Amman, Nov 19-20, 2018: Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) was engaged in the USAID Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Workshop for Yemen Systems, Health and Resiliency Project (SHARP). The BAA is a new solicitation process for USAID. It offers an opportunity for USAID and its partners to design activities in a transparent and collaborative manner.

The BAA permits participants to question assumptions about development interventions and to think creatively about solutions to development outcomes. This is a collaborative process and the outcome may be that all, some, or none of the participants will be engaged in the final product. The co-creation workshop is an opportunity to team up, brainstorm and prepare the skeleton for a research or applied research proposal that USAID may or may not fund.

This BAA seeks opportunities to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate in the research, development, piloting, testing, and scaling of innovative, practical and cost-effective interventions to strengthen Yemen’s Health Sector to a point of resilience within fluctuating humanitarian, early recovery and development cycle context.
Upon the conclusion of the USAID BAA SHARP Workshop, YFCA has lobbied, then succeeded, to be part of couple of consortiums to weave notices of intents and then craft appealing concept papers to USAID.
Amman. Nov 25, 2018: YFCA met with Alberto Gualtieri, Assessment Officer of REACH Initiative, Yemen office in Jordan to discuss ways to further team up in the respective undertakings of REACH Initiative in Yemen in the ongoing Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI) of WASH and also for the on-pipeline JMMI of Health.

REACH is a joint initiative of IMPACT, its sister-organization ACTED and the United Nations Operational Satellite Applications Program (UNOSAT). REACH was created in 2010 to facilitate the development of information tools and products that enhance the humanitarian community’s decision making and planning capacity.

Amman. Dec 2, 2018: YFCA met with James Turton, Head of Jordan Office of INTEGRITY GLOBAL to deliberate about futuristic cooperation in bidding together for aid and development solicitations.

Integrity is a service provider and a consultancy. They work for governments, international organizations in the aid and development sectors and global private companies. They deliver seven key services: Project Management and Implementation / Research, Evidence and Analysis / Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning / Risk Management / Data and Knowledge Management / Stakeholder Engagement / Capacity Development.

Amman. Dec 4, 2018: YFCA met with Joel Thorpe, Team Lead of ACAPS Yemen Analysis Hub in Amman to have an idea about ACAPS forthcoming data collection in Yemen and how YFCA can be engaged in such activity.

ACAPS is an independent information provider with the aim of providing independent, multisectoral humanitarian analysis to help humanitarian workers, influencers, fundraisers, and donors make better decisions. They provide up-to-date information on more than 40 key crises around the globe. ACAPS is also known for having developed a severity ranking of humanitarian crises and advocating for the importance of better collecting secondary data (instead of only collecting primary data) and the importance of better analyzing fewer data rather than compiling a maximum of information without making sense of it.
Amman. Dec 06, 2018: YFCA participated in the regular UN YHF’s Advisory Board (AB) in the UNDP Regional Hub in Amman to discuss the situation of humanitarian aids in Yemen and leverage coordination between all humanitarian actors.

General deliberations were focused about the suggested parameters for the imminent YHF Standard Allocation (2nd SA) which include: Expanding high impact programs in districts classified as IPC 4 and above and scaling up assistance in priority IDP collective sites.

AB represents the views of the donors, the HCT, the UN and the NGO community and provides guidance and advice to the UN Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) on strategic and policy issues; in addition, discuss funding gaps and share information on funding coverage. AB participants represent their respective communities and not individual agency opinions.

Amman. Dec 10, 2018: YFCA was invited by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) for the show finale of the Karama Human Rights Film Festival (KHRFF) at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman where six Yemeni short films were screened.

KHRFF is a six day film festival which is held in Amman, Jordan since 2010. After 8 editions of KHRFF, 410 human rights films were screened over the course of 8 year of cinema activism and advocacy for human rights in Jordan and in the region. Around 8000 spectators from different fields come yearly to the event, attend, and participate in its diverse activities.

KHRFF seeks to create a cross-cultural platform for artists, film-makers and the wider general public to engage in issues relating to human rights, in particular to the dignity of human beings, their sense of worth, belonging and spirit of common welfare among their communities and the wider national spectrum.
Amman. Dec 11, 2018: YFCA dropped in to Dr. Ashraf Badr, Country Director of Marie Stopes International Yemen (MSIY) in their regional hub in Amman for tapping into the provision of voucher scheme for quality healthcare services in Yemen.

Many global public healthcare professionals have become advocates for the use of vouchers which can be given to the highly vulnerabilities and then exchanged for a health service. However, the use of vouchers in Yemen is still fairly new and there is little documentation from these programs about their successes and failures.

Marie Stopes International provides contraception and empowering women and girls to take control of their futures. The organization’s core services include family planning, maternal and child health care, including safe delivery and obstetrics; diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections; and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Amman. Dec 12, 2018: YFCA met with the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) MENA regional hub team to brainstorm to uphold Cash Transfer Programming (CTP) in Yemen.

YFCA is a full member of CaLP, UK since Aug 2016. 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.

The CaLP is a global partnership of humanitarian actors engaged in policy, practice and research within CTP. CaLP currently has over 80 members who collectively deliver the vast majority of cash transfer programming in humanitarian contexts worldwide.

CaLP is based on learning, knowledge sharing, networking, policy and coordination around the appropriate and timely use of CTP in humanitarian response.
DAY ONE: Amman. Dec 9, 2018:
Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) actively participated in the DFID Comprehensive and Integrated Response to Address Malnutrition (CIRAM)-only quarter#6 (July-Sep 2018) roundtable meeting in Amman. The DFID team, consortium-led (ACTED) and members (YFCA, ADRA and HI) discussed the lesson learned of the past quarter and visualized the plans and new interventions of the looming quarters. Topics discussed were the adjustment of targets, risks, crosscutting issues (gender, protection, AAP and disability), Financial service providers and exchange rate volatility.

DAY TWO: Amman. Dec 11, 2018:
Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) participated in the DFID all-Multisector Humanitarian Response Program (MHRP) meeting where all DFID consortiums in Yemen were present under one roof to exchange views on programming, advocacy and key challenges. In addition to: Year#3 approach and proposed Value of Money (VFM) indicators. The MHRP consortiums are ACTED-led (subs: YFCA, ADRA and HI) and CARE-led (subs: NRC, ACF and Mercy Corps) in addition to two individual implementing partners of DFID delivering on the same program: OXFAM and SCI.