both Al-Nadira and Al-Oud districts of Ibb Governorate with a population density of about 30,000 people; the Center sees an average of 100 cases per day. "[This health center] is [now] operational which is a great news for all local people in our sub-district. Such services spark the hope inside [all of us] that life is still endurable in such stiff race for surviving" a female beneficiary says.

Success story



DFID (UK Aid)



Comprehensive and Integrated Response to Address Malnutrition (CIRAM)

Malnutrition got a knockout!

Alawi Jamal is a 17-month-old child who was suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) along with other serious complications: loss of appetite, severe diarrhea, dehydration and unconsciousness. He was in a critical health condition that would result to his death if no prompt treatment was in place. Alawi lives with his destitute family in Al Dhabyania Alsufra village in Juban district of Al Dhale' governorate; which considered one of the hardest-to-reach localities with high malnutrition rate in the governorate. The mountainous terrain of the area makes it very challenging for inhabitants to have access to the health facilities in the neighboring areas.

Alawi's father desperately took him to the DFID/YFCA supported Therapeutic Feeding Center (TFC) in the 22nd May Hospital, Juban district to save his life. "Alawi is our one and only child, we were having nightmares that we could lose him because of the malnutrition. We have [been awarded] Alawi after being married for eight years and my wife might not be able to be pregnant again for infertility problems. We were helpless with no money for treating our [dearest] child. Finally we managed to come over to the hospital after traveling for 40 kilometers/ 5 hours" father says.

Dr. Reem Al-Najar, one of the YFCA's caregivers at the TFC reflected: "When Alawi arrived to the hospital he was in a critical condition. His weight was only 7.2 Kg and his mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) was 10.5 mm. Based on these observations, Alawi was promptly admitted to the TFC where he was put under rigorous medical care for 7 days, then luckily his MUAC was improved to 12 mm and weight to 8.5 kg. The malnutrition got a [knockdown] again here!"

Meanwhile, Alawi's parents got a nutrition sensitization on how to get a balanced healthy diet for minimal cost though. Furthermore, the family was given transportation allowances so they can have a safe trip back!

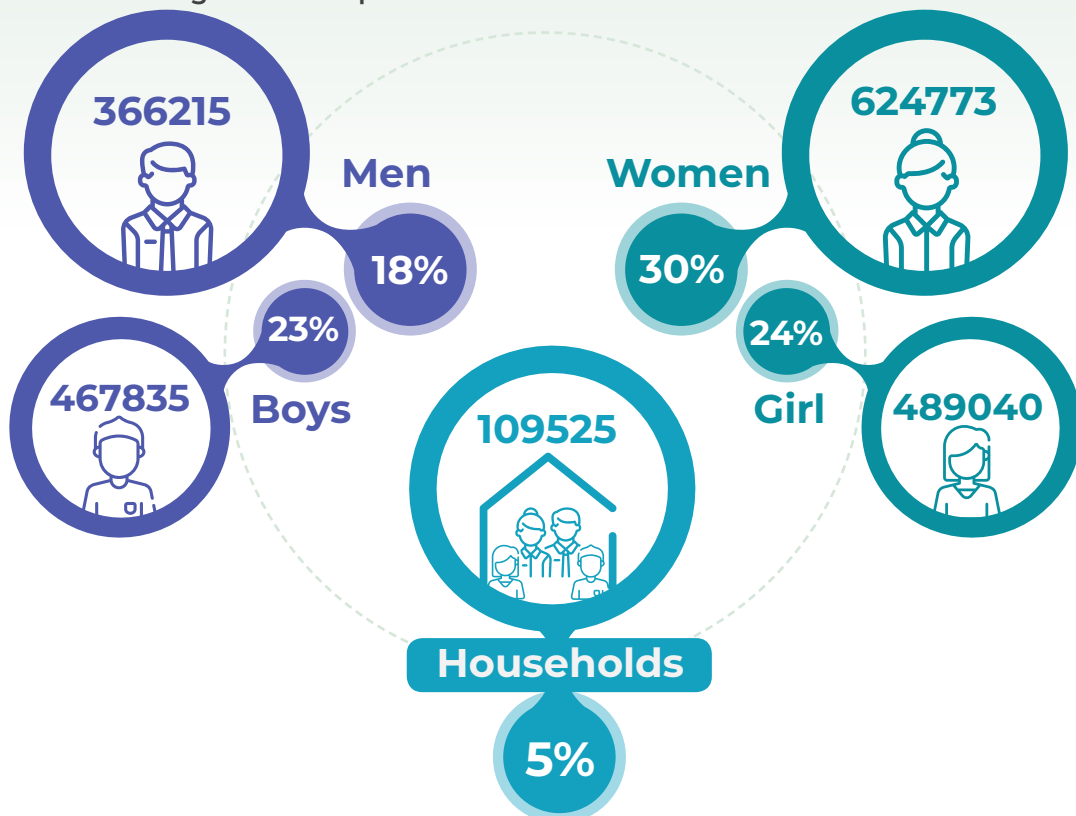


Gender Mainstreaming

Throughout 2018, YFCA continued its commitment to gender and protection mainstreaming as a key element to quality humanitarian programs. YFCA has collected and analyzed sex and age disaggregated data and designed our responses to meet the different needs of women, girls, boys and men was decisive. YFCA conducted several trainings on gender mainstreaming and sensitized on the importance of gender analysis. The gender program unit supported YFCA in identifying the gender specific needs within the vulnerable groups and ensuring that outcomes responded to the needs of women, girls, boys and men. YFCA also provided adequate guidance to partners -sub implementing partners- on the use of the gender marker to improve the quality of implementation of our projects. All YFCA project proposals included cross-cutting issues such as gender and protection.

Sub implementing partners received support from the gender program unit when implementing their parts on the projects, YFCA gender marker was applied to all the projects submitted during 2018.

YFCA as a part of The Call to Action, a multi stakeholder initiative launched in 2013 to fundamentally transform the way GBV addressed in humanitarian emergencies. YFCA is committed to adopt and implement institutional policies and standards to strengthen gender equality, prevent and respond to GBV, and enhance accountability for taking action and to managing and leading humanitarian operations have and apply the knowledge and skills needed to foster gender equality and reduce and mitigate GBV risk.



Team in Action



Staff

YFCA prides itself on the fact that it constantly endeavors to operate based on the best applicable local and international HR standards aiming to be the Employer of Choice for Yemenis seeking employment. This is achieved by offering very competitive compensation and benefits packages as well as career advancement and capacity building development opportunities. The growing and diverse nature of YFCA activities and its humanitarian interventions necessitate that its HR focus on attracting the best talent available and on upgrading the capacity levels of all employees.



YFCA Capacity Building Program

Excellence can only be achieved through continuous development of human resources capabilities to meet the success objectives of any organization. YFCA give highest priority to the capacity building of its staff. This is manifested by the continuous management support for all training activities and initiatives, whether implemented by YFCA or its implementing partners. Examples of such training events are as follows:

Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (Training of trainers)

As part of its activities within the CIRAM project which is funded by the department of international development (DFID, UK) and in coordination with the ministry of public health & population (MoPHP), YFCA had conducted a TOT workshop for the employees coming from different departments on CMAM and IYCF. This workshop comes to reflect the insistence of the association to build its capacity on this important subject which indirectly improves the quality of the services provided to all malnourished patients in the ongoing malnutrition projects.



Inclusion in Humanitarian Action

Hndicap International had conducted 3 days formal technical training on inclusion in humanitarian action of all consortium partners' staff in Sana'a Yemen. Separated in 2 batches, 101 trainees from the 4 consortium members were trained on the fundamentals of inclusive principles in the humanitarian context. The main objective behind conducting this training is to improve the inclusive practices among the consortium staff members in all of the CIRAM project activities.



Training highlights

In-house training



E-learning course



External training



Staff Gatherings and sports activities

During 2018, YFCA management has arranged the annual staff retreat for all of its staff in the headquarters and hubs. The event was part of the management's endeavor to make YFCA a better place to work and to increase efficiency and effectiveness. The retreat was a time for reflection and renewal coupled with much fun; and was a perfect way to engage staff and get their eyes off the screens! Staff were encouraged to know more about each other, how to communicate better and work as a team. The Executive Director (ED) granted special team awards to some of our YFCA colleagues thanking them for their hard work and dedication. In their turn, YFCA staff handed the ED an appreciation trophy for his exceptional leadership and outstanding vision. A big bravo goes out to the organizing team!





To promote the one-YFCA concept and team building, the multiple divisions of the YFCA Headquarters have banded together in 2018 to form two football teams and competed together. With the team's high spirit and their commitment to hard work and good fun, the team had been invited to play in the Ramadhan's tournament 2018 where the team rocks! The team members were destined and determined to become an unbeatable team!



Advocacy and Communication

LOBBYING TOUR

March - April 2018



During March 19-April 23, 2018, OXFAM and partner organizations have facilitated a European Lobbying Tour for selected representatives of four local NGOs to advocate for local NGO leadership, strengthening the 'humanitarian-development-nexus' in the country and to share best practices and humanitarian response knowledge with a variety of stakeholders from the international community.

UN agencies, INGOs, NNGOs, government authorities and local Yemeni NGOs are all joining efforts to contain the humanitarian disaster in Yemen, however experience has shown that there are certain gaps in the humanitarian response because millions of people continue to be without assistance. Discussions with the various humanitarian partners and analysis of the situation pointed out that Yemeni NGOs, who are very well positioned in terms of geographical proximity to the people in need, local knowledge, and ability to penetrate access restrictions, are facing multiple challenges in standing as equal partners with international agencies such as capacity limitations, language barriers, access to funds, lack of access to coordination and partnership platforms; thus it has become evident that strengthening humanitarian partnerships and supporting local humanitarian leadership was the only way for bridging the gaps in the humanitarian response and moving ahead. This gave rise to the need for understanding the capacities of the various humanitarian actors, existing inter-linkages between them and the roles they play.

OXFAM organized for the Yemeni delegation to visit key capitals/cities in Europe (Paris, Brussels and The Hague) in addition to facilitate participation in the High-level Pledging Conference for the humanitarian crisis in Yemen held in Geneva. Oxfam supported the delegation to meet with donors and officials in the four countries.

In Amman, the delegation arranged themselves couples of pertinent meetings with stakeholders and also attended one partnership workshop during their stay waiting for visas. The four local NGOs participated are: Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) based in Sana'a, To Be Foundation (TBF) based in Aden, Wedyan Association for Society Development (WASD) based in Aden and Generations without Qat (GWQ) based in Taiz.

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Valuable memberships

Nov2018: YFCA is a member of the global initiative of the Call to Action (C2A) on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies which is currently led by the European Union [through the Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations]. The aim is to drive change and foster accountability so that every humanitarian effort, from the earliest stage of a crisis, includes the policies, systems and mechanisms to mitigate Gender-Based Violence risks, especially violence against women and girls, and to provide safe and comprehensive services to those affected by gender-based violence. <https://www.calltoactiongbv.com/partners>



Sep2018: YFCA is the first SPHERE member in Yemen with full membership status. Sphere members participates in the SPHERE vibrant community that acts as a catalyst for improving humanitarian quality and accountability. SPHERE's full-members attend and vote at the SPHERE General Assembly. <https://www.spherestandards.org/countries/yemen/>



Aug2016: YFCA is a full member in Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP), UK. The CaLP is a global partnership of humanitarian actors engaged in policy, practice and research within cash transfer programming (CTP). This membership enables YFCA to be exposed to a wide spectrum of resources and tools of CTP and to participate in the annual meetings of CaLP and in the Technical Advisory Group, attend learning events, and receive technical publications. <http://www.cashlearning.org/membership/who-are-our-members-1>

July2016: YFCA is an active member of the two platforms of the UN Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF)'s:
•Humanitarian Country Team (HCT): is a strategic and operational decision-making and oversight forum established and led by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator (HC). The HCT is responsible for agreeing on common strategic issues related to humanitarian action.



Feb2014: YFCA was granted Special Consultative Status (SCS) with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Consultative Status is the highest rank granted by the United Nations to NGOs thereby allowing them to participate in the work of the United Nations. The ECOSOC is the principal organ that coordinates the economic, social and related work of the 14 United Nations specialized agencies, functional commissions and five regional commissions. It serves as the central forum for discussing international economic and social issues. ECOSOC remains the only main UN body with a formal framework for NGO participation.

Clusters participation

YFCA is an active member of the Health, Nutrition, FSAC, WASH, Shelter, Logistic, ETC, Protection and Education clusters which support efficient, effective, and coordinated humanitarian response in the country at national and sub-national (Hub) levels. YFCA is a member of the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) for the health, WASH, nutrition and FSL clusters, YFCA is also a co-chair of FSAC Sana'a subnational cluster and a member of the Technical Working Group (TWG) for food baskets. For WASH cluster, YFCA is a member of TWG for Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion. Furthermore, YFCA is the governorate focal point for the clusters in Al-Mahweet and Dhamar governorates.





In the memory of **Nabil Alqubati**

The YFCA family was profoundly saddened at the death of Nabil Al-Kubati, The FSL Project Manager. Nabil passed away in Sana'a on May 12, 2018. Nabil had an immediate positive impact when he joined YFCA. He was a popular and highly engaged colleague, always ready to provide advice and perspective on any issue. He was a man with passion for life and for people. He clearly loved his family and enjoyed sharing stories of them with us. Nabil you will be dearly missed! Thank you for your friendship, kindness, and mentorship. May your soul rest in peace.



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